

The Upcoming 2010 Census Is Very Important to The Village of Melrose Park



Population counts from the Census affects funding for our communities, our communities' representation in Congress, and helps inform decision-making in municipal government and community organizations.

The census questionnaire only takes a few minutes to fill out and return by mail—no more long forms.

Your responses are **strictly confidential** and protected by law. All Bureau employees have sworn for life to protect confidentiality and anyone violating this oath is subject to severe penalties including a federal prison sentence of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000 or both. Private information (names, addresses, social security numbers, employer ID numbers

or telephone numbers) will never be disclosed or published. You can fill out your form with complete confidence that the information is protected by law.

- **Census data directly affects how more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities** for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and more. That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period. Filling out this information helps to ensure our communities get a fair share of the federal and state funds.
- **Census 2010 affects your voice in Congress.** Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the census is also used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict state legislatures. More information about the 2010 Census Redistricting Data Program. . .
- **Census 2010 affects your representation in state and local government.** Census data are used to define legislature districts, school district assignment areas and other important functional areas of government.
- **Census data informs your community's decisions.** The census is like a snapshot that helps define who we are as a nation. Data about changes in your community are crucial to many planning decisions, such as where to provide services for the elderly, where to build new roads and schools, or where to locate job training centers. For more information visit : www.census2010.gov

We Need Everyone Counted!