

Why You Should Respond



The 2010 Census is:

EASY

With just 10 questions, it is easy to complete and return.

SAFE

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone.

IMPORTANT

Census data are used to determine U.S. Congressional apportionment as well as the distribution of federal funding. Federal, state, and local policymakers also use Census data to:

- **Implement the Supplemental Social Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance Programs.**
- **Plan programs for seniors living alone.**
- **Apply for grants to help seniors caring for their grandchildren.**
- **Create facilities and services for people with disabilities.**

Fill out and return your census form when it is delivered in Spring 2010.

Did You Know?



858,939 people 65 and older live in Massachusetts, 13.3% of the total population.

15% of people age 65 and older in Massachusetts are in the labor force.



Almost 30,000 grandparents in Massachusetts are responsible for their grandchildren.

The Census Bureau protects your privacy!

Census Bureau employees are sworn to secrecy for life and are the only people who will see your response to the Census questionnaire. Employees face a maximum of 5 years in jail and up to a \$250,000 fine if they violate this oath. No one can connect your answers with your name or address.



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