

# CENSUS 2010

## PIKE COUNTY HAS A LOT AT STAKE IN THE 2010 CENSUS

Census 2010 information will shape the future of Pike County and our ability to meet the needs of our residents into the future. Our Pike County communities can be seriously impacted by Census numbers since Federal dollars are distributed, based on the population count, for services like education, transportation, health care and job training. Census numbers also give political representation to those who are counted.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has 19 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives representing 67 counties in the State; Census 2010 figures determine the state's political representation in Congress. Census numbers also determine Pennsylvania's annual share of more than \$300 billion in federal dollars.

**“A HIGH STAKES HEAD COUNT WITH FUNDING AND POLITICAL POWER AT RISK, TOWNSHIPS (AND RESIDENTS) HAVE A SERIOUS ROLE TO PLAY IN CENSUS” ....JILL ERCOLINO, ASSISTANT EDITOR *TOWNSHIP NEWS*.**

With the tremendous growth rates that Pike County has experienced over the past ten years since the 2000 Census, it is critical that residents take an active role in responding to the Census 2010. This count will have tremendous bearing on our county's future. Our count matters the most to our local governments and our county. Funding formulas utilized by both the federal and state governments for distribution of funds to local governments are based on census figures. Just one example, Pennsylvania relies heavily on census data to allocate monies such as liquid fuels and transportation dollars used for road improvements. If population numbers are off by just a few thousand or even a few hundred, it translates to a lot of lost revenue for our local communities, the county and the state.

The Pike County Board of Commissioners and the Pike County Office of Community Planning have been

working closely with municipal officials and US Census Bureau representatives throughout 2009 to assure that mapping and addressing is updated for this important effort.

## CENSUS - 10 SIMPLE QUESTIONS

The 2010 Census will actually be one of the shortest and simplest in U.S. history. It will ask just 10 basic questions including name, sex, age, date of birth, Hispanic origin, race, household relationship, and if you own or rent your home.



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For example, the 2010 Census does NOT ask about bank account information, salary or income, citizenship or immigration status, and the US Census Bureau never asks you for your Social Security number. The questions that are asked help make sure everyone is counted, paints a portrait of America, and makes planning and funding decisions.

A census questionnaire will be mailed to residents in March 2010. If a resident fills out the form and mails it back, no census taker will visit the residence. The Census Bureau prefers to have forms returned by mail.

***The Pike County Office of Community Planning requests that all residents consider the importance of this effort and participate. Help us make the 2010 US Census a success in Pike County!***

## CENSUS 2010 — IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**MARCH 2010** — CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED TO HOUSEHOLDS.

**APRIL TO JUNE 2010**—CENSUS WORKERS WILL VISIT HOUSEHOLDS THAT DID NOT RETURN THE MAILED QUESTIONNAIRE.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CENSUS, CONTACT THE PIKE COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE AT 570-296-3500, OR THE US CENSUS BUREAU'S PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OFFICE AT (215) 717-1020, OR VISIT <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>**

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