

2010 CENSUS

MICHIGAN NEEDS ALL SNOWBIRDS WHO LIVE HERE MOST OF THE TIME TO BE COUNTED HERE, TO HELP OUR STATE, OUR CITIES, AND OUR NEIGHBORS RECEIVE A FAIR SHARE OF FEDERAL RESOURCES.

In March, the 2010 Census forms will be mailed to every residence. Residents will be instructed to complete the form and return it by April 1st. However, many Michigan snowbirds may complete that form incorrectly, by using their southern residence and therefore not be counted as a Michigan resident.

If retirees/snowbirds reside in Michigan for more than six (6) months of the year they should be counted as a Michigan resident, so that Michigan receives the federal benefits for them. Each person who is counted in Michigan brings more than \$1,000 to Michigan each year in federal funding. The 2010 census count determines funding to state and local governments, money for roads, schools, businesses, and services for the elderly.

To be sure snowbirds that live in Michigan six months or more are properly counted; this is what everyone needs to do:

- 1) When you receive a Census Questionnaire at your winter address, do not fill it out, or as an alternative, answer zero (0) if you live there less than six months of the year.
- 2) If you return to Michigan before April 15, fill out the Census Questionnaire that will be delivered to your Michigan Address.
- 3) After April 15, or if you do not find a questionnaire when you return, wait until the Census sends a census taker to your door to get a form completed.

Lets all do our part to help Michigan, be counted correctly.