

Don't Be Left Out!

What is the CENSUS?

The government must count everyone in the U.S. every 10 years. Homes will get a Census form in the mail in March 2010.

It's About Money

The number of people counted in a city, county and state determines how much government money goes to an area – for health care, housing, roads, transit, schools, social services, job training . . .

About \$1,500 per person goes to a NC community, so having 100 more people counted adds \$150,000 a year for your area. 1,000 more adds \$1,500,000!

It's About Power

The population size affects where the district lines are drawn for elections, from City Hall to Congress.

More people means more political power for your community in Congress and in Raleigh, and it affects who represents you!

It's About Your Future

Business and government planners use the Census to make decisions about your community's future.

The Census helps decide where to locate a new grocery store, hospital, school, rec center . . .

Remind Everyone to Fill Out the Census Form.

Your Community Loses If They Don't.

For ? call Democracy North Carolina, 1-888-OUR-VOTE or visit democracy-nc.org



The Census is in Your Hands

The Census form has 10 questions. Your privacy is protected.

Census Questions

1. How many people were (or will be) living in this house, apartment or mobile home on April 1, 2010?
2. Are there other people staying here not in Question 1?
3. Is this dwelling (a) owned by you or someone here with a mortgage or loan; or (b) is it owned free and clear; or (c) rented; or (d) occupied without any rent or pay?
4. What's your phone number (*follow-up may be needed for incomplete answers; this is kept confidential*)?
5. What is the name of 1 person in the home (*space is given for other names, too. The Census wants to count people only once, so it needs names and birth dates*)?
6. What is the sex of Person 1 who was just listed?
7. What is the age and birth date of Person 1?
8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?
9. What is Person 1's race (*many choices and "other"*)?
10. Does Person 1 sometimes live somewhere else (*like in a college dorm, the military or a nursing home.*)

Mall back the form in the envelope provided; no postage is needed. If you don't return the form, another will be sent or then a government employee will come. Save time and hassle; return the form!

Your privacy is protected

Your answers are confidential. No court of law, no welfare or immigration agency, not even the FBI or ICE, can see what you say. Citizenship is not asked. Census workers face 5 years in prison for revealing answers on a form.

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