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### **Greene County urges resident to take part in 2010 Census**

In observance of Census Day, Greene County urges residents to fill out and return their 2010 Census forms today.

Last month, 2010 Census Forms were mailed to residences. The form asks information about all people living in each residence as of April 1, 2010, or Census Day.

Accurate census data is very important to Greene County as it plans for the county's transportation, law enforcement, development and other needs. Census data helps determine Greene County's eligibility for federal grant funding, including:

- Transportation funding for road and bridges projects
- Department of Justice funding for law enforcement, drug prevention and juvenile programming.
- The availability of Community Development Block Grants.
- Homeland Security grants and post-disaster recovery funding for Emergency Management.

Census data also helps determine the amount of federal funding available to our community's schools, hospitals, job training centers, senior centers, emergency services.

In addition, the data helps determine whether Missouri will retain all nine congressional seats in the US House of Representatives.

Residents with questions about their census forms, or who need help filling the form out should visit [www.2010census.gov/](http://www.2010census.gov/), or call the US Census questionnaire answer line at 866-872-6868.

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