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Census 2010 – It's now in your hands

Forms for the 2010 U.S. Census are now in the mail and should be arriving in your mailbox. Required by the U.S. Constitution, the Census occurs every 10 years with the goal of counting every man, woman and child in the country. It's important to complete and return the 10-question form, because federal agencies often use census data to allocate federal funds to local governments for infrastructure and services such as:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

Census information also affects the numbers of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ideally, all census forms should be returned by April 1, and if you don't a Census worker will visit your home to gather the data. For more information about the Census, go to <http://2010.census.gov/partners/pdf/ConstituentFAQ.pdf>.

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