

# 2010 CENSUS INFORMATION

## YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS!

**Rice County encourages every resident to participate in the 2010 Census!**

What is the Census?

- The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.
- The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Why is the Census important to Rice County?

- Every year, more than \$400 billion in federal funds is awarded to states and communities based on census data. That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period.
- Census data guide local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals and schools.
- Census data affect your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How is the Census Conducted?

- You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010.
- Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt.
- Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

For More Information:

- US Census Bureau Web site - <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>
- Census office job line - 866-861-2010