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## **NC Can Count on Me!**

### **Census Basics**

#### **What is the Census?**

The US Census is a count of all residents of the United States. The Census is required by the US Constitution and is held every 10 years.

#### **Why do we have a Census?**

The Census is required to determine representation in the US House of Representatives. North Carolina gained a congressional seat after Census 2000 because of the increase in our population as reported by the US Census.

#### **When is the Census?**

Census Day is April 1, 2010

#### **How will the Census count residents?**

Census questionnaires will be mailed to every residence 1 to 3 weeks before Census Day. Residents complete the questionnaires and mail them back to the US Census Bureau. Questionnaires and phone assistance for completing the Census are available in several languages.

#### **How safe is my Census information?**

Title 13 of the US Code protects the confidentiality of your Census information for 72 years. Your personal information cannot be shared with government agencies, law enforcement, or marketers. Violation of this confidentiality is punishable by \$250,000 fine and/or 5 years in jail!

#### **How can I get involved with the Census in my area?**

Every household should complete and return their 2010 Census questionnaire. It's quick, safe, and important to your community. Contact your mayor or county commissioner's office to become active in you local Census Complete Count Committee. Call toll free 1-866-861-2010 for information about applying for local, temporary Census jobs.

#### **Where can I get more information?**

Visit the US Census Bureau's 2010 Census web site at <http://www.census.gov/2010census> . You may also contact the Charlotte Regional Census Office at 1-800-331-7360. For questions about the Census and Census data, you may contact the North Carolina State Data Center (<http://sdc.state.nc.us>) at (919) 807-4781.