

A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE ADDRESS LIST IS THE CORNERSTONE OF A SUCCESSFUL 2010 CENSUS

- Every 10 years, the U. S. Census Bureau regularly updates the Address List from the previous (2000 Census) with records from the U.S. Postal Service.
- Eight million new addresses have been added nation-wide to the Census address list development operation. These addresses were compiled from the Census Bureau's Local Update of Census Addresses Program (LUCA) based on input from over 8,000 Tribal, State and Local Governments.
- Beginning in early April, Census Bureau employees called Address Canvassing listers will walk virtually every street in America to visit residences to check 145 million addresses and update the 2010 Census address list to ensure an accurate list the Bureau will use to mail or hand-deliver the 10 question 2010 Census questionnaires in March, 2010. An updated and accurate address list will increase the mail back response to the questionnaire.
- Starting April 6 through June, New England residents will see in their neighborhoods Census Bureau listers who are comparing local residence addresses with the Bureau's existing address list. Their job is to verify and update local address lists and living quarters units.
- For the first time, the Address Canvassing listers will be using specially designed hand held devices that capture Global Positioning System (GPS) information which will improve census maps and address lists. These devices cannot be used for any other purpose. The listers will wear Bureau identification name tags and backpacks with the Bureau logo during their daylight working hours visiting local residences.
- All address and Census questionnaire information is confidential and protected by law. It cannot be shared with any government agency or law enforcement official. Not even the President himself can be shown the specific information on housing or individuals.