

Census 2010 Complete Count Committees

The US Census Bureau wants to get everyone counted accurately!

The US Census Bureau has identified counties and municipalities in the United States that were defined (by them) as being “hard to count” during the 2000 Census Count. Please see the attached “Hard to Count” article or go to: <http://www.thecensusproject.org/factsheets/casey-factsheet-countiespercenthtc.pdf> . The US Census Bureau wants to be able to count these areas accurately in 2010 and they are urging each “jurisdiction” in these counties and municipalities to form **Complete Count Committees** to help insure an accurate count.

What is a Complete Count Committee?

A **Complete Count Committee** is a separate committee (group of community people who do not work for the US Census Bureau) who will work with the local census offices to verify that all of the people are counted accurately in that county or municipality. **Complete Count Committees** should be established by each jurisdiction in each county or municipality. A jurisdiction is defined by a law or policy making body that has the authority to create voting districts. Examples: County Commissions, Board of Supervisors, Municipal Boards, School Boards, City Councils, Board of Aldermen, etc.

How does the Complete Count Committee Work?

The **Complete Count Committee** should use any and all means to verify the count of the US Census workers in that county or municipality. Example: Your County Commission (Board of Supervisors) has established a **Complete Count Committee** to make sure that everyone is counted in the 2010 Census. The **County Commission (Board of Supervisors) Complete Count Committee** will verify the US Census Workers numbers that are being reported in your county after the preliminary counting information is made available after April of 2010. If the US Census Workers report that your county’s population count is 10,500 people and the Board of Supervisors Complete Count Committee believe that your county’s population is 18,000, then the US Census Workers will begin the process of rechecking the count to verify the people.

What can you do in your community?

Join the **Complete Count Committee** in your county or municipality! You should ask your County Commission, County Board of Supervisors, Municipal Board, City Council, or School Board to allow you to be on the committee. You must be willing to help the local census office verify that everyone is counted.

Will I get paid for my work on the Complete Count Committee?

We are not sure. This is the first time that the US Census Bureau has asked the local jurisdictions to establish **Complete Count Committees**. The **Complete Count Committee** does not work for the US Census Bureau. The local jurisdiction could pay you if the jurisdiction wanted to do so. The jurisdiction could also reimburse you for mileage and supplies while you are working. Example: Your local County Commission (Board of Supervisors) could hire community people to work on the **Complete Count Committee** at the same rate that the local census workers are paid. Your local County Commission (Board of Supervisors) could also pay you mileage for driving to each house in your community.

No jurisdiction in my county wants to create a Complete County Committee. What should I do?

Start a **Complete County Committee** in your community. Contact your local census office and explain the situation to them and work with the local census office to make sure that everyone in your county is counted in 2010.



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