



County of Rockland

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County's Census Mail Participation Rate at 50% *Questionnaire Assistance Centers and Be Counted Sites Now Open*

New City, NY – County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef and the Rockland County Census 2010 Complete Count Committee today announced that according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Rockland County's Mail Participation Rate for the 2010 Census as of March 31st is 50%, which is on pace with the current National Mail Participation Rate of 50% and higher than the New York State participation rate of 45%.

"We are pleased to see Rockland's mail participation rate growing, but we need to do more to ensure everyone sends in their forms," said Vanderhoef. "If 100% of households mailed back their forms, taxpayers throughout the United States would save \$1.5 BILLION dollars.

"Everyone who lives in Rockland County should use National Census Day – April 1st – as an opportunity for sending their completed Census forms back in the mail if they have not already done so. 2010 Census Forms began arriving in mailboxes throughout the County the week of March 15th. The form includes only 10 questions, and participation in the Census is easy, important, safe and confidential. Census data helps determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed to governments every year - including funding for schools, roads, health care and other critical programs. To ensure we get the funding we deserve for these important programs and services, we must make sure everyone living in Rockland County is counted in the Census."

Vanderhoef also announced the locations of centers throughout the County where residents can go to obtain Census forms or to get assistance with completing their forms.

For residents who did not receive a form in their household or believe they were missed on their household's form, **Be Counted sites** have been established where they can go to get a form. *Be Counted* forms are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Russian and Vietnamese during the normal business hours of each site.

Be Counted sites in Rockland County include the following locations:

- Bagel Stop: 321 Route 59, Monsey, 10952
- Blauvelt Free Library: 541 Western Highway, Blauvelt, 10913
- Haverstraw Kings Daughters Library - Rosman Center: 10 West Ramapo Road, Garnerville, 10923
- Monsey Kosher: 84 Route 59, Monsey, 10952
- Nyack Laundry: 46 South Franklin Street, Nyack, 10960

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- Orangeburg Public Library: 20 South Greenbush Road, Orangeburg, 10962
- Provident Bank - Congers: 1 Lake Road, Congers, 10920
- Provident Bank - Nanuet: 44 West Route 59, Nanuet, 10954
- Provident Bank - New City: 179 South Main Street, New City, 10956
- Provident Bank - Pomona: 1633 Route 202, Pomona, 10970
- Temple Beth El: 415 Viola Road, Spring Valley, 10977
- The Cove Deli: 243 North Liberty Drive, Tomkins Cove, 10986

The Census Bureau will also be staffing **Questionnaire Assistance Centers** in Rockland where people can get information about the Census and help with completing their forms in multiple languages. The Centers will also offer language assistance guides in 59 languages to assist non-English speaking residents with completing their forms. Assistance hours for these *Questionnaire Assistance Centers* vary by site, so it is recommended that residents call the Rockland/Northern Westchester Local Census Office at (845) 848-3306, or visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/> to find out the availability of assistance at these locations. Similar to the *Be Counted* sites, forms are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Russian and Vietnamese during the normal business hours of each site.

Questionnaire Assistance Centers in Rockland County include the following locations:

- Ben Gilman Health Care Center - Spring Valley: 175 Route 59, Spring Valley, 10977
- Brook Presbyterian Church - Hillburn: 6th Street, Hillburn, 10931
- CAPROC- Haverstraw: 37 Clove Avenue, Haverstraw, 10927
- CAPROC- Spring Valley: 176 North Main Street, Spring Valley, 10977
- Davids Check Cashing - Nyack: 2 South Highland Avenue, Nyack, 10960
- Davids Check Cashing - Suffern: 28 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, 10901
- Davids Check Cashing - West Haverstraw: 57 Route 9W South, West Haverstraw, 10993
- Esplanade at Palisades: 640 Oak Tree Road, Palisades, 10964
- Finkelstein Memorial Library: 24 Chestnut Street, Spring Valley, 10977
- Haverstraw Center: 50 West Broad Street, Haverstraw, 10927
- Haverstraw Town Hall: 1 Rosman Road, Garnerville, 10923
- Hillburn Village Hall: 31 Mountain Avenue, Hillburn, 10931
- HOGAR INC: 17 West Broad Street, Haverstraw, 10927
- JCC of Rockland: 450 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, 10994
- Martin Luther King Center - Spring Valley: 110 Bethune Boulevard, Spring Valley, 10977

- Monsey Medical and Dental: 40 Robert Pitt Drive, Monsey, 10952
- Nanuet Library: 149 Church Street, Nanuet, 10954
- New City Public Library: 220 North Main Street, New City, 10956
- New Square Village Hall: 766 North Main Street, Spring Valley, 10977
- Nyack Public Library: 59 South Broadway, Nyack, 10960
- Rockland County Department of Social Services - Robert L Yeager Health Center Bldg L: Sanatorium Rd, Pomona, 10970
- Rockland Community College - Spring Valley Extension Center: 185 North Main Street, Spring Valley, 10977
- Rockland County YMCA: 35 South Broadway, Nyack, 10960
- Sloatsburg Public Library: 1 Liberty Rock Road, Sloatsburg, 10974
- Stony Point Recreational Center: 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, 10980
- Suffern Public Library: 210 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, 10901
- Tomkins Cove Library: 419 North Liberty Drive, Tomkins Cove, 10986
- United Church of Spring Valley: 11 East Church Street, Spring Valley, 10977
- West Street Child Care Center - Spring Valley: 95 North Main Street, Spring Valley, 10977

Along with the language assistance guides, there are also short, in-language videos on the Census 2010 website at www.2010census.gov. The Census Bureau has also made Braille and large print assistance guides available, and for the hearing impaired, a TDD program is available at 1-866-783-2010.

The Census Bureau also provides Telephone Questionnaire Assistance in Spanish (1-866-928-2010), Chinese (1-866-935-2010), Vietnamese (1-866-945-2010), Korean (1-866-955-2010) and Russian (1-866-965-2010) in addition to English (1-866-872-6868).

The Census Bureau's Mail Participation Rate represents the percent of forms mailed back by households that received a form and excludes households whose forms were returned to the Census Bureau by the United States Postal Service as "undeliverable", strongly suggesting the house was vacant. The Census Bureau is updating these Mail Participation Rates daily, Monday through Friday, at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/>.

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