

2010 Census Questionnaire—What You Should Know...

Use a blue or black pen.

Start here

The Census must count every person living here on April 1, 2008.

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, 2008.
- 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, 2008, 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, 2008?

Number of people =

2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2008 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

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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? *Print 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 babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.

Print numbers in boxes.

Age on April 1, 2008 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, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, 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 enrolled or principal tribe.*

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| Asian Indian | Japanese | Native Hawaiian |
| Chinese | Korean | Guamanian or Chamorro |
| Filipino | Vietnamese | Samoan |
| Other Asian — <i>Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.</i> | | |
| Other Pacific Islander — <i>Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.</i> | | |

Some other race — *Print race.*

10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

- No
- Yes — Mark all that apply.

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

→ If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2.

- Most households in the country will receive this 2010 Census official short form.
- It will take only a few minutes to answer.
- Most household respondents will fill out the form in the privacy of their own home and return by mail.
- If returned by deadline, households will not be visited by a census taker.
- The form does not ask for a Social Security number.
- There is no question on legal status/citizenship of respondents.
- There are no questions concerning income or financial assets.
- Names are asked to ensure that each person in U. S. is counted just once.
- Your responses are protected by strict confidentiality laws.
- The responses from your community will be summarized to provide a data profile—no individual data is ever released.
- Spending just a few minutes to fill out the form will help ensure your community receives its fair share of federal and state funding.
- Completing the form is required by law for the reapportionment of Congressional seats.

Note: The U. S. Congress has approved all questions. See other side for legal requirements, federal, state, and local uses of data for each questionnaire topic.

Many Americans understand that the number of Representatives from each state to the United States Congress is based on the population in each state and that the census was begun to ensure an accurate apportionment of House seats among the states. Many also are aware that census data are widely used for the Constitutional purpose of redistricting and for redrawing Congressional districts within each state. Why, then, does the 2010 Census ask people questions about their age, race/ethnicity, household relationship and whether a house is owned or rented? Here are just a few examples:

AGE QUESTION--Uses and legal requirements: The Department of Health and Human Services uses this data to support research on service delivery for children, minorities, and the elderly. It is required data under the Older Americans Act.

RACE QUESTION--Uses and legal requirements: The Department of Justice uses these data in enforcing nondiscrimination in employment. Needed under the Public Health Act as a key factor in identifying segments of the population who may not be receiving medical services.

HISPANIC ORIGIN QUESTION-- Uses and legal requirements: Used to allot funds to school districts for bilingual services under the Bilingual Education Act.

HOUSEHOLD RELATIONSHIP QUESTION-- Uses and legal requirements: The U.S. Department of Agriculture uses these data to determine which areas should receive direct multifamily loan assistance. Used also to identify number of children in families to determine spending under Head Start Act.

OWNED OR RENTED QUESTION-- Uses and legal requirements: Health and Human Services uses these data to assess the need for housing assistance for low-income, including elderly low-income, housing units. It is also required data for the Housing Affordability Act.

- **These data are crucial to many planning decisions. State and local governments, faith-based, community-based, and other non-profit organizations as well as businesses use these data to plan, budget and provide services.**

The 2010 census is safe, easy, important and required!