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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Census Data Impacts Local Education Funding**

**DUBUQUE, IA** – Adequate educational resources are critical to every community. The information gathered from the U.S. Census can lead to new learning opportunities right here in our community.

Getting an accurate count of Dubuque's citizens and non-citizens will help us to obtain federal funding for school projects, like new buildings, drawing new district boundaries, job training centers, adult education programs and child-care centers.

Every citizen and non-citizen in Dubuque can help. Census forms will be mailed to every residence in Dubuque. Some have already arrived in mailboxes. Others will arrive in the next two weeks. Recipients should fill out the census form when it arrives, and mail it back right away. It has ten easy questions that take only ten minutes to answer. All information is strictly confidential. With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census web site at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) or our local web site at [www.cityofdubuque.org/census](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/census).

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*In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than **\$400 billion** is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years.*