

MISSISSIPPI – Census 2010

Census Worker Community Fact Sheet



What is the census?

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years.

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/index.html>

Why is the census important to my community?

- Census data directly affect how more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more.
- Census data is used to draw local, county, state and federal political districts for elections that determine which public officials will represent you.
- Census data is also used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict state legislatures.
- Census data show where people live and the shifts in population every 10 years. Census Data is used in community planning, for example, to decide where to provide services for the elderly, where to build new roads and schools, and where to locate job training centers.

http://2010.census.gov/2010census/about_2010_census/007625.html

What is the time line for doing the census work?

Recruitment work for early census work started in the Fall of 2008. Census workers will begin the census count April 1, 2010 and complete the census count in July 2010.

http://2010.census.gov/2010census/about_2010_census/013279.html

Can I work as a census worker?

YES! You must apply and meet the qualifications. Start the application process **NOW** for local census jobs for the early census operations. Most of the census workers will be hired in early 2010.

<http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php>

What types of jobs are available?

Thousands of census workers are needed to update address lists and conduct interviews with community residents. Most positions require a valid driver's license and use of a vehicle. However, public transportation may be authorized in certain areas. They have Regional Office Jobs, State Office Jobs, Local County Jobs, Field Supervisors, Crew Leaders, & Enumerators jobs available.

<http://www.census.gov/rodal/www/emply.html>

What is the pay scale?

Census workers get paid on a weekly basis. In addition, you will be reimbursed for authorized mileage and related expenses. Mississippi's pay rate starts at the local county level for enumerators \$8.00 - \$16.00. State office workers start at \$10.50.

What are the qualifications to become a census worker?

Pass your written test of basic skills and pass a background check. You need to be 18 years of age with proper identification. You must be able to speak, walk, and talk effectively. You must commit to getting 4 days of paid training.

<http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/qualifications.php>



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How do I contact the local census office in my area for a census job?

Jackson, MS Office

6425 Lakeover Road
Jackson, MS 39213
Phone: 601-760-6160
Pay Rate: Starts at \$10.50
Director: Donald Watson

Meridian, MS Office

10950 Baylor Road
Meridian, MS 39305
Phone: 601-703-0730
Pay Rate: Starts at \$10.50
Director: Bob Holmes



Where do I go to take the basic skills test in my community to become a census worker?

Contact your state office to find the testing center that is closest to where you live or work.

What is the timeline for testing?

Contact your state office to find the testing schedules for the testing centers closest to you.

What do I need to bring with me to the testing site?

Bring your completed application, along with your completed I-9 Employment verification form, and your approved identification. Please click on this link to see these forms and approved identification:
http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/documents/Practice_Test.pdf

How do I prepare for the basic skills test?

Take the practice test that has been made available by the Census Bureau. You must make a passing score to be considered for employment.

http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/documents/Practice_Test.pdf

What do I do when I pass my basic skills test?

Check in with the testing coordinator for the next steps. The next steps will involve confirmation of back ground check and then a time schedule for your mandatory 4 days of paid training.

If I have a problem that cannot be resolved at the state level, who do I contact at the Census Regional Office?

Dallas Regional Office

8585 N. Stemmons Fwy, Suite 800 S
Dallas, TX 75247-3836
(214) 253-4400 or 1-800-835-9752
FAX: (214) 655-5362
TDD: (214) 655-5363
E-mail: dallas.regional.office@census.gov
Regional Director: Gabriel A. Sanchez

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