

The 2010 Census: Easy, Safe and Important for North Salt Lake

North Salt Lake City is encouraging all of its residents to participate in the 2010 Census and let the country know what our community needs for the next 10 years. The 2010 Census will document the changes in our nation and our city since the last decennial census in 2000. It will tell us how we have changed and grown as a city. And, because census data affect how more than \$40 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state and local governments, the census also will help frame the future of our city for the next 10 years. It is, therefore, vital to North Salt Lake City that everyone in the city be counted in 2010.

At the heart of the 2010 Census outreach effort is the 10-question 2010 Census form. The 2010 Census form is one of the shortest census forms in history and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Households will be asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is owned or rented; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages, races and relationships of others living in the household.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. You can complete and mail in your census form with full assurance of confidentiality.

Some time this month (March), households across the country and especially in North Salt Lake will receive the form by mail. The initial form package, which will consist of the initial 2010 Census form, a cover letter, and a postage-paid return envelope, will be delivered. **Responding immediately to the 2010 Census form is the most efficient way to complete the census.** Census workers will visit household that do not return the forms to take a count in person. The Mayor and City Council encourage all North Salt Lake residents to complete their forms as soon as they are received to make sure we get the most accurate and complete count possible.