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Census Forms Still Available

DUBUQUE, IA – Although the Census Bureau proclaimed National Census Day as April 1st, and that date has passed, Dubuque and Dubuque County residents are still able to fill out and return their forms. Forms are available for those residences who never received a form in the mail or who have misplaced or lost their forms.

The national toll free Census Bureau number can be used to request another form. There is also an option through the toll free number to provide the answers to the census questions via telephone. The toll free number is **1-866-872-6868**.

For those area citizens and non-citizens who would like a paper form, a limited supply is available at City Hall, on the second floor in the Planning Services Department, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All information that comes from the forms 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.2010census.gov, or our local web site at www.cityofdubuque.org/census.

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.*

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