



IT'S IN OUR HANDS BE COUNTED IN THE 2010 CENSUS!

The Census at a Glance

WHAT: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

WHO: All U.S. residents must be counted – both citizens and non citizens.

WHEN: You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. The questionnaire should be returned no later than April 1, 2010 (NOTE: If you are a snowbird, please see the information below on completing your form)

WHY: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HOW: Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

Why should I care about completing and returning my census form?

There are numerous reasons to complete and return your Census form, including:

- For every person that does not respond, Faribault stands to lose \$1,300 in federal funding
- The State of Minnesota is at risk of losing one Congressional Representative. The status of this Representative will be determined by the Census.
- Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.
- Restaurants, retail stores, schools, hospitals and other businesses use Census data when determining whether or not to locate in a particular community.

Of Special Importance: Snowbirds!

If you are a Minnesota resident who spends the cold winter months in Florida, Arizona or other more hospitable climate, please take extra care when completing your Census form.

SNOWBIRDS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES MINNESOTA RESIDENTS MUST RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE DELIVERED TO THEIR MINNESOTA ADDRESS.

- Do NOT answer the questionnaire that is delivered to a temporary residence (Arizona, Florida, etc.). The Census forms include a regional barcode, so completing the form you receive at your temporary residence will result in you being counted as a resident at your temporary location.
- Wait to answer in Minnesota. Answer the questionnaire you receive at your usual residence.
- If you didn't receive a questionnaire in Minnesota, request one from a Questionnaire Assistance Center or directly from the Census Bureau at 651.201.2473.

2010 Census Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community. For more information about these jobs, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>.

Census History

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

For additional information on the 2010 Census, please visit the following links:

General Fact Sheet: http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_General.pdf

Spanish Fact Sheet: http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_General_ES.pdf

Business Fact Sheet: http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_Business.pdf

Community-Based Fact Sheet: http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_Community.pdf

People with Disabilities Fact Sheet:
http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_General_Disability.pdf

Faith-Based Organization Fact Sheet: http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_FaithBased.pdf

Immigrant Fact Sheet: http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_FaithBased.pdf

Older People and Retiree Fact Sheet: http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_Older.pdf

Veterans Fact Sheet: http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/factSheet_General_Vets.pdf