

## CENSUS 2010 IS COMING IN MARCH!

Did you know that the very first census took place in 1790? It was used to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count everyone living in the United States, both citizens and noncitizens. The 2010 Census will provide a vital snapshot of our nation's growing and changing population and demographics. Census data will guide critical business and community decisions, and will help to advance local businesses and make positive improvements in your community.

The 2000 Census resulted in Arizona gaining two additional seats in Congress due to the population growth. Since that time, Arizona has grown by an estimated 1.4 million people, which means there is the potential of gaining an additional congressional seat if everyone is counted. The census data also results in the federal government allocating over \$400 billion to state, local, and tribal governments for services like education, transportation, healthcare, and job training, which can make a significant difference in the quality of life for our neighbors, our families, and our communities.

Please do your part and complete your 2010 Census questionnaire.

2010 Census Key Dates	
February – March 2010	Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.
March – April 2010	Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.
April 1, 2010	CENSUS DAY
May – July 2010	Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.
December 31, 2010	By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.
March 2011	By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

**It's in OUR HANDS. It's short, it's confidential, and it counts for Arizona!**



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