



Can Oak Forest “COUNT” on You?



What is the U.S. Census? The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like: hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, emergency services, bridges, tunnels, and other public works projects. The data collected by the census also help determine the number of seats your state has in the **U.S. House of Representatives**.

Census forms will be mailed to all residents in March 2010. **Can Oak Forest “COUNT” on You** to complete the form and return it in the postage-paid envelop? If you have concerns or questions about the Census, please e-mail Oak Forest Census Representative Rhonda Ceska at ofdolphin@comcast.net or complete this form and return it to City Hall – 15440 S. Central, Oak Forest, IL 60452.

Concern/Question

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

CONFIDENTIAL CONCERN

The government depends on your cooperation and trust, and promises to protect the confidentiality of your information. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act reinforce these protections. It is against the law to disclose or publish any of the following information: names, addresses, Social Security numbers, or telephone numbers.

WHAT DOES THE CENSUS ASK

The 2010 Census form is just 10 questions, such as:

- Name
- Sex
- Age
- Date of birth
- Hispanic origin
- Race
- Household relationship
- If you own or rent

The census **DOES NOT** ask about the legal status of respondents or their Social Security numbers.

To learn more about the U.S. Census, visit www.census.gov.