

"Down for the Count"

*An Accurate Count for the Betterment of our Asian Pacific American Community,
for Education, for Equal Employment Opportunities,
and much more...*

The Outcome of Census 2000 will have a major impact on you, your children, and your neighborhood.

What is Census 2000?

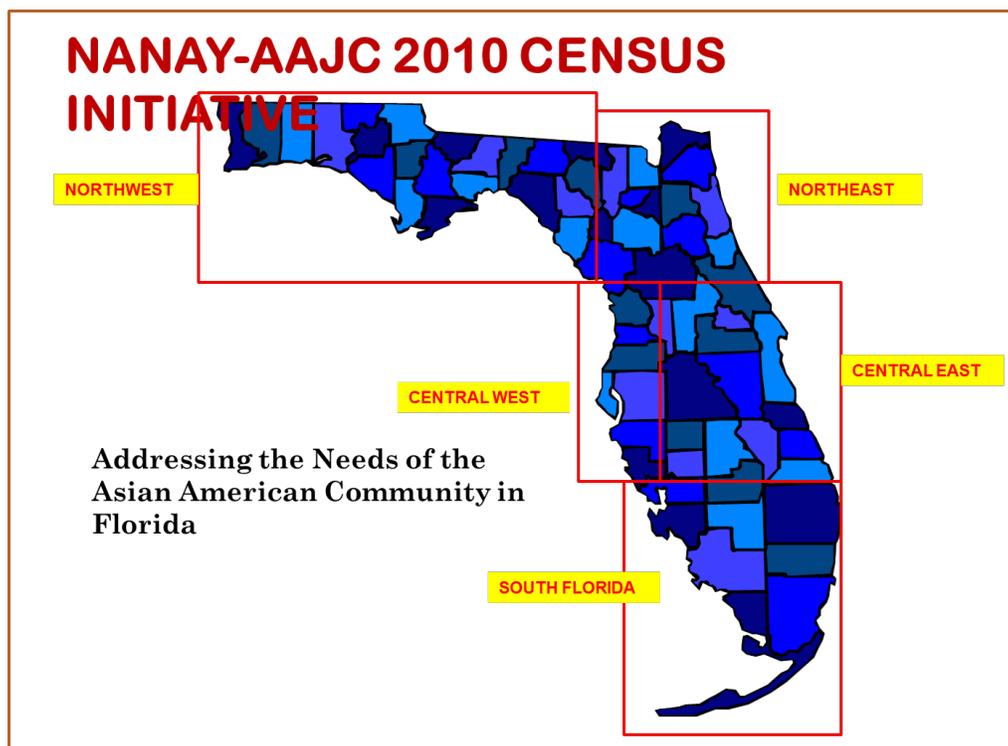
Every ten years, the Census Bureau counts the total number of people in the United States. The next count is called "CENSUS 2000" and will be on April 1, 2000. The government, businesses and organizations need a complete count of the population to provide basic services. Completing the census forms will help your neighborhood receive benefits and services.

How is the Census Used?

- To decide how much money your community will need for **schools**
- To decide where **hospitals, child care centers**, and **roads** will be built
- To decide how many **representatives** from your state will serve in the U.S.

House of Representatives

- To provide money for **job training programs** and **student loans**
- To prevent **discrimination** against minorities, the disabled and the elderly in the workplace



How will the count happen?

Early in March 2000, every household will receive a letter in the mail about the census. The letter will allow you to request census forms in Chinese, Korean, Tagalog or Vietnamese if you prefer one of these languages over English. Later that month, every household in the United States will receive a census form in the mail. The census form will ask questions such as the name, sex, age, relationship, ethnic origin, and race of all the members in your household.

FILL OUT THE CENSUS FORM!!

By law, all of the individual answers you give in the Census are **confidential**. The information cannot be shared with any person or any government agency such as the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Filling the forms out will only help improve your neighborhood. **ALL Asian Pacific Americans MUST be accurately counted so that we can be fairly represented and supported by the U.S. government!!**

YOUR RESPONSE IS IMPORTANT!!
WE ALL NEED TO BE COUNTED!!
LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!

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