

The 2010 Census Isn't Over!

Status Update

As we near the end of door-to-door follow-up, counting all households, everything is going great. The 2010 Census isn't over though. During the next several months, the Census Bureau will conduct major quality assurance operations to ensure that the 2010 Census is an accurate and complete picture of everyone living in the United States. We are already conducting coverage follow-up on forms returned by mail and re-interviews as a check on employee performance going door to door. The patience of the American public is appreciated as we double check the quality of the Census so that we can deliver the state apportionment totals by December 31st.



Door-to-Door Follow-Up

We are charged with counting everyone, once, only once, and in the right place. We check and double check to make sure we get it right.

Census workers doing door-to-door follow-up are easy to identify. They wear an official ID badge and carry US Census Bureau bags.

We work hard to eliminate all detectable errors in the count. Please, if you are one of the small percent of homes visited during our quality assurance process for re-interview or verification, take a few minutes to help us ensure the quality of the 2010 Census.

Quality Assurance

The Census Bureau is committed to getting a complete and accurate count of every resident in the United States. We have quality control checks in place to ensure an accurate count.



✓ Coverage Follow-Up

Phone calls are made to some households that mailed in their forms to obtain missing information or to clarify information that was submitted.

✓ Real Time Quality Assurance

We systematically reinterview a randomly selected percentage of each census taker's cases and match the data they collected to the data collected in the reinterview process. Local Census Office managers can also select additional cases for reinterview to further investigate census takers' work.

We conduct automated statistical tests on all work to uncover suspicious or unexpected patterns. Additional cases are selected for reinterview to further investigate census takers who are flagged by the statistical tests.

✓ Coverage Measurement

The Census Coverage Measurement (CCM) program conducts field operations to determine the effective population and housing coverage within the 2010 Census. CCM conducts field operations similar to the full decennial Census and the two results are matched to measure the over or under count of the Census and to develop new field techniques. CCM field crews will continue to work throughout 2010 and into 2011.

Did we miss you? If you did not return a census form and haven't had a follow-up visit call [1-800-923-8282](tel:1-800-923-8282) or contact your local census office to make sure you're counted!