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What the Census Means to You.

EDWARDSVILLE, IL, April 19, 2010 - The Federation of American Consumers and Travelers (FACT) has issued an informative bulleting to its members concerning the 2010 census.

Vicki Rolens, managing director of FACT, says "The numbers generated by the census are more than just interesting. They are the basis for determining how much federal aid a given locality will receive.

"In addition, they have an impact on the political landscape, asthey are used to determine how many representatives a given state will have in the United States Congress."

"When all is said and done," she add, "the 2010 Census will impact nearly half-a-trillion dollars in annual federal aid -- dollars that will be earmarked for airports, highways, housing, Medicaid, government loans, and more."

"We recently saw one report," says Rolens, "which estimates that each gain of 500,000 residents translates to \$1.5 billion to a state. That makes it easy to understand why states are urging all of its residents to respond to the Census survey and to be counted."

So far, it appears that states with the most to gain after all the numbers are in will be Texas (which will have gained some 2 million residents in the past 10 years), Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Oregon and Washington state.

States with the most to lose include New York and Ohio.

According to current forecasts, the overall U.S. population is now some 310 million, up more than 10% from the 2000 Census.

In April, census takers will begin to visit households that didn't return a form by mail. In December, by law, the Census Bureau must deliver population information to the President for apportionment. Then, in March 2011, the Bureau complete delivery of redistricting to states.

Anyone who failed to receive a Census Form, or who misplaced the form, is urged to visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/#1>.

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