



# ***Riverside Public School***

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## **The United States Census is Coming! Stand Up and Be Counted!**

Please pass the word to everyone you know about the importance of completing the US Census survey. Every residence throughout the country will receive a survey form in a few weeks. There are only 10 questions and you will need about 10 minutes to complete the form.

This is a complete count Census and it occurs only every 10 years. This means that if you do not complete it, you and the members of your household will not be counted. Here are some of the reasons this Census is so important:

- The results are used to apportion the greater than \$400 billion in federal funding that is available annually to local communities
- The results are used to determine Congressional representation in Washington and Springfield
- The results give policy makers and researchers insights into our population, and how it has changed in the 10 years since the last Census.
- The Census is mandated by the Constitution of the United States -- the first Census was completed in 1790
- The Census tells us who we are as a nation

The Census is completely confidential -- no individual surveys are shared with any other unit of government. This includes the IRS and law enforcement agencies. The penalties for sharing this information are severe.

If you have any questions about the 2010 Census you can:

- Log onto <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/interactive-form.php>
- Visit the Riverside Public Library between 11:30 and 1:30 from March 19 – April 19 to speak with a representative from the Census Bureau
- Call the Riverside Village Hall at 447.2700

Temporary Census jobs may still be available. Log onto <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>