

# Count Us In



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**Census  
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## **About the Census: What's It Like?**

The Census is a very important event that takes place here in the United States once every 10 years. This is when the government counts everyone in the country, and based on the demographics, it will decide how to distribute funding to different regions. However, some people are reluctant to fill out the Census form due to privacy and other issues. When this type of reduced participation happens in an area, this community may receive less funding. This can lead to all sorts of financial issues, from education to business to family.

This is why it is extremely important to have participation from every household. Only 10 questions that take 10 minutes that you only have to fill out every 10 years can have great positive effects in your community!

The census is vital to the economics of your area so why not take part in this easy and simple survey? It is a top priority to secure your privacy, and it will benefit not only you, but plenty of others as well. It is not a big deal to fill out the form, but it is a big deal if you do not!

The three 10s are what it's all about! Take part in the Census!