

2005 Census Survey and Confidentiality

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does the recently passed citizen initiative requiring proof of citizenship (Proposition 200) affect the 2005 Census Survey taking place September 1, 2005?

It does not affect it in any way. The Arizona Attorney General has declared that only a handful of state and city programs are impacted.

If I am not a citizen of the United States, should I or do I need to fill out the Census Survey?

Absolutely yes! The purpose of the survey is to count EVERYONE who is living in your city or town, regardless of citizenship status. This survey has nothing to do with whether the people are living here legally or otherwise.

Does an individual need to provide an identification of some sort when filling out the survey?

People are not required to produce any form of identification for the Census Survey. The purpose of the survey is to update population figures from 2000 Census. The survey asks for the number of persons living under a single roof. However, the Census does ask you to provide the names, ages and sex of the people living in your home to verify the number of people living in the home.

Will the information gathered from the Census Survey be shared among government agencies?

No. By federal law, the Census Bureau **cannot** share your answers with other government agencies, including immigration authorities, welfare agencies, Internal Revenue Service, courts, police and other law entities.

How confidential is the information on the Census Survey?

The information is totally confidential. The Census Bureau has a longstanding position without exception to hold each person's answers confidential. Not even the president of the United States has access to your personal information.

What are people asked on the Census Survey?

There are nine questions in the survey. Basically one is asked to respond about the number of people living in the home and the type of residence it is.

How do I benefit by filling out the Census Survey?

For each person counted, your city or town gets more money to pay for more and better schools, parks, police protection, fire and ambulance services, libraries and roads, just to name a few. In short, your whole family and neighbors will benefit from your filling out the survey. Your participation has a direct financial impact. Each person counted equates to \$432.63 in City of Phoenix services.