

# 2010 CENSUS

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- 1) The U.S. Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) mandates a headcount every 10 years, of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens. The first census was conducted in 1790 and has been carried out every 10 years since then.
- 2) The next census will occur in 2010 and is scheduled to be delivered to households mid-March of 2010. All responses must be returned by April 1, 2010.
- 3) The 2010 census will be just 10 easy questions.
- 4) The population totals from this census will determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. States also use the totals to redraw their legislative districts.
- 5) The U.S. Census Bureau must submit state population totals to the President of the United States by December 31, 2010.
- 6) The totals affect funding in your community, and the data collected in the census help inform decision makers how your community is changing.
- 7) Approximately \$300 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year to fund programs such as; Title 1 grants to educational agencies, Head Start programs, Women, Infants, and Children food grants, Public transportation, Road rehabilitation and construction, Programs for the elderly and Emergency food and shelter.
- 8) The data helps the private sector as well as state and federal governments determine where jobs and job programs are needed.
- 9) Census data helps potential homeowners research property value, median income, and other demographic information about a community.
- 10) Corporations use population data for market research to determine locations for commercial enterprises, such as food stores, pharmacies, and other essential services.
- 11) Your answers are protected by law (Title 13 of the U.S. Code, Section 9) and are strictly confidential. No court of law, not even the President of the United States, can access your individual responses. Census workers must pass security and employment reference checks and are subject to a \$250,000.00 fine and or 5 year prison term for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.
- 12) Census data is used to estimate the number of people displaced by natural disasters, create maps to speed emergency services to households, distribution of medical research, drawing school district boundaries, assessing the potential for spread of communicable diseases, planning for school projects, researching historical subject areas and providing genealogical research.

**“Be Counted” please complete your questionnaire accurately and return them quickly.**