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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Texas’s pay rate starts at the local county level for enumerators $8.00 - $17.50. 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://www.census.gov/rodal/www/empty.html
How do I contact the local census office in my area for a census job?

Please see the attachment for the local census offices in Texas.

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.

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
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Midland
10000 West Highway 80
Midland, TX 79705
Phone: 432-262-4730
Pay rate: Starts at $10.75 / hour
Director:

San Antonio Central
7042 Alamo Downs
San Antonio, TX 78238
Phone: 210-301-4260
Pay rate: Starts at $11.75 / hour
Director:

Fort Worth
3220 North Freeway
Dallas, TX 75211
Phone: 682-432-1440
Pay rate: Starts at $11.00 / hour
Director:

Dallas Central
7920 Elmbrook
Dallas, TX 75247
Phone: 214-432-8420
Pay rate: Starts at $17.50 / hour
Director:

Houston West
1450 West Sam Houston Parkway
Houston, TX 77043
Phone: 713-770-6020
Pay rate: Starts at $15.25 / hour
Director:

Conroe
25311 Interstate 45 Woodpark
North The Woodlands, TX 77380
Phone: 832-482-1310
Pay rate: Starts at $11.25 / hour
Director:

Williamson County
3010 Williams Drive
Georgetown, TX 78628
Phone: 512-942-6210
Pay rate: Starts at $11.50 / hour
Director:

Corpus Christi
9822 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78410
Phone: 361-723-2320
Pay rate: Starts at $10.50 / hour
Director:

Denton
1830 Justin Road
Denton, TX 75077
Phone: 469-322-3870
Pay rate: Starts at $10.75 / hour
Director:

Plano
671 East 18th Street
Plano, TX 75074
Phone: 214-778-3960
Pay rate: Starts at $11.75 / hour
Director:

Houston Central
7547 South Freeway
Houston, TX 77021
Phone: 713-264-8060
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