



IT'S IN OUR HANDS MARYLAND!

How Community & Social Service Organizations Use Census Data

In FY2007 alone Maryland received over \$5.8 billion in federal formula-based grants (\$1,000 per person per year)

- Census information is used to allocate billions of dollars in government funding for facilities that your community relies upon such as schools, roads, hospitals, nursing homes and child-care centers
- Many federal programs use census age data to allocate funding for services to the elderly such as low income home energy assistance and programs under the Older American Act; services to working age adults for job training; and services to children for free and reduced lunch programs
- Census questions on housing provide data for Community Reinvestment Act programs and emergency shelter grants

As a community leader, you can convey the importance and safety of completing the census questionnaire to constituents, including those isolated by language or geography. You can form a Complete Count Committee, include census information in newsletters and Web sites, and provide space for the Census Bureau to test and train.

Achieving a complete and accurate Census is in our hands.

<http://www.census.maryland.gov/>

Census Timeline

- December 2008 - Local Census Offices begin to open in Maryland
- Spring 2009 - Address canvassing to verify the mailing list for census questionnaires
- March 2010 - Census forms mailed to households, special populations (nursing homes, correctional institutions, college dormitories)
- *April 1, 2010* - Census Day
- December 31, 2010 - Apportionment counts for Congressional seats by State delivered to the President
- April 1, 2011 - Redistricting data delivered to the states for redrawing Congressional & Legislative districts



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