

Census 2010: With Funding at Stake for PA, Accurate Count is Essential

It's time to be counted and answer the 2010 U.S. Census. With more than \$4 trillion in federal funding at stake over the next decade, it is essential for every Pennsylvania resident to be counted.

Each year, more than \$400 billion in federal funds are allocated based in all or in part on the results of the U.S. Census. That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period for critical things like schools, senior centers, job training centers, bridges, highways, public transit, and local emergency response services and training.

Pennsylvania cannot afford for any resident to skip participating in the Census, which involves answering only 10 questions and takes just 10 minutes to complete.

According to the accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, Pennsylvania's population in the 2000 Census was undercounted by 102,000 people. That's the equivalent of missing the cities of Altoona and Lancaster combined, or failing to count the city of Erie. Pennsylvania cannot let that happen again since there is so much at stake.

The Census Bureau will start mailing out forms in mid-March, so residents should expect to receive one in just a few weeks. Celebrate "National Census Day" on April 1 by filling out and sending in your form. For more information about the Census, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>.