

# Educator Update

## Census In Schools



### 2010 Census

#### Data Capture and Processing

We're almost there! The 2010 Census forms are now being processed at our National Data Capture Centers across the country. The data we collect from the forms will help determine the number of representatives to Congress allotted to each state. To learn more, watch a video at <http://2010.census.gov/mediacenter/field-operations/processing.php>.

#### 2010 Congressional Apportionment Countdown

The first data released from the 2010 Census are the official national and state population count, which are used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, this data must be delivered to the President of the United States on or before December 31, 2010.

### We're Staying the Course with You!

Census in Schools is pleased to announce its continued outreach to educators during the 2010-2011 school year. Later this fall, teachers will find new Web-based lessons for use in K-12 classrooms. These lessons will complement existing lessons on the CIS Web site and are designed to provide an opportunity to use new demographic data.

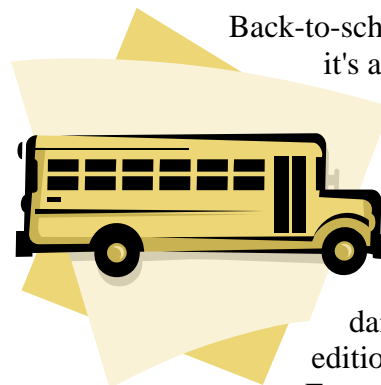
Elementary lessons will examine the difference in the ranking of the top ten states' population by comparing census data from four different decennial censuses and will study changes in the congressional representation for states.

High school lessons will combine the use of Census Bureau data and student research. A lesson using the statistical snapshot developed through the decennial count of the 2010 Census will ask students to compare past and current data, focusing on their state's population under age 18. Students will make projections for their state's future growth. A lesson on apportionment will

help students understand how the shifts in population affect the members each state has in the House of Representatives.

Additionally, Census in Schools staff is available to answer your questions at [Census.in.Schools@census.gov](mailto:Census.in.Schools@census.gov).

### Back to School: 2010-2011



Back-to-school time is here, and it's a time that many children eagerly anticipate because they can catch up with old friends, make new friends, and settle into a new daily routine. This edition of Facts for Features highlights the many statistics associated with the return to classrooms by our nation's students and teachers. For more information, visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) and click on "Facts for Features."

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### **76 million**

The number of children and adults enrolled in school throughout the country in October 2008 — from nursery school to college. They comprised 27 percent of the entire population 3 and older.

### **22%**

Percentage of elementary through high school students who had at least one foreign-born parent in October 2008. Five percent were foreign-born themselves.

### **10.9 million**

Number of school-age children (5 to 17) who spoke a language other than English at home in 2008; 7.8 million of these children spoke Spanish at home.

### **16%**

Percentage of all college students 35 and older in October 2008. They made up 36 percent of those attending school part time.

### **\$83,144**

Average annual 2008 earnings of workers 18 and older with an advanced degree. This compares with \$21,023 for those without a high school diploma. In addition, those with a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$58,613 in 2008, while those with a high school diploma earned \$31,283.

### **11%**

Projected percentage of elementary through high school students enrolled in private schools this fall.

### **49%**

Percentage of 18- and 19-year-olds enrolled in college in 2008.

## **Coming Soon!**

Look for future issues of the Census in Schools Educator Update to provide in-depth coverage of special statistical events including:

- World Statistics Day (October 20, 2010)
- Data releases on:
  - Income and poverty (U.S. poverty rate announced September 16)
  - Apportionment
  - Redistricting
  - American Community Survey (2009 statistics released at the end of September)

## **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 1-800-923-8282 or e-mail us at:

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