



COUNTING THE CITY TO MAKE THE CITY COUNT!

2011 Census - It Makes Sense to Us!

The census is coming to Leicester! You have an important role to play in counting the City to make the City count! As a young person growing up in Leicester, you can help to ensure that Leicester's census actually reflects what Leicester is like.

So what is a census? Why do we have one? And how do we complete the census?

The census is a count of all people and households in England and Wales and is carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Everyone is asked the same questions on the same day in order to take a snapshot of the population at one point in time.

Every household in Leicester will receive a questionnaire, by law these questionnaires need to be completed and returned. However this is the first year that people can complete their census questionnaire online, to complete your census questionnaire online you can visit <http://www.census.gov.uk/>

The information collected on the questionnaires is used to help the government and local authorities (Councils) plan the services and resources people need, such as transport, housing, healthcare and education. The amount of money your council has to spend on these important services is based on population statistics from the census.

That is why it is so important that everyone takes part!

**It takes place every 10 years, the next census will
take place on March 27th 2011**



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The questionnaire asks about health, national identity, citizenship, ethnic background, education, second homes, language, religion, marital status and so on. All the questions must be answered correctly, only the religion question is voluntary (you don't have to answer it if you don't want to).

Students who live in Leicester also are expected to complete the census.

What can you do?

You can play a role in making sure that Leicester is counted correctly, to ensure services are planned right for you, your family, and your community.

* Speak to the adults in your home to make sure they have received their questionnaire, maybe you could help them fill it in.

* Ask other relatives if they have completed their questionnaire, remind them why it's important they are returned.

* Speak to your teachers at school, maybe they can do something to remind parents to complete the questionnaire, maybe you can discuss it with your classmates, what would happen to services in the City if people didn't complete the questionnaire.

* Visit <http://censusman.kokogames.com/> see who can get the highest score, challenge the adults in your home to a game!!

* Take this guide to any youth groups/projects that you might take part in, share it with other young people

* Ask your friends to do the same.

Remember census day is March 27th! Let's make the City count!

For more information visit <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/census>