



IT'S IN OUR HANDS MARYLAND!

How Elected Officials 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 helps determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen programs and facilities
- Census data are used to obtain grants for needed social, recreational and economic development programs
- Census data are used by economic development offices and chambers of commerce to attract businesses
- Census data on the community's labor force are used to recruit employees

As an elected official, you can communicate 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, hold town hall meetings, include census information in newsletters and Web sites, and provide space for the Census Bureau to test and train.

You can partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to convey the importance of participating in the next census to ensure no one is left uncounted.

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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