

# Census Jobs!

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## The Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY: EARN MONEY WHILE YOU SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Census Bureau needs your help to conduct the 2010 Census. While working on the 2010 Census, you will be representing your community and they will depend on you to do your best for them. Help your community by applying for one of these jobs NOW.

### DUTIES

We need local residents for a variety of exciting opportunities, including interviewing, office administration, and supervision. A large part of these jobs involve dealing with the public. Most of the jobs are in the field, and require you to locate and interview households.

**The information you collect is confidential and must not be disclosed to anyone who has not sworn to protect Census Bureau information.**

### TRAINING

If selected, you will attend a paid training session where you will learn how to complete census forms, how to read census maps and be provided with census interviewing techniques. In most cases, your supervisor will train you, assign and review your work, and answer questions.

### WHEN YOU WILL WORK

MOST jobs will be short term (5 to 10 weeks) and ALL jobs will be temporary. Your most productive hours will vary based on the type of census operation. For operations that require contact with the public to complete interviews, your availability to work when people are home is critical. The late afternoon, evening, and weekend hours are the most productive times to work on these operations. For operations that require you to locate and list housing units, your availability to work daylight hours will be critical.

### PAY

You will be paid weekly for hours worked including time spent in training. Social Security deductions will be taken from your earnings. Federal, state, and local income taxes, where applicable, also will be deducted. You will be reimbursed for authorized mileage and other expenses incurred while working.

### HOW CAN YOU QUALIFY FOR CENSUS WORK?

1. United States citizens will be given preference for census jobs. However, noncitizens may be considered if qualified citizens are not available, particularly in areas where bilingual ability is a necessary qualification. You must present documentation of employment eligibility. The types of acceptable documentation are listed on the reverse side of this page.
2. You must be 18 years or older to be hired.
3. You must have a valid Social Security Number.
4. Applicants must take a written test of basic skills. The test may be taken in Spanish, upon request, along with an English Proficiency Test.
5. Most census jobs require the employee to conduct face-to-face interviews with respondents. This involves visiting respondents in a variety of residence types, asking questions and recording responses.
6. Male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selective Service System.
7. If you have had a conviction of a violation of the law since age 18 for something other than a minor traffic violation it could be a basis for nonselection.
8. You may not engage in any partisan political activity while on duty.
9. All non-census employment (including law and regulatory enforcement jobs) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for compatibility with Census Bureau employment.

For more information, contact:

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FORM **BC-170D**  
(12-14-2007)

*Instructions to prepare for the testing session  
are on reverse side.*

U S C E N S U S B U R E A U

**How do I complete the BC-170D, Census Employment Inquiry?**

1. Print clearly using a black or blue pen. We cannot accept your form if it is not legible. Print neatly in uppercase. For example → 

A	B	C	
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2. Follow the instructions provided with every item. If you do not answer all questions fully and correctly, you may delay the processing of your application.
3. Enter one letter or number within each white block or complete the information on the line provided.

Here are a few explanatory notes for some of the items:

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**Section A – Applicant Personal Data**

3. Enter your street address followed by your city, county, and state. Enter the *State* postal abbreviation for the state in which you live, for example, MS for Mississippi.
7. Enter your telephone number(s) and Mark (X) box(es)  
**H** – home, **W** – work, or **C** – cell
9. Enter your *Date of Birth*. For example, enter July 6, 1952 as follows:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Year</b>								
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**Section C – Application Data**

15. Enter an (X) in the yes or no response box for: *Are you willing to work in the field?* If you enter "yes" in the response box, you will be considered for positions in the field. These positions include working primarily outside the office environment.
  16. Enter an (X) in the yes or no response box for: *Are you willing to work in the office?* If you enter "yes" in the response box, you will be considered for positions in the office. These positions include working primarily within the office environment.
- ▶ By entering a yes for both office and field positions, you will be considered for positions in both those areas.

**What is the test like?**

Each applicant interested in Census Bureau employment must take a written test. One such test is called the Field Employee Selection Aid. It consists of 28 questions designed to measure the knowledge, skills, and abilities, required to perform a variety of census jobs. You will have 30 minutes to complete the multiple choice test. Provided here are some sample questions to help better prepare you for the test. You may also request a practice test to help prepare for the test.

The test is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities (such as sign language interpretation) should be directed to the contact office and phone number on the front of this form.

**Sample Questions**

Review the numbers in Column A to those in Column B. Then answer the question below.

Column A		Column B	
75823	85537	87537	73358
82537	87537	85537	82357
73358		75823	

Which number in Column A has no match?

