



10 Facts About the 2010 Census

1. The 2010 Census will count everyone living in the United States. That includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens.
2. Census Day is April 1, 2010. That means responses to the census questionnaire should reflect a household as it exists on that day.
3. The Census form comes in the mail. It is only ten questions and takes ten minutes to complete.
4. All of your information is confidential. By law, the Census Bureau can't share your responses with anyone including Immigration or law enforcement agencies. It doesn't even ask about immigration status.
5. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every ten years.
6. The Census count is used to determine how much government money comes to Philadelphia for schools, hospitals and programs like job training, children's healthcare and energy assistance for seniors.
7. It's used by businesses and city planning officials to determine where to open new shops, grocery stores, schools and health centers.
8. If someone you know has trouble filling out the census form, you can direct him or her to a Neighborhood Questionnaire Assistance Center (coming in March 2010).
9. The Census determines how many representatives Philadelphia has in the U.S. Congress. The more people we have, the more votes we have in Washington.
10. A guide to answering the census will be available in 59 languages. You can go to phillycounts.org to download or call 1.800.923.8282 to get one.