

Census in Missouri City

As Missouri City residents start another great year here, there is an important task that everyone should tackle: filling out their 2010 Census form.

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau sets out to count all individuals living in the United States—citizens and non-citizens. "It is important that Missouri City step up and take an active role in this vital count," said Gabriel Sanchez, U.S. Census Bureau Dallas Regional Director. "An accurate count affects almost every decision in your community, from building new schools and hospitals, to improving roads."

Individuals will receive questionnaires in the mail the third week of March and if possible, should mail them back before April 1—"Census Day", a day when the federal government should be able to look at the information that respondents report to know the makeup of their households.

Dating back to 1790 and our country's first Census count, the 2010 form will have one of the shortest questionnaires in our history with only 10 questions, which should take about 10 minutes to complete and will affect the next 10 years of our lives.

It is important to note that information residents provide will be protected and that all Census employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to a jail term, a fine, or both for disclosing information that could identify a respondent or household.