

# **“TAKE 10” for the CENSUS**

**It’s easy. It’s important. And it’s safe.**

Take 10 minutes to answer 10 questions on your Census form and help Grundy County, and our cities, get what we need for the NEXT 10 YEARS.

Recently, you should have received your 2010 Census form in the mail.

**It’s easy.** One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete.

**It’s important.** Census data is used to fairly distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funding each year, for the next 10 years. Also, census data is used to reapportion seats in Congress, and to ensure proper representation in state and local government. Iowa could possibly lose a seat in Congress after this census.

**It’s safe.** By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents’ answers with anyone, even other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure of information is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

**April 1 is Census Day.** Responses to the census form should include everyone who will be living at your address on that date. (It is not necessary to wait until Census Day to return your census forms. Forms should be returned as quickly as possible.) The easiest and most efficient way to respond to the 2010 Census is to complete your form as soon as it arrives and return it in the postage-paid return envelope.

For more information, visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).