



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Census 2010

The Village is counting on you!

Why do we take the Census?

The Constitution mandates that a count is done every 10 years of everyone living in the U.S. The results from this census need to be completed by Dec. 10, 2010. The information is used to determine the number of representatives each state has in the House of Representatives and is used to redraw state's legislative districts. More importantly, **the totals affect funding for our community.**

How is the Census data used?

- Public Transportation Programs for the Elderly
- Early Childhood Programs Educational Grants
- Road Rehab & Construction Emergency Food / Shelter
- It's used by both the private sector and governments to identify where jobs and job programs are needed.
- Corporations use the data for market research to determine where to expand their services or open new stores.
- Homeowners can use the information to research property values, median income and other demographics about a community.

Who sees my information?

Your answers are protected by law and are strictly confidential. It is illegal for the Census Bureau, or it's employees, to share your data with any other government agency (even law enforcement). No courts, or even the President of the United States, can access your individual information. Before any data can be gathered, Census employees must pass security and employment background checks.

When should I receive my form?

Everyone should have received their census survey form by now. Please mail these back as soon as possible. If you have not received a form, you may stop by the Lake Villa Library to pick one up. If you don't mail it back, you may receive a visit from a Census employee who will ask the 10 questions that are on the form.

What happens if I Don't mail in my form?

By being counted you are standing up for what your community's needs are. That's why census takers are so important. A census taker is a person from your community who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census taker's primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences that have not sent back their 2010 Census form.

- The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all of the addresses that didn't send back a filled out census form
- The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records 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 three times, each time leaving a door hanger featuring a phone number; residents can call the number on the hanger to schedule the visit