

The 2010 Census Helps Our Community Have A Voice

The Census should matter to you! Every 10 years, the United States counts every resident and that information is more important to you than you realize. The 2010 census figures will play a big part in deciding how \$400 billion or more will be spent annually for the next 10 years.

Meals on Wheels, elderly & disabled transportation, caregiver support, job training, schools, health-related services and a multitude of other programs and services are at stake. Every person in every household matters!

The census uses your information to produce statistics but your individual answers are kept private and confidential. They also cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. If you don't send back your form or you need assistance, you may receive a visit from a census taker. If a census taker visits you, here's what you should do:

- First, ask to see their ID. All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name; they may also have a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag.
- Note that the census taker will never ask to enter your home.
- If you are still uncertain about their identity, please call the Chicago Regional Census Center at (312) 454-2700 to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau.
- Answer the census form questions for your entire household.
- Remember the census **DOES NOT** ask about the legal status of respondents or their Social Security numbers.