

2010 Census

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.

Census data is used to apportion congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide.

It is very important that everyone respond to the questionnaire, so that the state and local governments can receive federal funds.

The 2010 Census form will be one of the shortest in U.S. history, consisting of 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete. **Strict confidentiality laws protect the respondents and the information they provide.**

Schedule of important dates

Mid-March – Surveys are sent to people in the mail

April 1 – send back completed surveys by this date

April-July - Census takers visit households that did not return a form by mail

December 2010 -By law, the Census Bureau delivers population information to the President for apportionment