

As members of our faith-based community, we believe that together,

we can make a difference

in the places we live, work and worship. As we approach April 2010, we have an opportunity to act on those beliefs by supporting the 2010 Census. While it may seem like a small task, our participation is vital to many of the programs and services we use every day.

The 2010 Census and the faith-based community:

Be counted in 2010



For more information about the 2010 Census, contact your Regional Census Center or visit 2010census.gov.

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2010**
It's In Our Hands



The success of the 2010 Census is in our hands. The following information provides key facts about the census, how it benefits local communities, and answers questions about the safety of personal information. Please join us in making a difference by participating in the 2010 Census.

A snapshot

- What:** The census is a count of everyone living in the United States.
- Who:** Every person living in the United States must be counted — both citizens and noncitizens.
- When:** Census forms will be delivered or mailed to households in March 2010.
- Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives. The federal government uses census data to help determine funding for state, local and tribal governments.
- How:** Households should complete and mail back their form upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement form in early April 2010. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take a count in person.

How you can help

- Complete and return your 2010 Census form and encourage others — family, friends and neighbors — to do the same.
- Cooperate with census workers.

The importance of census data

- Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data.
- Faith-based organizations and institutions use census data to apply for grants and determine locations for new facilities.
- Census data guide funding decisions for important community facilities, such as schools, hospitals, child-care centers and more.
- Census data affect your voice in Congress, as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts.

Easy, important and safe

- One of the shortest forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete.
- Responses to the census form should include everyone living at that address.
- By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

We hope you will join us in helping to achieve a complete and accurate count for our community and the nation.