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2010 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is now recruiting temporary part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. The pay is good, the hours are flexible, and the work is close to home.

Census taker jobs are excellent for retirees, college students, those who want to work part-time or who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important community service. Information about temporary 2010 census positions can be found at

< <http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php> >.

Your State is a Winner

Help your students learn which industries are ranked highest in your state. Visit < www.census.gov/econ/census/topstates.html > to access “Top Ranking Industries Organized by State,” a site that indicates leading industries by state in per capita sales or receipts or in total sales receipts in the 2002 Economic Census.

Have students investigate their own state and neighboring state’s top ranking industries. Discuss and answer questions:

“Were there more or fewer shipments, employees and establishments in 2002 than in 1997?” “Do any of these industries complement one another?” “What observations can you make about growth or loss in these industries in your state?”

As an extension of this activity, assign a different state to each student to research and become an “authority” on the state’s top ranking industries. Students whose states share related



What High School Teachers Need to Know – Handbook for Teachers About the American Community Survey

The American Community Survey (ACS)

- is an on-going survey.
- is sent to a small sample of the population.
- tells us what the population looks like and how it lives.
- helps communities determine where to locate services and allocate resources.

High school teachers, the Census Bureau has written a handbook just for you! You are one of several select audiences, including Congress, the media, and federal agencies who are major users of Census Bureau data. The Census Bureau recognizes that users of ACS data have varied backgrounds, education, and experiences who need different explanations and guidance to understand ACS data products. To address these diverse needs, the Census Bureau worked closely with a group of experts to develop a series of handbooks, each of which is designed to instruct and provide guidance to a specific audience.

The handbook series is called *A Compass for Understanding and Using American Community*



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Survey Data. The handbook for high school teachers, *What High School Teachers Need to Know*, summarizes the types of information and geographic areas covered by the ACS and explains how to understand and use ACS data. Specific examples are provided to illustrate how data can be incorporated into lesson plans and activities to address a variety of social studies, geography, and mathematics standards. The handbook series complements a series of PowerPoint presentations and an e-learning tutorial designed for novice to expert data users.

Check out this free, downloadable product at <
http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/Compass/handbook_def.html#teachers >

February is Black (African-American) History Month

40.7 million

As of July 1, 2007, the estimated population of black residents in the United States, including those of more than one race. They made up 13.5 percent of the total U.S. population, representing an increase of more than half a million residents from one year earlier.

82%

Among single-race blacks 25 and older, the proportion who earned at least a high school diploma in 2007.

1.2 million

Among single-race blacks 25 and older, the number who earned an advanced degree in 2007 (e.g., master's, doctorate, medical or law). In 1997, about 717,000 blacks had this level of education.

\$88.6 billion

Revenues for black-owned businesses in 2002.

The number of black-owned businesses totaled nearly 1.2 million in 2002. Black-owned firms accounted for 5 percent of all nonfarm businesses in the United States.

64%

Percentage of families among households with a single-race black householder. There were 8.5 million black family households.

27%

The percentage of single-race blacks 16 and older who work in management, professional and related occupations. There are 49,730 black physicians and surgeons, 70,620 postsecondary teachers, 49,050 lawyers, and 57,720 chief executives.

For more information, visit www.census.gov and click on "Facts for Features."

Educational Attainment and School Enrollment in 2007

Teachers will find especially interesting two reports scheduled for release this month:

Educational Attainment in the United States:

2007, scheduled for release in mid-January, provides a portrait of academic achievement by demographic characteristics, such as age, sex, race and Hispanic origin at the regional and state level. It also specifies data for the native-born and foreign-born. Workers' median earnings by educational attainment are shown, broken out by sex, race and Hispanic origin.

School Enrollment in the United States: 2007, tentatively scheduled for release in mid-January, is an annual update at the national level on the demographics of Americans 3



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and older enrolled in classes from nursery school through graduate studies as well as those in vocational training.

Next month's teacher newsletter will contain ideas for lessons utilizing these reports. Consult www.census.gov and under "Newsroom," click on "Releases" for more information.

Contact Census in Schools

If you would like to share any thoughts or ideas about ways to introduce the 2010 Census to your students, please call 1-800-396-1167 or e-mail us at: Census.in.Schools@census.gov. Additional information about Census in Schools can be found at our Web site:

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