



2010 U.S. Census



The U.S. Constitution requires that the population of the United States be counted every 10 years. The next Census Day is April 1, 2010. The goal of the census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place on Census Day. Facts gathered in the census also help to shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

This count determines which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. Data from the 2010 Census will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years.

In 2007 alone, Carroll County received \$716.38 per person in federal funds based on the 2000 census.

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Complete

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete.

Questions about *how* we live as a nation - our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more - are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. **All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.**

For more information, please visit these sites:

<http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/topics/census/default.asp>

www.census.gov and www.census.state.md.us