



The 2010 Census is winding down and, as a census partner, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate everyone who has supported and participated in the effort. However, there are still several quality assurance operations that will continue to take place this month, and I encourage you to cooperate with census workers should they call or visit your household. These final steps will ensure that the census will provide the highest quality data possible – information that will benefit our community and the nation for the next 10 years.

If you have already responded to the census, you may wonder why you are being contacted again. These quality assurance operations allow the Census Bureau to double check its data in order to provide the highest possible level of accuracy. A census worker may call if the Census Bureau has difficulty reading or otherwise needs to clarify your answers. Census workers may visit if your household was incorrectly marked as unoccupied on April 1st. You may receive a visit if your address was not included in the mail-back phase or in the door-to-door follow-up phase. If you filled out a Be Counted form that you picked up from a local census office or provided your answers over the phone, a census worker may visit to confirm that the geographic location of your home matches an address in the Census Bureau's files. Finally, census workers may be in your area to resolve any suspected duplicate addresses.

Please keep in mind that the Census Bureau's quality assurance operations will only affect a small percentage of the total number of households counted in the 2010 Census.

As always, individual responses are completely confidential, protected, and cannot be shared with anyone. All Census Bureau employees are required to swear an oath for life to protect your personal information.

Please cooperate if a census worker calls or visits your household as part of the final stages of the 2010 Census. This has been the largest domestic undertaking of the American people, and now is the time to make sure the data we all rely on is as accurate as possible.

