



## CENSUS FORMS DUE APRIL 17; COUNTY MAIL BACK RATE IS 70%

[MontgomeryCountyVA.gov](http://MontgomeryCountyVA.gov)

April 14, 2010

**Montgomery County, Virginia** – Montgomery County citizens: There are three days left to return your census by mail.

The census counts every resident in the United States and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. As of today, 70 percent of Montgomery County citizens have filled out and mailed back their census forms, slightly below the national mail back rate of 71 percent in the year 2000, 73 percent of County citizens participated in the census.



**IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

The census, which consists of 10 questions, is one of the shortest in history. The questions collect data used to help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for hospitals, job training centers, schools, public works projects, emergency services and more.

If you have not received a form or need assistance answering the census questions, contact the 2010 census toll-free help line at 1-866-872-6868. Residents with post office boxes will not receive a census form at their P.O. box because forms are sent to physical addresses. A census taker may visit your home even if you have filled out the form.

Census workers will begin visiting homes on May 1 to capture resident information for the 2010 census. If you prefer, you can schedule a visit with your census taker. Should the census taker come when you are away from your home, they will leave a contact number.

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, census office manager for Southwest Virginia, at [lcom.lco.2852@Census2010.gov](mailto:lcom.lco.2852@Census2010.gov) or (540) 585-9030.

# # #

### **E-News in Your Inbox!**

To receive news and announcements directly via e-mail, go to [MontgomeryCountyVA.gov](http://MontgomeryCountyVA.gov) and click "E-mail Lists."