

2010 Census Bringing Jobs to Salt Lake Area

Hundreds in the Wasatch Front will be Hired to Support U.S. Census Bureau's Goal of a Complete Count

The U.S. Census Bureau is gearing up for the 2010 Census—and it needs help to ensure everyone is counted.

Hundreds of temporary workers are needed to fill a variety of census positions across the Wasatch Front. Area residents can apply to earn good weekly pay, enjoy flexible hours and be part of a historic opportunity to serve their communities.

The 2010 Census: Employees Making a Difference

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to count each person residing in the United States. This includes all 50 states, Washington, D.C., American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The census takes a snapshot of the U.S. population, determining how many people reside within the nation's borders, who they are and where they live. This includes individuals of all ages, races, ethnic groups—both citizens and non-citizens. Data about how communities are changing are crucial to many planning decisions—such as neighborhood improvements, emergency preparedness and disaster recovery, public health, education, transportation, senior services and much more.

Population data collected through the census are used to allocate billions of dollars in annual federal funding for states and communities. The census also determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The 2010 Census questionnaire contains only a few simple questions and will be mailed or delivered to every U.S. household in March 2010. Heads of household are required by law to complete the questionnaire and are asked to provide information that is accurate for their households as of April 1, 2010. All personal information provided in the census questionnaire is kept private and is protected by federal law. During Census 2000, 67 percent of U.S. residents responded to the census questionnaire. However, the ultimate goal for every census is a complete count, which begins with everyone returning their census questionnaire.

Temporary Census Jobs Offer Good Pay, Flexible Hours

Short-term 2010 Census jobs are ideal for retirees, college students, recent high school graduates, stay-at-home parents, those seeking a second job to earn extra cash and others seeking part-time work. Census positions offer good pay based on current rates in the applicant's area. Census jobs also offer flexible schedules and paid training, along with reimbursement for authorized mileage and other expenses.

Conducting the census is a huge undertaking, which requires the Census Bureau to hire for a wide variety of positions. Census takers are needed to update address lists for their respective communities to ensure all residents receive the 2010 Census questionnaire. Census takers are also needed to conduct in-person interviews with community residents who do not return a questionnaire by mail. In addition, the Census Bureau needs Crew Leaders to train and supervise employees, and Recruiting Assistants to serve as local representatives who notify their communities about census jobs in their local areas. (See **sidebar** for more details on individual positions.)

Field and office positions are available. Most field work requires the ability to work on a flexible schedule, which may include evenings and weekends. Office jobs are less variable and can involve shift work. Both full-time and part-time hours can vary between day and evening schedules.

Qualifying for a 2010 Census Job

2010 Census job applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security Number, and be able to pass a background check and take a 30-minute, multiple-choice test that measures knowledge,

skills and abilities required to perform a variety of census jobs, including basic clerical, reading, number and organization skills.

In some cases, workers will also be required to possess a valid driver's license. U.S. citizenship is not required to apply for census jobs, particularly in areas where bilingual ability is a necessary qualification. However, non-citizens will only be hired for these positions if there are no qualified U.S. citizens available.

All temporary employees must be able to commit to four days of job training, for which they will be compensated at their regular hourly rate. Trainings will be held on weekdays, evenings and weekends.

Those interested in applying for temporary jobs may do so at their Local Census Offices, which will begin opening nationwide in late 2008 and will begin hiring in early 2009. The majority of Local Census Offices will not open until late 2009, with the peak hiring period expected to be in spring 2010.

Census Bureau employees can help ensure their communities are accurately counted and don't miss out on their fair share of funding and political representation.

For more information on temporary employment with the Census Bureau, or to schedule an appointment to take an employment test and submit an application, call the toll-free 2010 Census Jobs Line: 1-866-861-2010. TTY Callers: Please use the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

More information is also available at www.2010censusjobs.gov.