



"Meeting the Needs of Immigrants"

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CITIZENSHIP

CLASSES

MONDAY & TUESDAY

6PM -8PM

Review the 100 questions on
U.S. Civics and History.

FRIDAY

6PM to 8PM

Practice general conversation,
writing, reading
for Citizenship Interview.

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EIIC'S NEW IMMIGRANTS NEWS



Why is it important?

The 2010 Census aims to count all U.S. residents—citizens and non-citizens alike.

Census information affects the numbers of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

The information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other public works projects
- Emergency services

Census 2010 Timeline

February –March 2010 U.S.

Census Bureau mails letter informing households that the census form is coming.

March 15 – 17, 2010 U.S.

Census Bureau mails Census forms , including a prepaid envelope with the form to households so you can mail it back as soon as possible

Mid-March 2010

U.S. Census Bureau mails letter in Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese to inform households how to obtain a Census form in those languages.

March 22 – 24, 2010

U. S. Census Bureau mails reminder postcards.

March 28, 2010

U.S. Census Bureau mails second Census form to households in low response/hard-to-count areas from 100 Census.

April – July 2010

Census takers visit households that haven't returned the census form.

Census 2010 Protect Your Personal Information

Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act reinforce these protections.

Private information is never published

It is against the law to disclose or publish any of the following information:

- Names
- Addresses including **GPS coordinates**
- Social Security numbers
- Telephone numbers



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The 2010 Census form is just 10 questions, such as:

- Name
- Sex
- Age
- Date of birth
- Hispanic origin
- Race
- Household relationship
- If you own or rent

The census **DOES NOT** ask about the legal status of respondents or their Social Security numbers.

The forms are available in six languages: English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Korean, Russian and Vietnamese. English/Spanish bi-lingual forms will be mailed to areas with large numbers of Spanish-only households. You will be able to request a form in one of the five non-English languages via toll-free numbers that will be available closer to Census Day. However, Language Assistance Guides are available in 59 different languages to help people fill out the English version of the census form. You may also access large print and Braille guides and a language reference dictionary.

If you did not receive a form, call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance center at **1-866-872-6868**.

If you prefer a Spanish-speaking operator, then dial **1-866-928-2010**.

The lines will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (your local time) seven days a week from February 25, 2010 through July 30, 2010. For the hearing-impaired, TDD 1-866-783-2010 (during the times noted above).



International Women's Day

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8. It has been recognized by the United Nations since 1911. This great day is a time to recognize all the advances made by women all over the world. With International Women's Day around the corner, it is a great time to give unrecognized credit to the immigrant woman. Many times they arrive in the United States with dreams of a better place. Many road blocks to success are found such a discrimination and unsafe work conditions. Even with all the hurdles, they bring their culture, experience, and talent and make our city even better.

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Citizenship Class Tutor

Paula Forero Esq.,

Paula Forero is the Immigration Advisor at the International Rescue Committee's HQ Immigration unit where she provides advice on a variety of immigration topics, mentors accredited representatives, conducts immigration trainings, and helps monitor the immigration programs at the different sites around the country. She is also an immigration consultant with the Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement House in Long Island City providing direct legal services to Adult ESL students. She's been previously employed by DHS/HQ in Washington DC where she recommended policy and procedural changes to USCIS to improve the immigration process. Prior to this experience she worked for a labor union in New York City that had a high-volume caseload of immigrant and non-immigrant applications and petitions for a private law firm in White Plains, NY. Ms. Forero has a J.D. from Catholic University and a B.A. Cum Laude from American University. She attended St. Sebastian-She speaks Spanish, French and Italian, and is admitted to the New York Bar, Southern and Eastern District of New York.

Martha E. Chavez

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Martha E. Chavez, received her Bachelor's degree in Anthropology in 2004 at The University of Texas and a certificate in Human Rights at the Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez in 2005, In Juarez, Mex. She began her community and organizing work with Texas Civil Rights Project, and The Border Network for Human Rights as the Human Rights Documentation Coordinator, which focused around human and civil rights issues along the border of El Paso, TX/Juarez, Mexico area. Recently Martha moved to New York City to continue her work with immigrant communities, and on September 2008 took the position as Membership and Education Coordinator at NICE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Tax Information Seminar
Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010
7 PM



EIIC attorney, Immigration Counselor and a private accountant will be available to provide free information and answers to your immigration and tax filing questions.

La Guardia Community College
Adult Education
Informational Workshop



<http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu>

Citizenship Drive
April 17, 2010
10AM-1PM

How to apply for
United States Citizenship?
Informational Workshop

Please bring:

- Green Card
- Certificate of Dispositions
- All passports
- Social Security Card
- Marriage & Divorce certificates
- Spouse & Children's birth certificates

Basic Requirements
for Naturalization

- You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- You must have been a lawful permanent resident (green card holder) for at least four years and nine months or at least two years and nine months if married to a U.S. citizen .
- You must have been a resident of the state from which you are applying for at least three months.
- Other requirements may affect you depending on individual circumstances.

Credit Workshop
Tuesday, March 30, 2010
5:00 PM



How to understand your
Credit Report

Emerald Isle Immigration Center



Invites you
Informational Workshop
2010 Census Form Completion

March 25, 2010

10AM - 3 PM

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April Edition:
New York City Celebrates
the Seventh Annual Immigrant
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