

The 2010 Census gets underway in March. Every decade since 1790 the U.S. Census Bureau has conducted a constitutionally mandated census to determine the number of people living within the United States and its territories. This data is used by our nation's leaders to help make vital decisions on behalf of all residents, including reapportionment and redistricting. This data can also affect how federal funds are distributed each year.

You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person. The Census Questionnaire contains only 10 questions and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. (By law the Census Bureau cannot share responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.)

You should complete and mail back your questionnaire upon receipt. If you do not respond you may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

Please visit [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov) if you would like more information on the 2010 Census.