



2010 CALIFORNIA CENSUS

What is the Census: Every 10 years, the government counts the number of people living in the United States; this is called a "census".

Why Count People? So that California can get federal money.



Who Gets Counted? Every person living in the United States gets counted, including people with disabilities.



How Do I Get Counted?



You will get a form with 10 questions in the mail. You have to answer the questions and mail the form back in the stamped envelop that you will get with it.



What Do They Ask?

You will be asked things like:



- Your name?
- How many people were living or staying at your home on **April 1, 2010**?
- Do you live in a house, apartment or mobile home?
- What is your telephone number?
- Are you a man or a woman?
- Who lives with you, are they men, women or both?
- How old are you?
- What is your race?
- When were you born?

Do I Have to Answer the Questions?

Yes



What Happens My Answers?

Your answers are **private** and can only be used to count people.

What If I Forget to Fill Out and Return the Form?

You will get a postcard reminding you to return your form by **April 1, 2010**.

What Will Happen If I Don't Send My Form Back?



You will get a visit from a "census taker". This person will ask you the questions, help fill out the form and take it with them.

How Will I Know Who Is A "Census Taker"?



Census takers will have a badge that says who they are and you can ask to see it before you answer any questions.

What Can A "Census Taker" Ask Me?

They can only ask you the questions on the form.

What Do I Do If I Lose My Form?



You can call 1-866-872-6868 or TDD 1-866-783-2010 to get another form. If you need help in Spanish call 1-866-928-2010.

What If I Need a Form In Another Language?

The form you will get will be in English and Spanish and there are books in other languages that will tell you how to fill out the English form. You can also get these books in large print and Braille.

How Do I Get Help If I Need It?



Ask a family member or trusted friend to help you fill out the form or call 1-866-872-6868 for English; 1-866-928-2010 for Spanish or TDD 1-866-783-2010 if you have a hearing problem.

Can My Regional Center Service Coordinator Help? Yes, call them if you need help.

