



Introduction to the 2010 Census

It's safe, easy, and fast – being counted in the Decennial Census means your family will have the right amount of security, healthcare, and education for the next ten years.

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is conducted every ten years as mandated by the United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 2.

- Over 13 million households will receive a bilingual questionnaire.
- 2010 Census will be the short form only – ten easy questions in ten minutes.

During March 2010, questionnaires will be sent out to over four and a half million Ohio households. The questionnaires are expected to be returned using a pre-stamped envelope on April 1, 2010 – Census Day.

- Questionnaire Assistance Centers will be provided to help individuals understand and fill out the questionnaire.
- Be Counted sites will allow families to pick up an additional form if their household is larger than six people.

Besides determining congressional seats and federal funding, census data also serves other important purposes that directly impact Ohio.

- Title 1 grants to educational agencies (school districts across the nation)
- Head Start programs
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (food grants)
- Public transportation
- Road rehabilitation and construction
- Programs for the elderly
- Emergency food and shelter

The Census Bureau has estimated efforts to conduct the 2010 Census will create 10,000-15,000 jobs in Ohio, and will establish a regional office in each of Ohio's eighteen congressional districts to assist in outreach and enumeration efforts by November 1, 2009.

Governor Strickland established the Ohio Complete Count Committee on April 9, 2009 and appointed Treasurer of State Kevin L. Boyce to serve as chair. Sub-committee meetings are taking place monthly. More information can be found at www.census.ohio.gov.

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Questions relating to the 2010 Census or becoming a Partner and creating a Complete Count Committee should be directed toward the Census Bureau Team Leader within your area.

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