



## **Census 2010: It's in our Hands**

The 2010 Census will be taking place in March and April of 2010. The United States Constitution mandates a headcount every 10 years of everyone residing in the United States. Every person is counted in the location that they reside on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens.

The Champaign County Complete Count Committee wants residents of the County to know four important facts about the 2010 Census!

- Census 2010 is just 10 easy questions – takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Every person is counted regardless of age, sex, race, ethnicity, or citizenship. Temporary residents including college students are counted where they primarily reside on April 1, 2010
- Your answers are completely confidential. No court of law, not even the President of the United States, can access your individual responses.
- Once completed, the questionnaire is mailed back to the Census Bureau, free of charge.

The population counts from the Census determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, and affects the nearly \$300 billion in federal funding distributed to communities each year. Census data can help potential homeowners research property values, median income, and other demographic information about communities. Corporations can use census data for market research, or to help determine locations for new stores or services.

You can find more information about the Champaign County Complete Count Committee and Census 2010 including an informative podcast and video at [www.ccrpc.org/census2010.php](http://www.ccrpc.org/census2010.php). Any questions can be emailed to [census2010@ccrpc.org](mailto:census2010@ccrpc.org)