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How will Winona benefit from the 2010 Census?

The 2010 Census helps ensure that Winona receives its fair share of government funding. Census data directly affect how much money Winona gets for its infrastructure: such as neighborhood improvements, emergency preparedness and disaster recovery, public health, education, transportation, senior services and much more.

When and where will I receive a form?

The 2010 Census form will be mailed to your residence in March 2010.

What if I don't receive the form or need another form?

Call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Center at 1-866-872-6868. (If you prefer a Spanish-speaking operator, then dial 1-866-928-2010.) The lines will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week from February 25, 2010 through July 30, 2010. For the hearing-impaired, TDD 1-866-783-2010 (during the times noted).

What if I am a student?

Students living in Winona are counted in Winona. A 2010 Census form will be delivered or mailed to your house or apartment in March 2010. All students living at the address are considered one household, so only one form should be

completed that includes information about all the people living at that address (e.g. a duplex has two addresses and will receive two Census forms – each must be completed). If you live in a dormitory, residence hall, sorority or fraternity house, you'll receive a 2010 Census form in April or May 2010.

Is there another way to get the form other than the mail?

Extra "Be Counted" Census forms will be available at various community locations in Winona during March and April 2010. A list of locations will be available in late February/early March 2010.

What questions are asked on the 2010 Census form?

The Census Bureau will ask four general questions about the household:

- If the housing unit is owned or rented
- Telephone number
- How many people live in the residence
- If any additional people who lived at the residence on April 1, 2010, were not included

And for each household member:

- Name
- Sex
- Age/date of birth
- Relationship to the person who owns or rents this residence
- Hispanic origin
- Race
- Does this person sometimes live or stay somewhere else

How do I get a form in a different language?

Language Assistance Guides are available in different languages to help people fill out the English version of the Census form at the following web address:

<http://2010.census.gov/partners/materials/inlanguage.php>

Again, only the English form sent to addresses should be returned to the Census Bureau – the Language Assistance Guides **should not** be sent in.

What if I am not a United States citizen?

A form should still be filled out. Census information is used only to count people and is confidential (see below).

Who sees my information?

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including the IRS, FBI, CIA or any other government agency. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both.

What if I don't fill in the form?

Residents who do not complete and return a 2010 Census form will receive a replacement form. After that, if no form is mailed back, residents can expect a personal visit from a Census taker some time after March 2010. The Census taker will ask you the questions on the form, record your answers and then submit the form for your household.

What if I don't have a permanent address?

The 2010 Census form will be delivered to your primary residence — the place where you live and sleep most of the time. Roommates and other types of shared households should fill out one form for the entire address.

What if I go south for the winter?

Wait until you return to Minnesota and then send in the form that was delivered to your Winona address. If you don't receive a form at your Winona address, request another by calling the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance at 1-866-872-6868.

What if I need help completing my Census form?

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For more information on the 2010 Census, visit:

<http://www.mn2010census.org/> - State Census Website

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/> - National Census Website

<http://www.youtube.com/user/usCensusbureau> - Youtube Census videos

or Call Carlos Espinosa, Winona Assistant City Planner at 507-457-8216.