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The 2010 Census Is On the Horizon

Now is the time to start planning for the 2010 Census.

The information collected by the census is an important tool for tribal and federal government decision-making. Census data is used to help direct the distribution of \$300 billion dollars annually in federal funding. Accurate census data leads to fairer allocation of funds that are vital to tribal programs to help meet community needs.

2010 Census

“In Indian Country the 2010 Census is about understanding our prospects for the future.”



Arlan D. Melendez

“Increased involvement in both planning and implementation of the 2010 Census will result in a more complete and accurate count of tribal residents. It will provide tribal governments with important information for future tribal planning to meet projected community needs, and to support community growth. It will provide equitable allocation of Federal and state re-

sources that are based on Census data for economic development, health and human services, and planning services for special populations such as elders, youth, and at-risk community members, to name a few. The 2010 Census is about raising our voices as one for future generations.”

*Arlan D. Melendez,
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Tribal Complete Count Committees



Complete Count Committees are volunteer teams who are appointed by the highest ranking tribal official to work together to make sure entire communities are counted. Every

effort will be given to relevant language, culture, and other factors in Census outreach and promotion initiatives, to make certain that at-risk and hard-to-reach seg-

ments of the community are included. The more tribal members can relate the Census data to their own lives, the more likely they are to participate in the 2010 Census.

Tribal Consultations



The U.S. Census Bureau's Denver Region is conducting a series of one-on-one tribal consultation meetings throughout its 10 states. To date, we have met with 77 of our 90 federally recognized tribes. Tribal consultations are an enhanced form of communications that emphasize trust and respect. Tribal consultations allow an open and free exchange of information and opinion among parties and leads to mutual understanding and comprehension. Specifically, the consultation meetings :

- Improve communications with tribal officials
- Create an opportunity for the U.S. Census Bureau to gain insight into key issues
- Build partnerships and collaboration on issues of mutual concern
- Identify issues requiring input and participation
- Involve tribes in the decision-making process, such as how they want the Census conducted on their land
- Allow for a two way communications process
- Build a permanent relationship between tribal governments and the U.S. Census Bureau.



The Tribal Liaison Program



One of the core strategies for Census 2010 is the building of Partnerships. Implicit in the concept of partnerships is that both partners benefit from the collaboration. The Tribal Liaison Program reflects that purpose. Under the Tribal Liaison Program, each federally recognized tribe has been asked to appoint a

tribal member to serve as the tribe's liaison with the Census Bureau. Tribal Liaisons are major players in implementing the tribal and Census Bureau partnership for Census 2010. They coordinate with tribal leaders, tribal planners, and tribal members. They also coordinate closely with Census Bureau staff—

including Tribal Partnership Specialists, Local Census Office Managers, and Regional Census Center Geographers. Tribal Liaisons are major players in implementing the tribal and Census Bureau partnership for the 2010 Census.

Meeting Community Needs



Census data helps tribal elders and leaders understand what their communities need. Many tribal communities use census information to attract new business and plan growth. In fact, many tribal organizations use the census data to plan new facilities and programs for the communities they serve. If some segments of the tribal

population do not respond to the census, the American Indian and Alaska Native population will be underrepresented.

Population numbers help define issues, set priorities, and meet community needs.



2010 Census Job Opportunities

Albuquerque, Billings, Bismarck, Colorado Springs, Denver/Lakewood, Flagstaff, Las Vegas, Lincoln, Rapid City, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Tucson.



Hiring a workforce from the community in which they live is vital to getting a complete and accurate Census. The Census Bureau counts on being able to hire tribal members to complete census work in 2009 and 2010 on reservation lands but also in urban areas.



A few facts about 2010 Census jobs:

- Competitive hourly wage
- Mileage reimbursement
- Paid training

Local Jobs available:

Recruiting Assistants

Oct 2008-May 2010; full-time; need car; travel within home community & surrounding area.

Listers

April 2009 – June 2009 (6 to 12

weeks); day time and weekend work; part-time to full time; need car .

Enumerators

March 2010 – June 2010 (6 to 12 weeks); evening and weekend work; part-time to full time; need car.

Management Positions-Local Offices

Currently we are taking applications management positions for our local Census offices listed above. Visit www.census.gov or call 1-877-233-4776 for more information.

Understanding Census Data



The more that residents of any community can relate the census data collection process to their own lives, the more likely they are to participate in the census.

To encourage Census 2010 participation from all tribal residents, activities of a Tribal Government might include:

Identifying community events and meetings for reaching the widest possible audience;

Serving as a presenter to explain the benefits that full community participation in the census process will have on the tribe and tribal members;

Helping Census Bureau presenters

tailor their materials to reflect both knowledge of and respect for cultural and local issues;

Using events and meetings to provide information about census jobs that are available locally, and to explain the benefits of having census jobs filled by community residents.

Confidentiality



It is important that tribal members know that their census responses are protected by law. All information collected by the Census Bureau under the authority of Title 13 of the U.S. Code is strictly confidential. The same law that requires individuals to respond to the census also guarantees the confidentiality

of the respondents. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share individual responses with anyone. That includes the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and any state or Federal agency. No court of law can have access to individual census responses. Not even the President of

the United States can get access to this information.

Census workers must pass a background security check. They are sworn to uphold a pledge of confidentiality. The penalty for violating the confidentiality of responses is up to a \$250,000 fine and up to a five-year prison term.

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The Denver region is one of the most diverse regions for climate, geography, and cultural mix. Geographically, the region includes mountain, great plain, and desert states covering Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The region encompasses over one million square miles stretching from Canada to Mexico, approximately 25 percent of the total land area for the contiguous United States. It includes 90 Federally recognized tribes and 76% of all

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Helping you make informed decisions



The Census Bureau serves as the leading source of quality data about the Nation's people and economy.

2010 Census Key Dates

Summer 2008	Local Communities begin to form Community Complete Count Committee's
Summer 2008	Training for Statistical Areas Program
June/July 2008	Recruitment & testing for Early Local Census Office management positions
October 2008	12 Early Local Census Offices Open
October 2009/March 2009	Recruitment & testing for address canvassing operations
April – June 2009	Address Canvassing (Listing)
Summer 2009	Statistical Area Program -Deadline
Summer 2009	Recruitment & testing for Local Census Office management positions
Late 2009	Remaining Local Census Offices Open
October 2009/April 2010	Recruitment & testing for enumeration operations
Mid March – June 2010	Questionnaires mailed to households or door-to-door enumeration
April 1, 2010	Census Day
May – June 2010	Follow-up with households that did not return questionnaire
December 31, 2010	Delivery of population counts to the President for reapportionment
April 1, 2011	Delivery of population counts to the state

Next Issue: September, 2008. Content: Urban Indian Outreach; State and Congressional Outreach; Overview of the Address Canvassing Operation; Tribal Statistical Area Program; Governor Liaison's