



## The Garifuna Coalition Encourages Garifunas to Complete the US Census Form

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New York. --The Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc., a non-profit, non-partisan 503 (c) (3) organization, advocating on behalf of the Garifuna Community, urges all Garifunas to answer questions 8 and 9 correctly on the 2010 Census form. The questionnaire will be sent to households throughout the United States by March 15-17, 2010.

The Census form includes 10 questions expected to be answered in ten minutes. The Census Bureau requires that the form is filled in appropriately to account for everyone living in the United States as of April 1, 2010.

It is very important that all Garifunas in the United States answer correctly question number 8 about Hispanic Origin, said Jose Francisco Avila, President of the Garifuna Coalition. To answer this question correctly, Garifunas from Guatemala, Honduras or Nicaragua are encouraged to answer yes, another Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin and write in the country in the space provided. *Garifunas* from Belize or St. Vincent and the Grenadines should answer **No**, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.

Question number 9 asks about the person's race. We encourage all Garifunas to answer some other race and write in Garifuna in the space provided.

The Garifuna Coalition would like to remind all Garifunas that the 2010 Census form should be sent back promptly to the US Census on or before April 1st, 2010, said Sulma Arzu-Brown, Vice President.

Households that do not mail back the form will be visited by census takers.

The US Census Bureau aims at counting all U.S. residents, including citizens and non-citizens regardless of their immigration status. Census data help government determine the number of seats per state in the U.S. House of Representatives, and how more than \$400 billion dollars are spent on infrastructure and provision of services at hospitals, schools, senior centers, and job training centers.

For more information about the US Census and the importance of filling out the census form visit the Census Bureaus Question & Answer Center at [2010/census.gov](http://2010/census.gov) or call 1-800-923-8282.

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United States Census 2010

This is the official form for all the people at this address. It is quick and easy, and your answers are protected by law.

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Use a blue or black pen.  
**Start here**

The Census must count every person living in the United States on April 1, 2010.  
Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010.
- Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

The Census must also include people without a permanent place to stay, so:

- If someone who has no permanent place to stay is staying here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or she may be missed in the census.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?  
Number of people =

2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1? Mark  all that apply.

Children, such as newborn babies or foster children  
 Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws  
 Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in baby sitters  
 People staying here temporarily  
 No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark  ONE box.

Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans.  
 Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?  
 Rented?  
 Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number? We may call if we don't understand an answer.  
Area Code + Number  
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5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1.  
What is Person 1's name? Print name below.  
Last Name   
First Name  MI

6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark  ONE box.  
 Male  Female

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old. Print numbers in boxes.  
Age on April 1, 2010  Month  Day  Year of birth   
→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?  
 No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin  
 Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano  
 Yes, Puerto Rican  
 Yes, Cuban  
 Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Print origin, for example, Guatemalan, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on. ↴  
**Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua**

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark  one or more boxes.  
 White  
 Black, African Am., or Negro  
 American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe. ↴  
 Asian Indian  Japanese  Native Hawaiian  
 Chinese  Korean  Guamanian or Chamorro  
 Filipino  Vietnamese  Samoan  
 Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai  Other Pacific Islander — Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on. ↴  
 Some other race — Print race. ↴  
**GARIFUNA**

10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?  
 No  Yes — Mark  all that apply.  
 In college housing  For child custody  
 In the military  In jail or prison  
 At a seasonal or second residence  In a nursing home  
 For another reason

→ If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2.

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