

THE CENSUS MATTERS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. These funds support tangible benefits to immigrants, such as health care, job training and education, which can help ensure a better future for all immigrants.

THE 2010 CENSUS IS SAFE

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including the Internal Revenue Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency or any other government agency.

EVERY RESIDENT CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS

Encourage your friends and relatives who are not citizens to complete their forms. Everyone is counted.

For more information about the
2010 Census, please contact:

1-800-688-9889

or

2010census.gov



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LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

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www.lwv-rma.org

United States® Census 2010

League of Women Voters of the
Rochester Metropolitan Area
Congratulates you on becoming a
citizen of the United States and urges
you to complete your census form.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

THE CENSUS: A SNAPSHOT

- ✓ What: The census is a count of everyone in the United States.
- ✓ Who: Every person living in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens.
- ✓ When: 2010 Census forms will be mailed or delivered in March 2010. Census Day is April 1, 2010.
- ✓ Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- ✓ How: Households should complete and mail back their forms upon receipt. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to provide assistance. They have sworn to protect your information which, by law, is confidential. Speak with them in confidence.

2010 CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE: QUICK, EASY AND CONFIDENTIAL

- ✓ With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history.
- ✓ It takes just 10 minutes to complete.
- ✓ By law, the Census Bureau cannot share you're an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

A COMPLETE COUNT: THE IMPORTANCE OF CENSUS DATA

Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to local, state and tribal governments based on census data. These data are used in many ways that can improve the quality of life for immigrants and their families by:

- ✓ Helping leaders determine where to build new schools, roads, health care facilities, child-care and senior centers and more.
- ✓ Helping fund community initiatives and programs important to immigrants – including education, job safety, English-language programs and enhanced legal services.
- ✓ Aiding local emergency services responders in reacting efficiently in times of need, thanks to better maps and information.
- ✓ Guiding implementation and evaluation of programs, such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, the Civil Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act.
- ✓ Assisting with planning for education, housing, health and other programs that reflect diversity in the community.

By participating in the census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you.

We move forward when you send it back. Make a difference in your community and be counted in 2010. Complete and return your 2010 Census form.

WHAT IS THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS?

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Voter education is one of the League's most important functions, and the League encourages all citizens to register and to cast an informed vote.

The League does not support political parties or candidates, but does take stands on important issues after careful study and research.

Membership in the League is open to all citizens of voting age. If:

- You want to make informed decisions about how you vote;
- You want to participate in a growing and informed electorate;
- You want to have a real input into the laws and policies of America;
- You believe that educated voters are absolutely essential to American democracy...

Then you are needed in the League of Women Voters!

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!