

# Complete your Census questionnaire where you are residing in March

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In March, Census questionnaires will be mailed to every residence from the U.S. Census Bureau that need to be completed and returned by April. It will only take you 10 minutes to complete 10 questions.

College students are a unique demographic due to the variety of living situations. If you are a live with your parents while attending college the Census questionnaire needs to be completed at your parental home. If you live away from home you need to be counted at your on-campus or off-campus housing. If you attend college outside of the United States you will not need to be counted in the Census.

“Complete and accurate census data is critical to our ability to serve the Denver community,” Mayor John Hickenlooper said. “It helps us identify our population and their needs, and it allows us to secure our fair share of federal funding to help meet those needs.”

**College students**

Living situation	Where they are counted
Live with their parents while attending college in the United States	Parental home
Live away from the parental home while attending college in the United States	On-campus or off-campus housing
Attend college outside the United States	Not counted in the census

It’s important to fill out your Census questionnaire because approximately \$435 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities in the U.S. each year and the Census data guides the amount of money distributed to each community. Some of the programs that benefit from the Census are schools, student loans, English classes (ESL), Head Start, public library construction, health services, road maintenance, etc.

For every Denver resident counted, our community gains a minimum of \$826 per person each year for 10 years in Federal funds. Since the 2000 Census, we have lost more than \$74 million for those who weren't counted in Denver. We only get this one chance to be counted for the next 10 years.

It is best if you fill out the questionnaire and return it by mail right away. There are questionnaire assistance centers if you need help or if you need a questionnaire. To locate one in the Denver metro area, please call 3-1-1 or visit [www.denvergov.org/Census2010](http://www.denvergov.org/Census2010).

The Census counts people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens and is safe. Your 10 answers are protected by the U.S. Constitution. No court of law, not even the President of the United States can get access to your information. It is illegal for the Census Bureau or its employees to share your personal information with any other government agency such as immigration, IRS or Welfare. The information cannot be used against you in any way to collect back taxes, child support or alimony, or if you have a law violation or warrant, to investigate your legal status or to garnish your wages. The information does not affect any services you are receiving from the government, as it is never shared with any other agency.

It only takes 10 minutes. It’s easy; it’s safe; it’s in our hands.

For more information, please call 3-1-1 or visit [www.denvergov.org/Census2010](http://www.denvergov.org/Census2010).