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2010 Census Bureau looks for local, temporary help

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It's hard to believe Y2K was almost a decade ago, but 2010 is right round the corner along with the once a decade census. While Federal law requires the census to be performed, it also gives thousands of citizens a temporary, but well paying job opportunity assisting with gathering information.

Local jobs in San Angelo are available for applicants interested in helping with the census. Positions are also available regionally out of Dallas. Census employees receive competitive pay on a weekly basis ranging from \$8-\$19.25 per hour depending on the position and location.

"I think this is a great temporary job opportunity for college students. A census job can give you a weekly income and give you an opportunity to be a part of history" Megan Whitford, ASU senior, said.

While all census employees are required to speak English, there are communities that have a large number of residents that speak a language other than English. If you have such language skills, you are encouraged to apply.

Census employees receive more than just a paycheck. In addition to competitive pay, the hours are flexible and employees are paid for their training and reimbursed for authorized mileage and related expenses. Applicants for the census jobs must be U.S. Citizens and at least 18 years of age.

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States, and is taken every 10 years. The census is mandated by the United States Constitution and participation is required by law. The questionnaire takes less than 10 minutes to complete and information given is protected by federal law. The census data is used to make decisions about what community services to provide, how to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year, and to apportion Congressional seats accordingly.

For more information call (866) 861-2010 to schedule a time to take the Field Employee Selection Aid Test to best determine where your strengths will suit the census process best. Visit www.census.gov/rodal/www/employ.html for additional information on census employment.

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