



## Dear Family,

Have you ever wanted to know how many people live in your town? It's time to find out!

The Constitution requires a count every 10 years of everyone living in the United States regardless of their nationality, citizenship status, race, age, or gender. This count is called a census, and it's happening again in spring 2010.

Your community's businesses and civic groups, as well as local, state, and federal governments, will use the census data collected this year to make many decisions, including where to build community centers, schools, and hospitals. That's why your voice must be heard.

The 2010 Census questionnaire is short, takes 10 minutes to complete, and is 100 percent confidential. Watch your mailbox in March 2010 and remember to return your questionnaire.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert M. Groves".

Robert M. Groves  
Director  
U.S. Census Bureau

### Who Counts?

#### HOUSEHOLDS INCLUDE:

- Babies, foster children, or roommates
- People living with you who have no other place to stay
- People living in your home most of the time, even if they have another place to stay

#### HOUSEHOLDS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- People who live or stay at another place most of the time
- Students living away from home while attending college or boarding school
- People in the military living somewhere else



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United States  
**Census 2010**

This is the official form for all the people at this address.  
It is quick and easy, and your answers are protected by law.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
ECONOMY AND STATISTICS ADMINISTRATION  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Use a blue or black pen.  
**Start here**

The Census must count every person living in the United States on April 1, 2010.  
Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.
- The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:
  - Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Armed Forces.
  - Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010.
  - Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

The Census must also include people without a permanent place to stay, so:

- If someone who has no permanent place to stay is staying here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or she may be missed in the census.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?  
Number of people =

2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1? Mark  all that apply.

- Children, such as newborn babies or foster children
- Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in baby sitters
- People staying here temporarily
- No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark  ONE box.

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans.
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented?
- Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number? We may call if we don't understand an answer.  
Area Code + Number

5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1.  
What is Person 1's name? First name below.  
Last Name   
First Name  MI

6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark  ONE box.  
 Male  Female

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? Please report dates as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old. Print numbers in boxes.  
Age on April 1, 2010        
Month  Day  Year of birth

NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?  
 No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin  
 Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano  
 Yes, Puerto Rican  
 Yes, Cuban  
 Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Print origin, for example, Argentinian, Dominican, Dominican Republic, Salvadoran, Spanish, and so on.

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark  ONE or more boxes.

- White
- Black, African Am., or Negro
- American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of race or principal race.
- Asian Indian
- Japanese
- Native Hawaiian
- Chinese
- Korean
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Filipino
- Vietnamese
- Samoan
- Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pacific, Cambodian, and so on.
- Other Pacific Islander — Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.
- Some other race — Print race.

10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?  
 No  Yes — Mark  all that apply.

- In college housing
- In the military
- At a seasonal or second residence
- For child custody
- In jail or prison
- In a nursing home
- For another reason

Printed in Question 1, continue with Person 2.

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# Watch for your household's questionnaire in March.

Then mail it back to make sure that your household is counted.



**RECEIVE**

**FILL OUT**

**RETURN**

## What to Expect When You're Expecting a 2010 Census Questionnaire

The 2010 form includes only 10 questions and can be completed in about 10 minutes. Your household's census information will be collected in one of these two ways:

- Questionnaires will be sent to your home.** They will arrive in March 2010 and will include a prepaid postage stamp for easy mailing.
- Confidentiality-bound census workers will travel door-to-door.** If you do not return your questionnaire by mail, a census worker (who will show proper identification) will visit your household to collect the information in person.

**MORE QUESTIONS?**

Visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## Common 2010 Census Questions

- Who should be counted as part of my household?**  
Everyone! All children, babies, and adults who live in your household should be counted regardless of nationality, citizenship status, race, age, or gender.
- How is my private information protected?** It is a federal crime, punishable by imprisonment, for a census worker to divulge personal and confidential information. Personal information is collected for statistical purposes only and is sealed for 72 years.
- Can I get in trouble for answering census questions?**  
No, census information is completely confidential. It is never shared with other government agencies, including the IRS, any office of immigration, or the FBI. Sharing census data is a federal offense.