

Top Ten Reasons Why Victoria County Residents Should Fill out and Mail Back the 2010 Census Form

Every ten years our country is mandated by the Constitution to count its citizenry. It is a massive effort that involves thousands of people. Here are the top ten reasons why every Victoria County resident should fill out and mail back the 2010 Census form.

1. There is no long form for the 2010 Census. Ten quick and simple questions are all that have to be filled out and mailed back to the Census Bureau.
2. Most questions can be answered by checking a box.
3. If you fill out the Census and mail it back, you will never be contacted by the Census Bureau.
4. Data gathered from the Census is confidential! Data is not shared with ANY companies or individuals – it is against the LAW and the penalties are very stiff (\$250,000 in fines and a five year prison sentence are just a start.)
5. Millions of dollars spent in Victoria County by the City, County, Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission, State and Federal Government are determined by an accurate Census Count! (These include projects from neighborhood cleanups, to transportation grants, to programs for senior citizens.)
6. An accurate Census Count brings millions of tax dollars we pay to the federal government back to Victoria.
7. There will be numerous “Be Counted” centers all around Victoria County and the region to answer questions and to even help individuals fill out the Census in almost every language imaginable.
8. Everyone can help. When the census form is mailed in March, fill it out and mail it back.
9. If you own a business take some Census posters and brochures back to your business and display them. Encourage your employees to fill out the census and mail it back.
10. And the best reason for filling out the Census is that for every person that is not counted, the community loses \$12,000 in funding for much-needed community projects. (That is \$1.2 million for every 100 people who are not counted!)