

10 QUESTIONS MINUTES

TO HELP IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY

The Census: A Snapshot

- **What:** The census is a count of everyone in the United States.
- **Who:** Everyone in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens.
- **When:** More than 130 million households across the nation will receive a census form in March 2010.
- **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **How:** Households should complete and mail back their forms upon receipt. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take a count in person.

A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data to the Asian Community

Census data are used in many ways that can improve life for members of the Asian community and their families:

- Help leaders determine where to build new schools, roads, health care facilities, child care and senior centers and more.
- Help fund important community initiatives and programs important to the Asian population – including education and English-language learning programs.
- Aid local emergency services responders in reacting efficiently in times of need, thanks to better maps and information.
- Guide implementation and evaluation of programs like the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, the Civil Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act.
- Assist with planning for education, housing, health and other programs that reflect diversity in the community.

2010 Census Form: Easy, Important and Safe

- 10 Questions/10 Minutes: One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

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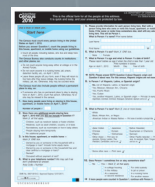
THE CENSUS MATTERS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. These funds support tangible benefits in our Asian community, such as health care and education, which can help ensure a better future for you and your family.

JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“Ensuring an accurate 2010 Census count will take everyone, especially trusted community leaders, local government officials, neighbors, family members and friends to help spread the word.”

– *Asian American Justice Center*



**Please send your
2010 Census
form back today.**

2010 Census Key Dates

February – March 2010

Census forms are mailed or delivered to households.

March – April 2010

The Be Counted Program is implemented, whereby census forms are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail or have a form delivered to their home.

April 1, 2010

CENSUS DAY
All census forms should be mailed back by April 1, 2010.

May – July 2010

Census workers will visit households that did not return a form by mail.

Dec. 31, 2010

By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.

March 2011

By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I'm not an American citizen. Do I have to participate in the 2010 Census?

Everyone in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens (including Visa students and green card holders). It is your duty to ensure you and your family are counted in the 2010 Census.

2. What assistance is available to help those who don't speak English complete their census form?

Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will be available to support those unable to read or understand the form. A Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. In addition, Language Assistance Guides (LAG) will be available at all QAC locations in at least 59 languages, including:

- ▲ Bengali
- ▲ Chinese (Traditional)
- ▲ Chinese (Simplified)
- ▲ Hindi
- ▲ Hmong
- ▲ Japanese
- ▲ Korean
- ▲ Laotian
- ▲ Tagalog
- ▲ Thai
- ▲ Urdu
- ▲ Vietnamese
- ▲ Khmer

3. Why is it important for me to be counted?

The 2010 Census is more than a population count. Census data provide a snapshot of the changing Asian population and help ensure appropriate representation for our community. Census data determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and guide local decision-makers on where to build or improve roads, hospitals, schools, child-care centers, and more. Complete and return your census form to help your community be eligible for the funding it needs for a brighter future.

"We use the data to increase public understanding of the demographic characteristics of Asian Americans. We also use the data in our advocacy efforts, especially in dealing with poverty, elder needs and education."

- Asian American Federation

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to 2010census.gov.