

United States[®] Census 2010

Tips for a Safe Census How to Identify a Census Taker

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a count of the population be conducted every 10 years. In March 2010, each household will receive a census questionnaire and/or from a census taker. Below are some tips in identifying a census taker and ensuring a safe census:

- ☆ Only Census employees conduct official Census-taking activities.
- ☆ Census employees will have an official Census badge marked with just their name, confidentiality information leaflet, and will likely carry a shoulder bag with the Department of Commerce logo on it. You may also ask them for a picture ID from another source to confirm their identity.
- ☆ Census workers will generally visit people's homes only after the household has neglected to return their Census questionnaire and follow-up questionnaire (beginning in April).
- ☆ You need **not**:
 - Invite anyone to enter your home
 - Workers will **not** ask:
 - for your **social security number**
 - **financial information**
 - **legal status**
 - **signature**
 - **donations**
- ☆ They will generally only call on the telephone if they need to clarify one of the answers on their form.
- ☆ No information will be requested via the internet.

If you have any fear or doubt, you should be cautious and contact your local Census office or law enforcement to verify the person's authenticity and ease your concerns. You may also call the Los Angeles Regional Center at 818-717-6700.