

## **CHANDLER 2015 SPECIAL CENSUS FAQs**

### **What is a 2015 Special Census?**

A Special Census is a basic enumeration of population, housing units, and group quarters conducted by the Census Bureau. This will be achieved by Enumerator's walking around door to door, talking to residents and completing questionnaires.

### **When is the 2015 Special Census taking place?**

Census Enumerators will begin going around door to door from October 1 through November 25.

### **Are there any other cities conducting a Special Census?**

Yes. Buckeye, Gilbert, Goodyear, Maricopa, Peoria and Queen Creek.

### **Who requested the 2015 Special Census for the City of Chandler?**

The City of Chandler requested the 2015 Special Census be completed, and the City will incur the cost for this to be done. However, the potential for increased state shared revenues from Urban Revenue Sharing, State Shared Sales Tax, and Vehicle License Tax would provide additional funding for the General Government operations of the City. As such, the additional revenue would be available for the City's public safety, parks and recreation, transportation services, libraries and other services for the citizens of Chandler. Additional revenues from the Highway User Revenue Fund distribution would provide additional funding for street maintenance, traffic engineering, and street repaving programs to help maintain City streets.

### **Is my personal information safe with the U.S. Census Bureau?**

The Census Bureau protects your information with numerous security measures, including electronic barriers, scrambling devices, and dedicated lines. Federal law (Title 13, United States Code) mandates that no one outside the U.S. Census Bureau can ever be given any information that would enable them to connect your answers with your name and address. Not even the President of the United States is permitted to look at individual census records. Neither is anyone else outside the Census Bureau. This means courts of law, credit company solicitors, the police and military, the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, immigration and welfare agencies—nobody! But what about the Freedom of Information Act? Well, it might give individual access to lots of information, but not to individual census answers. The Census Bureau's dedication to confidentiality plays an important role in everything it does. Census workers must pass security and employment reference checks. They cannot currently work as tax collectors, assessors, or law enforcement officials. Protecting the privacy of people who reply to the census is an important part of every census taker's training.

### **How can I help with the Special Census in Chandler?**

- Let others know: Help us spread the word to your neighbors, family and friends that Chandler is conducting a Special Census.
- Answer your door: Census Enumerators will be knocking on your door between October 1 and November 24. Please answer your door, take the survey and be counted! Enumerators will be asking basic demographic information about age, race, gender and relationship to householder for each person living in the residence. The interview should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Enumerators will be wearing a US Census Bureau identification badge that you can ask to see when they knock on your door.

### **More information**

To find out more about the Special Census, visit the Census Bureau's website:

<http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/specialcensus.html>