

The 2010 Census and What it Means to You

What Count

The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.

Who Everyone

All residents of the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens.

When Every 10 years

Every 10 years, and the next census occurs in 2010. Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in March 2010. The questions ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household as of April 1, 2010. Be sure to return the questionnaire by the date shown on the questionnaire.

The Census Bureau must count everyone and submit state population totals to the U.S. President by December 31, 2010.

The first Census was conducted in 1790 and has been carried out every 10 years since then.

Where Everywhere in the U.S.

The census counts everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.

People should be counted where they live and sleep most of the year.

Why

The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount of everyone residing in the United States. The population totals determine

each state's Congressional representation. The numbers also affect funding in your community and help inform decision makers about how your community is changing

How

The Census Bureau will mail or deliver questionnaires to your house in March 2010. They will mail a second form to households that do not respond to the initial questionnaire.

Households that still do not respond will be called or visited by a Census worker. (Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.)

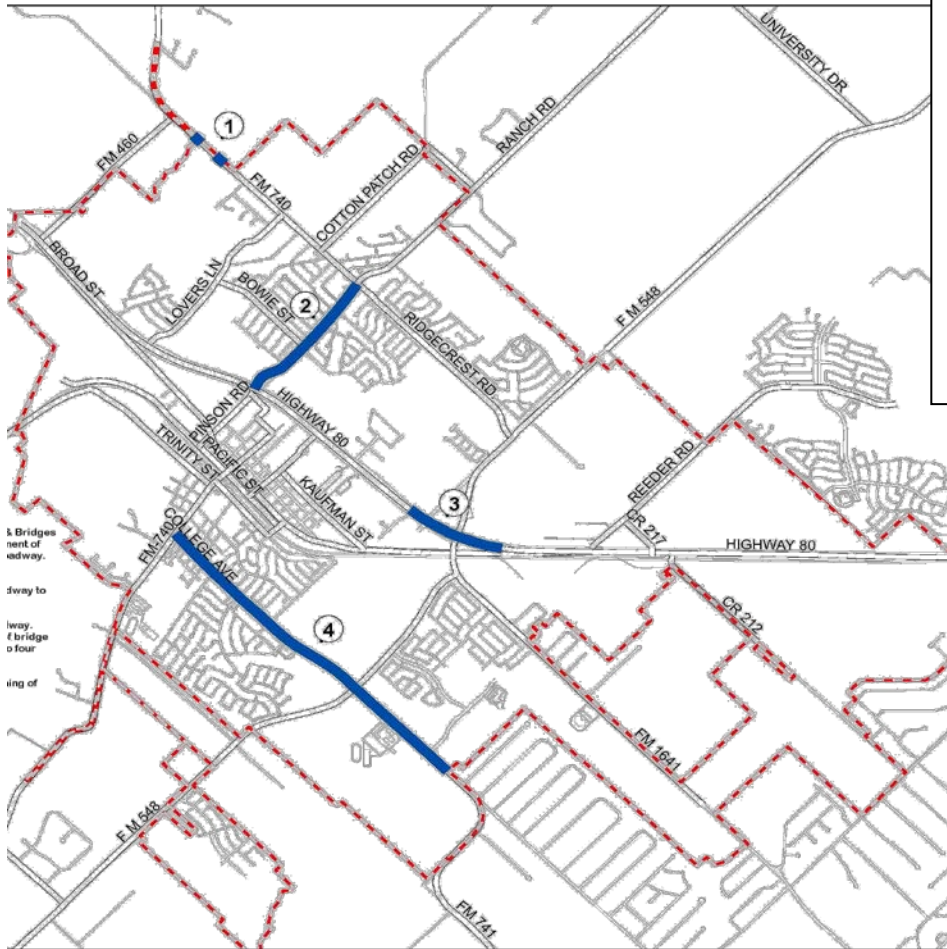
WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT TO MY COMMUNITY?

- ✚ Census data directly affect how more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more.
- ✚ Census data is used to draw local, county, state and federal political districts for elections that determine which public officials will represent you.
- ✚ Census data is also used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict state legislatures.
- ✚ Census data show where people live and the shifts in population every 10 years, Census Data is used in community planning, for example, to decide where to provide services for the elderly, where to build new roads and schools, and where to locate job training centers.

**Be sure to complete and return your
Census questionnaire.**

ROAD CONSTRUCTION AREAS AROUND TOWN

--- City Limits — Construction areas



Legend

1. FM740 North Roadway & Bridges at Buffalo Creek. Replacement of bridges and widening of road to four lanes. [TXDOT project]
2. Pinson Road/FM740 North Roadway. Widening of road to four lanes. [Bond Project]
3. FM548/US80 Bridge and Roadway. Replacement and widening of bridge and widening of roadway to four lanes. [Bond Project]
4. FM741 Roadway. Widening of Roadway to four lanes. [Bond Project]

For more information on Projects 2 thru 4, Check out www.keepforneymoving.com

2ND ANNUAL CITY SURVEY COMING SOON TO A MAIL BOX NEAR YOU!

The City of Forney will be conducting its second annual citizen survey in April. Your response is very important to us, so please watch for the survey.



March is Texas SmartScape Month

The purpose of SmartScape® is to educate our citizens on the ecological, economic and aesthetic benefits of using landscaping plants, shrubs, grasses and trees that are native or adapted to our regional climate and location conditions. For more information, see our website at www.cityofforney.org.

FUN FACTS

Gardening is said to be one of the best exercises for maintaining healthy bones.

There wasn't a single pony in the Pony Express, just horses.

Think
SHOP
Live
FORNEY

Important Dates

- March 2 – City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- March 16 – City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

March 14 – Daylight Savings Time begins
Spring Forward

REMEMBER TO CONSERVE WATER

**Watering is not allowed from
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.**

Citizens can water their property twice a week, on any day, but not between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

City Boards and Commissions

The City is accepting applications for a place on one of our boards or commissions. The application can be found on our website at www.cityofforney.org or you can contact the City Secretary by email at dbrooks@cityofforney.org or by phone at 972-564-7302 to request an application. The applications will be kept on file for a period of two (2) years. Please note that while we cannot guarantee appointment to a board or commission, all applications will be given consideration. Appointments for open positions are usually made in June.