



## **Is it Census Time Again??**

### **Getting involved in Census 2010 activities is important**

- Local Update of Census Addresses updates the Master Address File

### **Data is used for:**

- Reapportionment at the federal level
- Drawing federal, state, county and city district lines
- Drawing school district boundaries
- Budget planning
- Forecasting future housing needs
- Understanding the changing demographics of the community
- Targeting funds for people in poverty
- Targeting services for children and adults who speak other languages
- Forecasting future state and local transportation needs
- Planning for local public transportation
- Developing special programs for low income families
- Locating special needs populations
- Establishing emergency management programs and priorities
- Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and other health services
- Planning services for people with disabilities
- Developing public safety programs
- Urban planning
- Rural development
- Land use planning
- Analyzing the labor supply
- Understanding consumer needs
- Developing and attracting new businesses
- The distribution of \$200 billion in federal funds and more in state funding

## Why Counties Should Be Involved

Counties should be actively involved in helping with the outcome of the year 2010 Census. Information from the short form provides vital data on income, size of households and race and ethnicity. The American Community Survey (ACS) which has an annual sample size of nearly 3 million, provides the demographic data that many counties need to plan for future growth, transportation, service delivery and welfare reform, and also provides the data used by many federal agencies for entitlement programs and allocations of federal funds. The table below displays just a few of the data elements and the agencies that use them.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Agency (besides Census) that uses data (some or all)</b>
Race, gender, age, industry, citizenship	DOEd, DOJ, DOL, EEOC, etc.
Disability, veteran status, place of birth, education, occupation	DOEd, DOJ, DOL, DOT, EPA, HHS, EEOC, DOC, etc.
Marital status, relationship, year of entry, tenure at current residence, language spoken at home	HHS, DOL, HUD, NSF, DOJ, USDA, etc.
Class of worker, value of home, labor force status, rent	HHS, DOC, DOD, DOJ, EPA, Fed Res, HUD, DOT, etc.
Plumbing facilities, year structure built, rooms, units in structure, residence 5 years ago	DOE, EPA, HHS, HUD, USDA, HHS, VA, etc.
House heating fuel, work status last year, income, vehicles available	DOE, EPA, HHS, DOJ, DOL, DOC, EPA, Fed Res, NSF, USDA, etc.
Bedrooms, kitchen facilities, place of work, journey to work	DOE, HHS, HUD, DOC, DOJ, EPA, Fed Res, etc.
Year moved into unit, Hispanic origin, farm residence, shelter costs	EPA, HHS, HUD, DOJ, EEOC, USDA, DOEd, etc.
Ancestry, telephone in unit, grandparents as caregivers	DOJ, DOL, EEOC, HHS, HUD, etc.

*Agency Key: DOEd - Department of Education; DOJ - Department of Justice; DOL - Department of Labor; EEOC - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; DOT - Department of Transportation; EPA - Environmental Protection Agency; HHS - Health and Human Services Department; DOC - Department of Commerce; HUD - Housing and Urban Development Department; NSF - National Science Foundation; USDA - U. S. Department of Agriculture; DOD - Department of Defense; Fed Res - Federal Reserve; DOE - Department of Energy*

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