



2010 Census: It's In Our Hands



HELPING OUR COMMUNITY AND ITS RESIDENTS: What You Need to Know About the 2010 Census

As a community leader and organization, you know firsthand what the needs of the community are and the funding sources available to meet them. We tend to come up short, but there is a way to impact the overall community by reflecting ALL who live within our borders.

The U.S. Census directly impacts how billions of government dollars are used for public programs that can help YOU. Help our communities Be Counted. You can help yourself and your community in Miami to receive the benefits it deserves. The 2010 Census is in OUR hands. **We need you to be a part of the Complete Count Committee.**

How Does a Complete Count Committee Work?

Because you are familiar with what a census is and why we conduct a census every 10 years, you can appreciate how much work is required to count every resident living in the country. The Census Bureau cannot do this alone. We require the assistance of partners—individuals, groups, and organizations across the nation that can help us build awareness about the census, why it is important, and encourage their community to participate. One very effective way to accomplish this is through Complete Count Committees. The committees work best when they include a cross section of community representatives from government agencies, education, business, religious organizations, and the media.

The Census: A Snapshot

- The United States Constitution requires a national Census once every 10 years.
- The Census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

Filling out the 2010 Census Questionnaire: It's Easy and Safe

- The 2010 Census questionnaire asks only a few simple questions of each person—name, relationship, gender, age and date of birth, race, and whether the respondent owns or rents his or her home. This simple, short questionnaire takes just a few minutes to complete and return by mail.
- The Census Bureau does not release or share individual information with any other government agency or department. It's strictly confidential.

It's in Our Hands: Your Participation Matters

- Every year, more than \$400 billion in federal funds are awarded to states and communities like Miami based on Census data.
- Census data guides local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals and schools.
- Census data affects your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state like Florida will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

If you have any questions call 311, (786) 299-5650 or visit www.MiamiCensus.com, but be Counted



2010 Census Timeline: Key Dates

February – March 2010

Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

April 1, 2010

Census Day

April – July 2010

Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

December 2010

By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment.

March 2011

By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.