

2010 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Program

The Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program is a 2010 Decennial Census Program that will provide the opportunity for state, county, local and tribal governments to review and update the Census Bureau's Master Address File and geographic database for the 2010 Census.

Why is the LUCA program important to your community?

An accurate population count starts with an up-to-date and accurate address list. Reviewing and providing updates will help ensure that individuals are counted and accurately located within your community, resulting in a more complete and accurate census. The quality of census data is important because billions of dollars in federal grant money for education, transportation, development and many other programs are distributed to state and local governments based in part on census data. This program will help improve the coverage and population count for your community.

What will the program involve?

Time Frame	Activity
February 2007	LUCA Advance notice letters mailed to the highest elected official and other contacts in all active functioning governments.
March 2007 to June 2007	Opportunity to attend a Promotional Workshop to learn about participant options, strategies and benefits of participation
July 2007	LUCA invitation letters and registration materials mailed to the highest elected official and other contacts of each government.
July 2007 to January 2008	Invited governments register for LUCA and the Census Bureau ships the LUCA review materials to each participating government.
Summer and Fall 2007	LUCA Technical Trainings for staff provided by the Census Bureau
August 2007 to March 2008	LUCA participants review and update the address list and return their comments to the Census Bureau's Regional Office.
April 2008 to October 2008	Census Bureau reviews the participant's LUCA submission and updates the Master Address File and the TIGER geographic database.
November 2008 to May 2009	Census Bureau prepares for and conducts the Address Canvassing Operation using GPS equipped hand-held computers.
June 2009 to October 2009	Census Bureau ships feedback materials to the LUCA participants showing how we processed each government's LUCA submissions.
September 2009 to December 2009	LUCA participants review their LUCA feedback and have the opportunity to appeal the results to the LUCA Appeals Office.
September 2009 to January 2010	LUCA Appeals Office reviews and adjudicates the appeals.

Where can I get more information?

<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/luca2010/luca.html>

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