



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Sound Off for the 2010 Census: A Guide for U.S. Military Personnel

Where Will You and Your Family Be Counted?

People in the United States will be counted at their usual residence, the place where they live and sleep most of the time. This place is not necessarily the same as the person's voting residence, legal residence, or permanent residence. Determining usual residence is easy for most people—but it may not be so apparent for people in the military and their families.

- U.S. military personnel residing in the United States are counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time. This residence might be on or off the military installation.
- Crews of military vessels with a U.S. homeport are counted at the onshore residence where they live and sleep most of the time. If they do not report an onshore residence, they are counted at their vessel's homeport.
- U.S. military personnel stationed outside the United States, including dependents living with them, will be counted as part of the U.S. overseas population using administrative records from the Department of Defense. These persons stationed overseas will be included in the state totals used to determine the allocation of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. The military overseas population includes U.S. military personnel deployed for wartime efforts and U.S. military personnel on U.S. military vessels with a homeport outside the United States.

An Overview of the 2010 Census for the Armed Forces.

Military installations in the United States appoint a project officer to work with the Local Census Office (LCO). The LCO trains base personnel, provides materials, and assists with any questions or problems during the census.

- Armed forces personnel, who live in military group quarters such as barracks/dormitories, disciplinary barracks/jails, or military treatment facilities, will be given a special census form called a Military Census Report (MCR). Personnel assigned to a military group quarter will be counted at the group quarter.
- U.S. military personnel on board Navy and Coast Guard vessels with a U.S. homeport will receive a Shipboard Census Report (SCR) to complete. If they have an onshore address, they can claim it as their home address. If not, they will be counted on board the ship at its homeport.
- People living in family housing on base in the United States will receive the standard census questionnaire through the mail.
- Vessel personnel, who also have an onshore address, will receive the standard census questionnaire at their home address **AS WELL AS A SHIPBOARD CENSUS REPORT ON BOARD THE SHIP**. Please complete both the standard census questionnaire and the Shipboard Census Report. When completing the Shipboard Census Report, make sure to write in the full address **OF YOUR ONSHORE RESIDENCE IF you live or stay THERE most of the time**.

The 2010 Census: Quick, Easy, and Confidential.

- 2010 Military Census Reports contain 6 questions and are simple to fill out.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Your Participation Is Vital.

The U.S. Constitution directs the Census Bureau to conduct a complete count of all people living in the United States every 10 years. Census information helps in determining how federal, state, local, and tribal governments make decisions affecting the people of this country and how over \$400 billion per year of taxpayers' money is allocated by government. Participating in the census is in everyone's best interest. People who answer the census help their communities obtain state and federal funding for neighborhood improvements, such as deciding where to build schools, hospitals, and roads, or about services for the elderly, job training, and more. The best way to make sure people like yourself are counted in the census is to fill out the form and encourage others to do so.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share individual answers it receives with anyone. Also, we do not share individual answers with welfare agencies, courts, police, or the military. Census workers are sworn to secrecy. The Census Bureau workforce understands the importance of safeguarding confidential data. They know that if they give out any information, they can face a \$250,000 fine and jail time.

For additional information about the 2010 Census, visit the Census Bureau's Internet site at <http://www.census.gov> or call one of our Regional Census Centers across the country:

Regional Census Center	Phone Number
Atlanta	404-335-1555
Boston	617-223-3700
Charlotte	704-936-5300
Chicago	312-454-2700
Dallas	214-267-6900
Denver	720-475-3640
Detroit	313-396-5200
Kansas City	816-994-2000
Los Angeles	818-717-6700
New York City	212-971-8810
Philadelphia	215-717-1020
Seattle	425-908-3000

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