

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Economics and Statistics Administration U.S. Census Bureau

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## Dear Resident:

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2015 Census Test in your area. Your response to this brief survey is important and will help in our efforts to develop new methods that will make the next census easier, more convenient, and less costly for taxpayers. Results from the next census will be used to help each community get its fair share of federal funding for many programs that you and your neighbors need.

Using the enclosed instruction card, please complete the survey online **by April 1** at:

## https://survey.census.gov/censustest

Respond on time to avoid a personal visit from a Census Bureau interviewer. Help us conserve natural resources, process data more efficiently, and save taxpayer money by responding online. If you are unable to complete the survey online, you may call 1–866–226–2836 toll-free to provide your census information over the phone.

You are required by U.S. law to respond to this survey. Your answers will only be used for statistical purposes, and no other purpose. The back of this letter contains more information about protecting your data.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson

Director

**Enclosure** 

Mensaje importante: Para completar la Prueba del Censo del 2015, por favor, visite **https://survey.census.gov/censustest** o llame sin cargo al 1–888–262–5931.

census.gov

## **Your Answers Are Confidential**

The Census Bureau is required by U.S. law to keep your answers confidential. This means that the Census Bureau cannot give out information that identifies you or your household. The Census Bureau chose your address, not you personally, as part of a randomly selected sample.

We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193. Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, United States Code, Sections 9 and 214).

For more information about this survey, visit www.census.gov/2015censustests.

For more information about how we protect your information, please visit our website at <a href="www.census.gov">www.census.gov</a> and click on "Data Protection & Privacy Policy."

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that, for the average household, this form will take about 12 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing the instructions and answers. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this burden to: Paperwork Reduction Project xxxx-xxxx, U.S. Census Bureau, DMD-3H174, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to <Paperwork@census.gov>; use "Paperwork Project xxxx-xxxx" as the subject.

Respondents are not required to respond to any information collection unless it displays a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget.