

FACT SHEET

Census Takers Coming to Seminole County Neighborhoods

Census takers will be in Seminole County neighborhoods from May 1 through July 10, 2010, conducting interviews with residents that did not complete and mail back their census form. By being counted you are standing up for the needs of the community.

Census Taker

A census taker is a person from our community hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that our neighborhoods are represented as accurately as possible. The census takers primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences. Most of these residences have not sent back their 2010 Census form.

- The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all of the addresses that did not send back a completed census form.
- The census taker will visit all of those addresses and record the answers to the questions on the form.
- If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit that home up to six (6) times, each time leaving a door hanger featuring a phone number. Residents can call the number on the hanger to schedule the visit.

The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form. Census takers will not ask for your full Social Security number, nor will they ask for money or donations. Anyone who asks you for information not requested on the Census form, like passwords or your full Social Security number, might be attempting to commit identity theft. You

can ask a census taker to provide a valid Census Bureau identification.

If you have any suspicions about communications you receive about the 2010 U.S. Census, trust your judgment. Don't be afraid to ask workers for official identification and always report any suspicious activity related to the census to the U.S. Census Bureau. You can contact the local census office by telephone at 407.710.1530.

Residents that did not return their census form by April 16, 2010, may call the Questionnaire Assistance line at 1.866.872.6868 and give your answers over the phone. For Spanish call 1.866.928.2010.

Do I have to talk to the Census Taker?

Yes. Your participation in the 2010 Census is vital and required by law, (Section 221, of Title 13 of the U.S. Code). However, rather than rely on criminal charges, the Census Bureau is very successful in getting participation by explaining the importance of the questions asked and how the information benefits communities. It's essential that you participate in the census, but equally important that you do so carefully. Please cooperate with census workers as they visit your residents to ensure an accurate count of our community.

Your privacy and confidentiality is protected:

The census taker who collects your information is sworn for life to protect your data under Federal Law Title 13. Those who violate the oath face criminal penalties. Under federal law, the penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

***DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE 2010
CENSUS COUNT FOR SEMINOLE
COUNTY!***