

2010 Census – Frequently Asked Questions

Any request for census information from the Census Bureau will be clearly identified as coming from the US Census Bureau and as OFFICIAL BUSINESS of the United States. Before you receive a mailed form, a phone call or a visit from the Census Bureau, you will be given a few days notice with a letter from the Census Bureau Director.

Key Dates

March 2010	Census forms delivered
April 1, 2010	National Census Day
April-July 2010	Census takers visit households that did not return a form by mail
December, 2010	Census information delivered to President for apportionment

When will the census forms be delivered? Census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico in **MARCH, 2010**.

The form. Has 10 questions and includes a prepaid envelope so it can be mailed back.

Is the form on line? No, the form cannot be filled out on line.

Will it ask for my social security number? No. The form does not ask for Social Security numbers nor does it ask about the legal status of the respondents.

If you don't send back your form you may receive a visit from a census taker. If a census taker visits you, here's what to do:

- Ask to see their ID. They carry official government badges with just their name. They may have a US Census Bureau bag.
- Note that the census taker will never ask to enter your home.
- If not certain about their identity, please call the Regional Census Center to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau. The phone number is **1-800-432-1495**.
- If they come to your home and you're away from home, they will leave a contact number.

Is my information safe? Every Census Bureau employee has taken an oath to protect your information and is subject to a jail term, a fine—or both—if he or she discloses **ANY** information that could identify you or your household. It is unlawful for the Census Bureau to give personally identifiable information about an individual to any other individual or agency until 72 years after it is collected for the decennial census.

Can I talk to someone at the Census Bureau? Absolutely! The Regional Office is in Detroit, Michigan. The phone number is **1-800-432-1495**. The Regional Office covers Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia.

American Community Survey—Is an ongoing survey sent to a sample of the population. It tells what the population looks like and how it lives. It helps communities determine where to locate services and allocate resources. This is not the same as the 2010 Census form. Questions about the American Community Survey? Contact the American Community Survey Office at **1-800-923-8282** or visit ask.census.gov for further information. There is also a telephone number listed on the American Community Survey. **This is not the 2010 Decennial Census form.**

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