- (A) 82537                      (C) 97537  
(B) 85537                      (D) None of the above
- ANSWER A**

Multiply the numbers below:

- 1.5 x 6.3
- (A) .945                      (C) 94.5  
(B) 9.45                      (D) 945
- ANSWER B**

**Can I receive veterans' preference?**

If you served on active duty in the United States military and were separated under honorable conditions, you may be eligible for veterans' preference. To receive 5-point veterans' preference, applicants must bring a copy of a completed DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, to the testing site. To receive 10-point veterans' preference, applicants must also bring a completed SF-15, Application for Veterans' Preference, with the appropriate documentation as shown on the reverse of the SF-15.

**Identification you need to bring to the testing site**

**EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION** – The following types of documentation can be used to prove identity and eligibility requirements for employment. Provide one document from List A or one document from List B and from List C to meet Form I-9 requirements.

**LIST A – Documents that Establish Both Identity and Employment Eligibility**

1. U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired)
2. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (*Form I-551*)
3. An unexpired foreign passport with a temporary I-551 stamp
4. An unexpired Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (*Form I-766, I-688, I-688A, I-688B*)
5. An unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired Arrival-Departure Record, Form I-94, bearing the same name as the passport and containing an endorsement of the alien's nonimmigrant status, if that status authorizes the alien to work for the employer

**LIST B – Documents that Establish Identity**

- OR**
1. Driver's license or ID card issued by a state or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address
  2. ID card issued by federal, state, or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address
  3. School ID card with a photograph
  4. Voter's registration card
  5. U.S. Military card or draft record
  6. Military dependent's ID card
  7. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
  8. Native American tribal document
  9. Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority

**For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above:**

10. School record or report card
11. Clinic, doctor, or hospital record
12. Day care or nursery school record

**LIST C – Documents that Establish Employment Eligibility**

- AND**
1. U.S. Social Security card issued by the Social Security Administration (*other than a card stating it is not valid for employment*)
  2. Certificate of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (*Form FS-545 or Form DS-1350*)
  3. Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal
  4. Native American tribal document
  5. U.S. Citizen ID Card (*Form I-197*)
  6. ID Card for use of Resident Citizen in the United States (*Form I-179*)
  7. Unexpired employment authorization document issued by DHS (*other than those listed under List A*)

CENSUS EMPLOYMENT INQUIRY

Section A - APPLICANT PERSONAL DATA

1. Social Security Number

SSN input fields

2. Name

Last Name

Last Name input field

First Name

First Name input field

MI

MI input field

3. Residence address

Street address or RFD number (Include apartment number, if any)

Street address input field 1

Street address input field 2

City

City input field

County

County input field

State

State input field

ZIP Code

ZIP Code input field

4. Mailing address (if different from Item 3)

Street address or RFD number (Include apartment number, if any)

Mailing street address input field 1

Mailing street address input field 2

City

Mailing city input field

State

Mailing state input field

ZIP Code

Mailing ZIP Code input field

5. Intersecting streets nearest your home

Intersecting streets input field

6. E-mail address

E-mail address input field

7. Telephone number(s)

Area code

Number

Mark (X) one box

Day

Day area code input field

Day number input field 1

Day number input field 2

Day (H) input field

Day (W) input field

Day (C) input field

Evening

Evening area code input field

Evening number input field 1

Evening number input field 2

Evening (H) input field

Evening (W) input field

Evening (C) input field

Other phone

Other phone area code input field

Other phone number input field 1

Other phone number input field 2

Other phone (H) input field

Other phone (W) input field

Other phone (C) input field

8. Sex Mark (X) one box.

Female Male

Sex input fields

9. Date and place of birth

a. Date of birth

Month Day Year

Month input field

Day input field

Year input field

b. Place of birth

City

City input field

State or country

State or country input field

10. FOR MALES ONLY: If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and you want to be employed by the Federal Government, you must be registered with the Selective Service System. Mark (X) one box.

I certify that I am registered. I certify that I am not registered. If not, explain in Item 32.

11. Are you a citizen or national of the United States?

Yes No - Are you a lawful permanent resident? Yes - Specify alien No.

Alien No. input field

12. Military Service

a. Do you claim veterans' preference? Mark (X) one box.

No preference - Skip to Item 13a. Yes - List period(s) of service

Service period input fields

Branch, Rank, Awards, Badges, or Campaign medals -

Branch, Rank, Awards, Badges, or Campaign medals input field

b. Veterans' preference categories? Mark (X) one box.

