



Each address canvasser will be equipped with a laptop or a hand held computer.



Census workers wear an official identification badge.



Many address canvassers carry U.S. Census Bureau bags, making them easier to identify.



## Census to Begin Address Canvassing Operations

Beginning in late March 2009 the Census Bureau will be sending out address canvassers as a part of early operations. This workforce will walk or drive through neighborhoods to check that all addresses are in our database when the questionnaire is delivered in March 2010. This early operation is vital to ensuring a complete and accurate count.

Many people don't realize that the Address Canvassing operation occurs as much as a year ahead of the official Census day on April 1, 2010. Address Canvassing is the first large field operation for the 2010 Census and it is designed to identify all housing units and other living quarters. Census workers will use hand held computers with maps on them to verify and list structures, including the collection of GPS coordinates for each location.

Address Canvassers will not ask for personal information. They may need to speak to a resident to confirm the address, ask about other living quarters on the property, etc. Census employees will NEVER ask for your social security number, any personal banking information or your legal status (documented/un-documented resident).

All information collected by Address Canvassers and other Census employees is kept strictly confidential and cannot be shared with any other persons, institutions, agencies or governmental entities.



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