

The 2010 CENSUS - Why is it Important?

The Census count translates into money.

- Census numbers determine how federal dollars are distributed to the States each year.
- For every 100 Minnesotans who fail to answer the Census, Minnesota will lose \$1.3 million in federal funds.
- Minnesota distributes many of its program funds based on population counts so cities with lower resident counts will lose state dollars.

The Census count effects our representation.

- The Census count is the basis for determining Congressional representatives.
- Minnesota could potentially lose a Representative after 2010 because of population changes.
- We are within 1,000 people of losing our 8th congressional district. Everyone needs to be counted to ensure Minnesotans' interests are fully represented in Congress.

The Census count effects service growth.

- Census data is used for planning programs, land use, businesses and services.
- The numbers will impact funding for schools, hospitals, libraries, roads and public works projects, to name a few. Without an accurate count, vital service growth might be stifled in your area.

Important facts to know

1. The census is only 10 questions (the shortest ever!)
2. It is required by law to participate in the census – for everyone who is living in the U.S.
3. Your personal information is kept COMPLETELY confidential.
4. The census does not ask about citizenship.
5. There are language guides and assistance available if needed.

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