



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
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Dear Resident:

If you believe that you or others living with you have not been counted in the 2008 Dress Rehearsal, please take a moment to complete the enclosed census form. The U.S. Constitution requires a census of the United States every 10 years. To prepare for the 2010 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal. The results will be used to develop better methods that will make the 2010 Census easier, more convenient, and less costly for taxpayers.

**Please complete and mail back the enclosed census form today.** We need your help to improve the 2010 Census. Results from the 2010 Census will be used to help each community get its fair share of government funding.

Your answers are confidential. That means the Census Bureau cannot give out information that identifies you or your household. Your survey answers will only be used to produce statistics, and for no other purpose. The back of this letter contains more information about protecting your data.

Sincerely,

Charles Louis Kincannon  
Director, U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosures

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### **Your Answers Are Confidential**

Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, Sections 9 and 214). The answers you give on the census form cannot be obtained by law enforcement or tax collection agencies. Your answers cannot be used in court. They cannot be obtained with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

As allowed by law, census forms become public after 72 years (Title 44, Section 2108). These forms can be used for family history and other types of historical research.

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