



2010 CENSUS: **IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

What You Need to Know about the 2010 Census

In 2010, the U.S. census will define who we are as a nation. Taken every 10 years, the census affects political representation and directs the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding. Achieving a complete and accurate 2010 Census is in our hands.

Your Participation in the 2010 Census Matters

Every year, more than \$300 billion in federal funds is awarded to states and communities based on census data. That's more than \$3 trillion over a 10-year period. Census data guide local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals and schools. Census data affect your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Why should everyone participate in the 2010 Census?

Census data shape the future of your community and define your voice in Congress.

Census information helps determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers, and more.

Businesses use census data to locate supermarkets, shopping centers, new housing and other facilities.

The census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the boundaries of legislative districts.

Be Counted!

For more information about the 2010 Census, please go to www.census.gov/2010census or call your local census count committee at 706-485-7703.