

**Participate
in Census 2000**

The outcome of Census 2000 will have a major impact on you, your children, and your neighborhood.

Your Response is Important!

What is Census 2000 ?

Every ten years, the Census Bureau counts the total number of people in the United States. The next count is called "**Census 2000**" and will be on April 1, 2000. The government, businesses and organizations need a complete count of the population to provide basic services. Completing the census forms will help **your neighborhood** receive **benefits and services**.

How is the Census used?

- * To decide how much money your community will get for **schools**
 - * To decide where **hospitals, child care centers, and roads** will be built
- * To decide how many **representatives** from your state will serve in the U.S. House of Representatives
 - * To provide money for **job training programs and student loans**
- * To prevent **discrimination** against minorities, the disabled and the elderly in the workplace

How will the count happen ?

Early in March 2000, every household will receive a letter in the mail about the census. The letter will allow you to request census forms in **Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, or Vietnamese** if you prefer one of these languages over English. Later that month, every household in the United States will receive a census form in the mail. The census form will ask questions such as the name, sex, age, relationship, ethnic origin, and race of all the members in your household.

Fill out the form !!!

By law, all of the individual answers you give in the Census are **confidential**. The information cannot be shared with any person or any government agency such as the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Filling the form out will only **help to improve your neighborhood**.