

Jobs Available with U.S. Census Bureau

What is the work schedule?

Census taker schedules typically include from 20 to 40 hours of work per week. These positions require interviewing the public, so you must be available to work when people are usually at home, such as in the evening and on weekends.

Will I be hired?

Due to the nature of census work, a large number of people apply and take the employment test. However, not everyone who is qualified will be hired. Job offers depend on the availability of work within each community, test scores, and other qualifications. Only applicants who are being considered for a census job will be called.

You may qualify if...

- You are a U.S. citizen
- You are a legal permanent resident, or non-citizen with an appropriate work visa, and you possess a bilingual skill for which there are no available qualified U.S. citizens
- You are at least 18 years old
- You have a valid Social Security number
- You take a written test of basic skills
- You have a valid driver's license
- You pass a background check
- You commit to four days of training. You will be paid for this training at your regular hourly rate. Training will be held either during daytime hours or during evening and weekend hours.

Note: Males born after December 31, 1959 must be registered with Selective Service.

About the employment test...

The employment test consists of 28 multiple-choice questions designed to measure the skills and abilities required to perform a variety of census jobs, such as:

- Clerical Skills
- Reading Skills
- Number Skills
- Interpreting Information and Evaluating Alternatives
- Organizational Skills

In some areas, the test may be given in Spanish, upon request. These applicants must also take and pass an English proficiency test.

You will have 30 minutes to complete the test. You may retake the test on a different day if you would like to improve your score.

What identification do I need?

You must bring to the testing session one item from List A **OR**, one from List B **AND** one from List C.

List A: Documents that Establish Both Identity and Employment Authorization *(All documents must be unexpired):*

- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form 1-551)
- Foreign passport that contains a temporary 1-551 stamp or temporary 1-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa (MRIV)
- Employment Authorization Document (Card) that contains a photograph (Form 1-766)
- In the case of a nonimmigrant alien authorized to work for a specific employer incident to status, a foreign passport with Form 1-94 or Form 1-94A bearing the same name as the passport and containing an endorsement of the alien's nonimmigrant status, as long as the period of endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment is not in conflict with any restrictions or limitations identified on the form
- Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form 1-94 or Form 1-94A indicating nonimmigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI

List B: Documents That Establish Identity *(All documents must be unexpired):*

For individuals 18 years of age or older:

- Driver's license or ID card issued by a state or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address
- ID card issued by federal, state, or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address
- School ID card with a photograph
- Voter's registration card
- U.S. Military card or draft record
- Military dependent's 10 card
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- Native American tribal document
- Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority

List C: Documents That Establish Employment Authorization *(All documents must be unexpired):*

- U.S. Social Security Account Number card other than one that specifies on the face that the issuance of the card does not authorize employment in the United States
- Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the U.S. Department of State (Form FS-545)
- Certification of Report of Birth issued by the U.S. Department of State (Form DS-1350)
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority, or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal
- Native American tribal document
- U.S. Citizen Identification Card (Form 1-197)
- Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form 1-179)
- Employment authorization document issued by Department of Homeland Security

Your community is counting on you!

Every 10 years, a census of our population is conducted. The results help determine how federal funds are spent in your community on things like roads, parks, and other public services, as well as your representation in government. As a census taker, you'll help to make sure that everyone in your community is counted.

Earn more than just a paycheck.

A 2010 Census job offers a lot: good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and the chance to work independently in your own community. But there's more, you'll also be earning a place in history, as well as giving something back to your community.

2010 Census positions are temporary.

Conducting the census is a huge undertaking, and it requires us to fill a wide variety of positions. For the 2010 Census, thousands of census takers are needed for temporary jobs. These employees conduct interviews with community residents. Most positions require a valid driver's license and use of a vehicle.

What do the jobs pay?

Census jobs offer good pay, which varies by location. Also, census takers are reimbursed for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage. For more information, check with your Local Census Office, or visit our jobs web site at www.2010censusjobs.gov.