5-point preference - Attach your DD-214 or other proof 10-point preference - Follow instruction below If you claim 10-point preference, you must complete a Standard Form 15, which is available at any Federal Job Information Center. ATTACH THE COMPLETED SF-15 TO THIS APPLICATION, INCLUDE THE PROOF REQUESTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE SF-15. Indicate the type of 10-point preference you qualify for by marking (X) one of the following: 10-point (disability) pref. 10-point (compensable disability) pref. - less than 30% 10-point (compensable disability) pref. - 30% or more 10-point (other) pref. (use when you are a spouse, widow, or mother of a disabled veteran)

c. Kind of discharge? Mark (X) one box.

Honorable or general under honorable conditions Other - Explain in Item 32.

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A. Location

Office or LCO input field

B. FIPS State

FIPS State input field

C. FIPS County

FIPS County input field

D. Census Tract

Census Tract input field

E. Census Block

Census Block input field

F. Test information

Non-Supervisory Supervisory

Raw score

Raw score input field

G. I-9 Code

List A:

List B:

List C:

List A input field

List B input field

List C input field

H. Veteran's proof

Verified & attached

I. Language code(s)

Language code(s) input field



## Section F – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Answer questions 27 through 31 below. Read each statement carefully before responding.

Mark (X) one

**27.** During the past **5 years**, have you been **fired from any job** for any reason, did you **quit after being told that you would be fired**, or did you leave any job by mutual agreement because of specific problems, or were you debarred from Federal employment by the Office of Personnel Management or any other Federal agency?  
*If "YES," use Item 32 (below) to write for each job a) the name and address of the employer; b) the approximate date you left the job, and c) an explanation of the problem and the reason for leaving.*

Yes  No

**When answering questions 28 through 31 you may omit:** 1) traffic fines of \$300 or less; 2) any violation of law committed before your 16th birthday, 3) any violation of law committed before your 18th birthday if finally decided in juvenile court or under a Youth Offender law, 4) any conviction set aside under the Federal Youth Corrections Act or similar state law, and 5) any other conviction for which the record was expunged under Federal or state law. **NOTE:** You must include convictions resulting from a plea of nolo contendere (no contest).

**Important note about questions 28 through 31.** We will consider the date, facts, and circumstances of each event you list. In most cases you can still be considered for Federal jobs. However, if you fail to tell the truth or fail to list all relevant events, this failure may be grounds for not hiring you, for firing you after you begin work, or for criminal prosecution [18 U.S.C. 1001]. *If "YES," use Item 32 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.*

**28.** During the last **10 years**, have you been **convicted, been imprisoned, been on probation, or been on parole?** (Includes felonies, firearms or explosives violations, misdemeanors, and all other offenses. *If "YES," use Item 32 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.*)

Yes  No

**29.** Are you **now** under charges for **any** violation of law? *If "YES," use Item 32 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.*

Yes  No

**30.** Have you been convicted by a **military court-martial in the past 10 years?** *If no military service, answer "NO." If "YES," use Item 32 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the military authority or court involved.*

Yes  No

**31.** Are you **delinquent** on any Federal debt? (Include delinquencies arising from Federal taxes, loans, overpayment of benefits, and other debts to the U.S. Government **plus** defaults on Federally guaranteed or insured loans such as student and home mortgage loans.) *If "YES," use Item 32 to provide the type, length, and amount of the delinquency or default, and steps that you are taking to correct the error or repay the debt.*

Yes  No

**32. EXPLANATIONS OR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH 31 – Attach additional listing if needed.**


## Section G – PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of this information is authorized by section 23 of title 13, U.S. Code, which authorizes temporary appointments in the Census Bureau. The information will be used primarily to determine your qualifications for employment and may be used also to identify you to other sources asked to comment on your qualifications, e.g., educational institutions, former employers, and law enforcement agencies, or to a court during legal proceedings.

We must have your Social Security Number (SSN) to keep our records straight because other people may have the same name and birth date. The SSN has been used to keep records since 1943, when Executive Order 9397 asked agencies to do so. The furnishing of all the information is voluntary, but failure to provide any part or all of the data requested will result in your receiving no further consideration for employment.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Paperwork Project 0607-0139, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233-1500. You may E-mail comments to Paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0139" as the subject.

The eight digit OMB control number on the first page of this form confirms our authority to collect this information.

## Section H – SIGNATURE, CERTIFICATION, AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

**YOU MUST SIGN THIS APPLICATION IN DARK INK. Read the following carefully before you sign. A false statement on any part of your application may be grounds for not hiring you, or for firing you after you begin work. Also, you may be punished by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001).**

**I understand that any information I give may be investigated as allowed by law or Presidential order. I consent to the release of information about my ability and fitness for Federal employment by employers, schools, law enforcement agencies and other individuals and organizations, to investigators, personnel staffing specialists, and other authorized employees of the Federal Government. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of my statements are true, correct, complete, and made in good faith.**

Signature	Date signed
Print name	