

# *Why YOU should be counted*

The following describe some of the reasons why it is important to have everyone participate in census day:

- Provide population counts needed to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Determine state legislative district boundaries.
- Meet critical national data needs for the next 10 years.

## **Federal Programs**

- Determining compliances with the Voting Rights Act and amendments.
- Allocating funds from federal grant programs.
- Identifying areas requiring bilingual education.
- Assessing the need for equal employment opportunity programs.
- Allocating funds and analysis of programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

- Identifying areas needing programs to stimulate economic growth.
- Assessing the need for developing or expanding low-income housing programs.
- Identifying areas requiring child assistance programs.

## **State and Local Government Programs**

- Developing social services programs.
- Programs for the elderly and handicapped.
- Establishing occupational and vocational education programs.
- Planning school district boundaries and school construction programs.
- Assessing the need for state housing bonds for below-market interest rates on mortgages.

## **Academic Research**

- Analyzing social and economic trends.
- Analyzing population growth.