

The Census is Fast, Easy and Secure.

- Less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Only 10 questions or less to answer for each person living in your home.
- **NO ONE** other than Census Bureau workers can see your answers for 72 years.

El censo es rápido, fácil y seguro.

- Menos de 10 minutos para completarlo.
- Sólo 10 preguntas o menos para responder para cada persona que esté viviendo en su casa.
- **NADIE** fuera del personal de la Oficina de Censos puede ver sus respuestas durante 72 años.

> Got questions?

- Visit **census2010.ny.gov** on the Web.
- If you live in New York City, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties call the U.S. Census Bureau at **212/356-3100**.
- If you live in any other areas of New York State call **617/223-3610**.
- Toll-free numbers

English	866/872-6868
Español	866/928-2010
中文	866/935-2010
Tiếng Việt	866/945-2010
한국어	866/955-2010
русский	866/965-2010



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The nationwide Census on April 1, 2010 will be the 23rd in our country's history.

The Census Bureau expects to count more than 19.5 million people in New York State alone.

> Why take a Census?

The US Constitution requires a census every 10 years to find out how many people are living in each state. This information is used to:

- Distribute money to community programs that help you
- Determine the number of representatives New York State will have in Congress for the next 10 years
- Help decide where to put hospitals, schools, bus routes, senior citizen centers, day care centers and other facilities that serve you
- Help businesses decide where to locate in your community and offer products you want
- Get a picture of your neighborhood and a look at how it is changing

> How is the Census taken?

In late March, most households in New York will get a questionnaire in the mail. In some parts of the state, census workers will deliver a questionnaire to your home.

It should take less than 10 minutes to fill out the form that every household will get. The form contains 10 different questions. Some of the questions that will be asked are:

- the name of everyone in your household
- their relationship to the person filling out the census form
- each person's sex, age and date of birth
- whether each person is of Hispanic origin
- each person's race
- if you own or rent your home

> What if I don't speak English very well?

In some areas of the state, the Census Bureau will send a questionnaire written in English and Spanish. If you don't live in one of these areas or speak Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, or Russian, you can ask the Census Bureau to send you a questionnaire in that language by calling 866/872-6868 during the months of March or April 2010. Guides for completing the form are also available in over 40 languages.

> What should I do with the Census form?

Answer all of the questions for EACH PERSON living in your house or apartment on April 1, 2010. Then, mail the form back to the Census Bureau on April 1 in the Census Bureau's return envelope and you're done.

> I'm not a US citizen. Should I complete a Census form?

YES, you should fill out the form and return it to the Census Bureau. The goal is to count EVERYONE living in your community, not just the citizens. Everyone living in the state, even non-citizens, benefit from community services, so we need to know that you are here.

> What happens if I don't return the form?

If you don't return your form or leave some questions blank, a census worker WILL try to contact you by phone or visit you in person. Answering ALL of the questions and RETURNING the form on April 1 will greatly reduce the chances that a census worker will visit you.

> What if I don't get a form?

If you do not receive a form by April 1, you should get a "Be Counted" form available in places like your local post office, library, or community center. Complete the form and mail it to the Census Bureau at the address on the back of this brochure.

> Can I get help completing the form?

The Census Bureau will have Questionnaire Assistance Centers in your community to help you. Call a Census Bureau office listed on the back of this brochure to find the nearest office.

> Who will see my answers?

The Census is confidential. By law, no one other than Census Bureau staff is allowed to see your questionnaire for 72 years—not even the President.

> What happens to my answers?

Your answers are combined with those of other people to get a picture of your community and New York State. It is this combined picture, not your individual confidential answers, that is put to many uses.

> Why should I complete the form?

Your answers are important to your community and New York State. Missing even one person in the Census means that your community may not get its fair share of money that pays for services that help you. This hurts all New Yorkers.