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How Faith Based 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 community facilities that your congregation relies upon such as schools, roads, hospitals and child-care centers.
- Congregations utilize census population characteristics as a source of key statistical information needed to determine locations for new facilities
- 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 to provide job training; and services to children for free and reduced lunch program
- Census questions on housing provide data for Community Reinvestment Act programs, elderly housing programs and emergency shelter grants

You can partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to convey the importance of participating in the next census and 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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