

2010 Census New Construction Program

The 2010 Census New Construction program will help ensure that the U.S. Census Bureau's address list is as complete and accurate as possible by Census Day, April 1, 2010. The Census Bureau is updating its address list by field canvassing all blocks in the spring/summer of 2009. The New Construction program is the opportunity for you to submit city style mailing addresses for units constructed after the address canvassing operation. Addresses must have basic construction (closing the structure to the elements) completed by Census Day.

HOW IS THE NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED?

The 2010 New Construction program operates as follows:

- The New Construction program is offered only to local and tribal jurisdictions that contain blocks where the Census Bureau plans to mail questionnaires to the housing units. In other areas, the Census Bureau will have enumerators hand deliver questionnaires to all housing units in each block and record addresses for any new housing units.
- Each invited government designates a New Construction liaison to submit the New Construction addresses for their jurisdiction.
- The Census Bureau will send the New Construction liaison the Census Bureau materials.
- The New Construction liaison must submit a list of city-style addresses, assigned to the census blocks within its jurisdiction in the Census Bureau pre-defined format. The maps or spatial data are for use as a reference for assigning Census tract and block codes (geocoding) for each submitted address. No street or boundary updates will be accepted. Address lists submitted without geocoding information will not be accepted.
- The New Construction program excludes Group Quarters addresses (places where people live or stay, in a group living arrangement, that is owned or managed by an entity or organization providing housing and/or services for the residents). The Census Bureau has a series of operations designed

to capture new Group Quarters addresses, including but not limited to, Group Quarters Validation, Group Quarters Advanced Visit, Group Quarters Enumeration, and the Count Review program.

WHAT TYPE OF NEW CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WILL I RECEIVE?

Address Template

An address list template record layout is included on your CD-ROM. This template will be used to format your local address file for submission.

Census Maps

The New Construction program maps are provided for geocoding purposes only. The reference maps are offered in PDF format or the participant may elect to receive the spatial data from TIGER® in shapefile format that requires a Geographic Information System software application for viewing. For those governments without a GIS software package, the Census Bureau will provide the MAF/TIGER Partnership Software (MTPS). The MTPS is an easy-to-use desktop tool that makes participation easier for jurisdictions without a GIS system. For governments choosing maps in PDF format, the Census Bureau will provide Adobe Reader software to view the PDF maps.

SCHEDULE

The registration form must be completed and received by the Census Bureau by October 8, 2009. The Census Bureau plans on shipping materials beginning November 2009. Participants have 45 calendar days to submit their addresses from receipt of materials.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the New Construction program, please contact your Census Bureau Regional Census Center at 1-866-511-5822.