



HELP WANTED: 84,000 JOBS AVAILABLE IN TEXAS

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring thousands of workers in Texas to help conduct the [2010 Census](#). More than 84,000 jobs will be created throughout the state during peak operations. This policy point tells you more.

Why does the Census matter?

An accurate Census count has direct implications for every Texan. Many government funding decisions for services such as schools, housing, job training, roads, health care, and social services rely on Census data. Many communities are historically undercounted. Census workers can help ensure an accurate count for the 2010 Census.

What sort of job is a Census job?

Census jobs are ideal for people who want to work part-time, individuals who are between jobs, retired people, students, and full-time workers looking to make extra money. Census takers work in their community and go door-to-door to explain the purpose of the census, conduct brief personal interviews, and help neighbors complete their Census questionnaire. These are temporary positions for up to 40 hours a week with pay ranging from \$8 to \$24 per hour based on position and location. The bulk of the hiring will be in March. Census hiring can provide short-term work for many Texans who have lost jobs or are suffering from the economic downturn.

Where can I get more information about a job?

For more information about Census hiring, visit the [Census Web site](#).

- Interested applicants should call (866) 861-2010 or [click here](#) to find their Local Census Office.
- Applicants must take a short [test](#) at their local office that includes basic math, reading, and organization skills.
- Bilingual speakers are encouraged to apply. For more information, [click here](#).

How do I learn more about the Census?

For more information about the Census, visit our [web site](#) and listen to [Counting Every Child so that Every Child Counts](#).

For a presentation on the Census, contact Frances Deviney, our Senior Research Associate, at deviney@cphp.org.

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