

# WAYCROSS -WARE COUNTY CENSUS 2010



## ***IT'S IN OUR HANDS***

### **2010 Census**

The United States Census Bureau would like to encourage everyone to fill out the 2010 Census data form. Why does everyone need to do this:

- ➡ More than \$300 billion in federal funds are awarded to states and communities based on census data.
- ➡ Census data guide local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals and schools.
- ➡ Census data affect your voice in Congress. The census determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts.

**Achieving a complete and accurate 2010 Census is in our hands.**

### **“BE COUNTED IN 2010.”**

- The Census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. All U.S. residents must be counted—people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.
- Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.
- The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

# THE 2010 CENSUS IS IMPORTANT!

Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many households will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. ***Census workers also will visit households that do not return their questionnaires.***

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

## ***THE WAYCROSS-WARE COUNTY COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE KNOWS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***

### **2010 CENSUS TIMELINE**

-  **2007** – Waycross and Ware County Governments determined to promote the 2010 Census.
-  **2008** – Waycross and Ware County Governments were informed of the need to create a local Complete Count Committee (CCC).
-  **2009** – CCC established.
  - CCC receives census training.
  - CCC develops strategy and work plan.
  - CCC spreads word about census.
-  **2010** – Deadline approaching fast.
  - Questionnaires are delivered to every address.
  - CCC begins community organization mobilization.
  - CCC begins 2010 Census publicity campaign.

#### **APRIL 1, 2010 – CENSUS DAY**

- Households return completed questionnaire.
- CCC urges non-responding households to cooperate with census
- CCC thanks the community for their participation in the 2010 Census.

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2010**

*Census delivers population counts to the President.*

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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