

2010 Census – It's in OUR Hands

What You Need to Know about the 2010 Census

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every ten years. It is a count of everyone residing in all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens. The 2010 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation.

Why should everyone participate in the 2010 Census?

- Census data shape the future of your community and define your voice in Congress.
- Every year, more than \$300 billion in federal funds is awarded to states and communities based on census data.
- Census information helps determine locations of schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers, and more.
- Businesses use census data to locate supermarkets, shopping centers, new housing and other facilities.
- The census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the boundaries of legislative districts. This includes federal, state and local districts.

How will the 2010 Census differ from the previous census efforts?

In the last census, one in six households received a long questionnaire asking for detailed socioeconomic information. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return. More detailed information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.

Will the information the Census Bureau collects remain confidential?

Yes. Every Census Bureau worker takes an oath for life to protect the confidentiality of census responses. Violation would result in a jail term of up to 5 years and/or fine of up to \$250,000.00. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies.

2010 Census Timeline: Key Dates

Spring 2009	Census employees go door-to-door to update address list nationwide.
Fall 2009	Recruitment begins for census takers needed for peak workload in 2010.
February – March 2010	Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.
April 1, 2010	Census Day
April – July 2010	Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.
December 2010	By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment.
March 2011	By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

For more information about the 2010 Census, please go to www.census.gov/2010census.

Wellness Center Open To Franklin Seniors

The Quail Brook Senior Wellness Center, located at 625 New Brunswick Road, Somerset, (on the Quail Brook Golf Course), offers people age 60 and over an opportunity to participate in a variety of wellness, educational, recreational and volunteer activities Monday through Friday. The center serves lunch at noon and door-to-door transportation is available for those unable to drive. For more information, please call (732) 563-4213. The Quail Brook Senior Wellness Center is operated by the Somerset County Office on Aging. Visit www.co.somerset.nj.us for a current list of activities; click on "programs/services," then "seniors" and then "senior centers."

MALE HEALTH SCREENING

Who? For men who have not been screened in the last year and who are over 40 with a family history of prostate cancer, or are between 50-70 years old.

What? Prostate Specific Antigen Test, exam by an urologist, blood pressure check, and cancer prevention information

When? June 3 and 4, 2009, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where? Liberty Corner School, 61 Church Street, Basking Ridge

Cost? \$40 (\$5 processing fee for cancelled appointments)

Registration is required. Call 908-204-2520 for more information.

FOR OTHER HEALTH CLINICS AND SCREENINGS, call Franklin Township Health Department at 732-873-2500, ext. 372, or visit www.franklintwpnj.org (Health Department)

Medical Services Group (MSG)

New Members Welcome!!!

The Medical Service Group is sponsored by the Franklin Township Department of Community Resource & Services located at 935 Hamilton Street, Somerset NJ.

The participants in this program are of very low and low medium fixed income and they are disabled.

Members receive a small monthly disbursement to assist in the purchase of health care supplies. The monthly disbursement that the MSG members receive is secured through the group fundraising activities. The members also receive assistance in obtaining hearing aids, eyeglasses, dental care, prescription medications, etc.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Franklin Township Multipurpose Building located at 935 Hamilton Street, Somerset NJ.

For more information you can contact the Department of Community Resource & Services at (732) 873-2500 ext. 310.



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