



## Census 2010 Questionnaire: 10 in 10

### Quick Facts

- The first U.S. Census was conducted in 1790.
- Every ten years, as the U.S. Constitution requires, a census is conducted.
- The census is a count of everyone **living** in the United States as of a specific date known as Census Day. In 2010, Census Day is April 1.
- Participation in the census is legally required.
- Federal law protects personal information collected from the census.
- Census data are used to determine the reapportionment of Congress, composition of the Electoral College and legislative districts at all levels of government, and distribution of almost \$400 billion in federal funds annually.

### Census 2010 Form

- The new questionnaire, which every residential address will receive, is one of the shortest since the first census in 1790.
- For the first time, questionnaires will be bilingual (English – Spanish) and available, on request, in Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian.
- The form contains 10 questions and takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- The questions include:
  - Number of people in household
  - Home ownership status
  - Telephone number
  - Name of head of household
  - Sex of head of household
  - Date of birth of head of household
  - Race of head of household
- If more than one person is counted in the first question, the respondent provides each person's name, birthdate, race, sex, and relationship to the head of the household.

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