

Were you counted in the '90 Census?

"Were you and all the members of your household counted in the 1990 Census?"

That's the question the Census Bureau is asking all Alaska residents as the census nears completion.

"Were you counted" is an important follow-up effort, part of a series of operations planned to ensure a complete count for Alaska and the nation.

"If you believe a census questionnaire was not completed for your household, or that someone living in your residence was not counted, there is a complete form you can fill out," said Barbara Everett Bryant, director of the U.S. Census Bureau.

The form, which is being printed in newspapers as a public service, can be filled out by readers and mailed to a census office. The form contains only seven questions and is also available from community-based organizations.

Alaska residents who feel they were missed can also provide information over the telephone via a toll-free number. Beginning June 11 and continuing for one month, assistance is available seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. This assistance is in English and seven other languages.

Collect calls are accepted. The number is 1-907-271-4268.

When "Were you counted" forms are processed, they are checked against questionnaires already received to prevent double counting.