

SAULT STE. MARIE CENSUS UPDATE: YOU CAN BE COUNTED BY PHONE.

Being counted in the 2010 Census is still easy. After April 23rd, you can have a census worker fill out a form for you over the phone. Just call 866-872-6868 or 906-464-6236 from 8:30 am to 7 pm.

For each person missed by the Census, Federal money that should come into our local economy every year, may be spent elsewhere. Congressional districts are drawn according to population. Fewer people means fewer representatives from Michigan. Accurate Census information is also needed by businesses, planners, policy-makers, social scientists, health departments, and many other data users.

The Census return participation rate for the City of Sault Ste. Marie is currently 76%. Chippewa County's rate is 56%. We can all do better. Let's work toward 100%!

The Census Bureau advises that if you do not complete this process before May 1, 2010, you may be visited by a Census worker.

The Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Center will be open through July 30. For questions you may visit the U.S. Census Web site, <https://ask.census.gov> or call 906-464-6082.

You can also get a Census form in Sault Ste. Marie at the Census "Be Counted" site in the County Clerk's Office, Chippewa County Courthouse, 519 Court Street. Or you can get a form and help filling it out at the "Questionnaire Assistance Center" at Avery Square, 510 Ashmun Street, on Mondays from 8am-4:30pm, Wednesdays from 3pm-5pm, and Fridays 8am-12:30pm.