



## What is a Census Taker?

Open the door to a census taker and open doors to your community.



By being counted you are standing up for what your

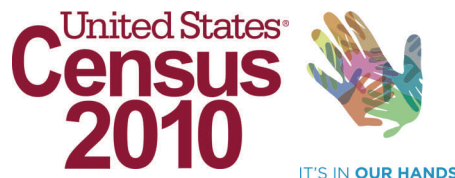
community's needs are. That's why census takers are so important. A census taker is a person from your community who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census taker's primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences. Most of these residences have not sent back their 2010 Census form.

- The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all of the addresses that didn't send back a filled out census form.
- The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records the answers to the questions on the form.
- If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit a home up to three times and attempt to reach the household by phone three times. The census worker will leave a double-sided (English and Spanish) NOTICE of VISIT in the doorway that includes a phone number for the resident to schedule an appointment.

The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form.

The census taker who collects your information is sworn for life to protect your data under [Federal Law Title 13](#). Those who violate the oath face criminal penalties: Under federal law, the penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

**DO NOT: Give social security numbers, credit card or banking information to anyone claiming to be a census worker, even if they claim to need it for the Census! You are NOT required to answer anything concerning your financial situations! Anyone who asks for the aforementioned information is NOT with the**



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