

Be Counted on April 1, 2010!



2010 is a census year, which means the federal government is counting the total number of people who live in the United States. **This means everyone!** The census counts people of all races and ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens. It is extremely important that everyone participate!

- **The census is important.** An accurate count ensures that federal dollars go to the places they're needed most.
- **The census is easy.** This year's questionnaire is one of the shortest in history, with only ten questions. It should take no more than ten minutes to complete.
- **The census is safe.** By law, all information is kept completely confidential. Your information will not be shared with anyone.

Starting in March, the U.S. Census Bureau will be mailing or delivering questionnaires to all households via U.S. mail. **The official "Census Day" is April 1.** This means that all your answers should be true for your household as it exists on this day.

Many times people ask how they can help. The census is a way **everybody** can help. **Please make sure you do your part, by filling out and returning your census form ASAP!** For more information, visit <http://census.ohio.gov/>.

How Census Data Is Used

- It determines the distribution of more than \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services.
- It helps in planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and the location of other health services.
- Census data is used to create maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance.
- It also is used in the design of facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly and children.
- It aids government agencies in planning for services, and impacts government budget planning at all levels.
- It determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.