

# Address Canvassing

## Address Canvassing:

A field operation where census workers verify every address on a hand held computer.

## FAQs

### Frequently Asked Questions

about Address Canvassing and the hand held computer.



### What is Address Canvassing?

From April to July of 2009, Address Listers will be verifying the addresses of every place in the nation that people live. This is in preparation for the mailing of millions of Census questionnaires in March of 2010.

### Who Conducts Address Canvassing?

A Lister will canvass (travel in a systematic way) his or her assigned census blocks, looking for every place where people live, stay, or could live or stay.

### How Are Addresses Verified?

A hand held computer will display the address records for each known living quarter for the lister's assigned area. These will be compared to the living quarters that are found on the ground.

### What Happens After the Operation Ends?

Assignment areas go through a quality control process where a sample of addresses are rechecked. If an assignment area passes the recheck, it is transmitted to Census Headquarters. If the area does not pass the recheck it will be recanvassed. Headquarters will use the updated address list to mail out census questionnaires to every household in the United States.

**It is the goal of the U.S. Census Bureau that every community receive an accurate count from the 2010 Decennial Census.**

**The count will affect long and short term planning for infrastructure and services for the next 10 years.**

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