



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY REMINDS RESIDENTS TO MAIL BACK CENSUS FORMS

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**Montgomery County, Virginia** – Montgomery County is urging residents to take 10 minutes today, Census Day, to fill out and mail back their 2010 Census forms if they have not already done so.

The U.S. Census Bureau mailed or hand-delivered about 134 million 2010 Census questionnaires to households in March. To date, just over half of those households have mailed back their census forms, an important milestone. As of today, Montgomery County's participation rate is 55%.



**IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

Residents still have time to fill out and mail back their 10-question census form, saving the government about \$57 for each household that does not have to be visited by an enumerator. The U.S. Constitution requires an enumeration of every person living in the U.S. Every household that fails to send back its census form by mail must be visited by a census taker starting in May, at significant taxpayer cost. The easiest and best way to be counted in the census is to fill out and return your form by mail. If every household across the nation mailed back its completed form, taxpayers could reduce the cost of administering the census by about \$1.5 billion.

Census data is used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds annually.

All census responses are confidential. Answers are protected by law and cannot be shared with anyone. The Census Bureau takes extreme measures to protect the identity of individuals and businesses. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' individually identifiable answers with anyone, including tribal housing authorities, other federal agencies and law enforcement entities

For more information contact Kate Martinson, local Census office manager for Southwest Virginia US Census Bureau, at [lcom.lco.2852@Census2010.gov](mailto:lcom.lco.2852@Census2010.gov) or (540) 585-9030.

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