

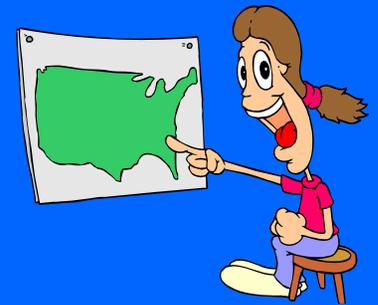
# U.S. Census

## Why it is Important

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# What is the Census?

- The Census is a count of everyone residing in the United States
- The Census happens every 10 years
- The Census is required by the US Constitution
- All US residents must be counted



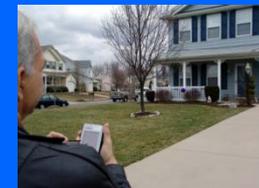
# How People are Counted



*"Count everyone,  
count them once and  
count them in the right place."*



*Preston Jay Waite  
Former Deputy Director  
U.S. Census Bureau*



# Who is counted?



- Everyone
- Once
- In the right place
- At the right time

# Why do you think people should fill out the 2010 Census survey form?



# Reasons to Complete the Survey

- Number of seats in the US House of Representative (Hawaii has 2)
  - *Representative Neil Abercrombie*
  - *Representative Mazie Hirono*
- Collect Information on our State
- Democratic process – Civic duty



# Reasons to Complete the Survey

- In 2007, Hawaii received \$1.6 billion, 0.4% of the US total

Health & Human services \$97 million

Education \$89 million

Native Hawaiian Programs \$60 million

Housing & Community Development \$23 million

Homeland Security & Emergency Services \$19 million

# Historical US Census

▪1790

## First U.S. Census

4 million people

13 states



▪1870

## Census of 1870

39 million people

37 states



Grant

▪1900

## Census of 1900

76 million people

45 states



WILLIAM McKINLEY  
The 25th U.S. President  
1897-1901

▪1960

## First Census with Hawaii

179 million people

50 states



▪2000

## First multiracial Census

281 million people

50 states



# Historical State of Hawaii Census

~1500 First Census in Hawaii



1831 First full-scale Census

130,000 people

1960 First U.S. Census taken in Hawaii

650,000 people

1980 2<sup>nd</sup> highest persons per household

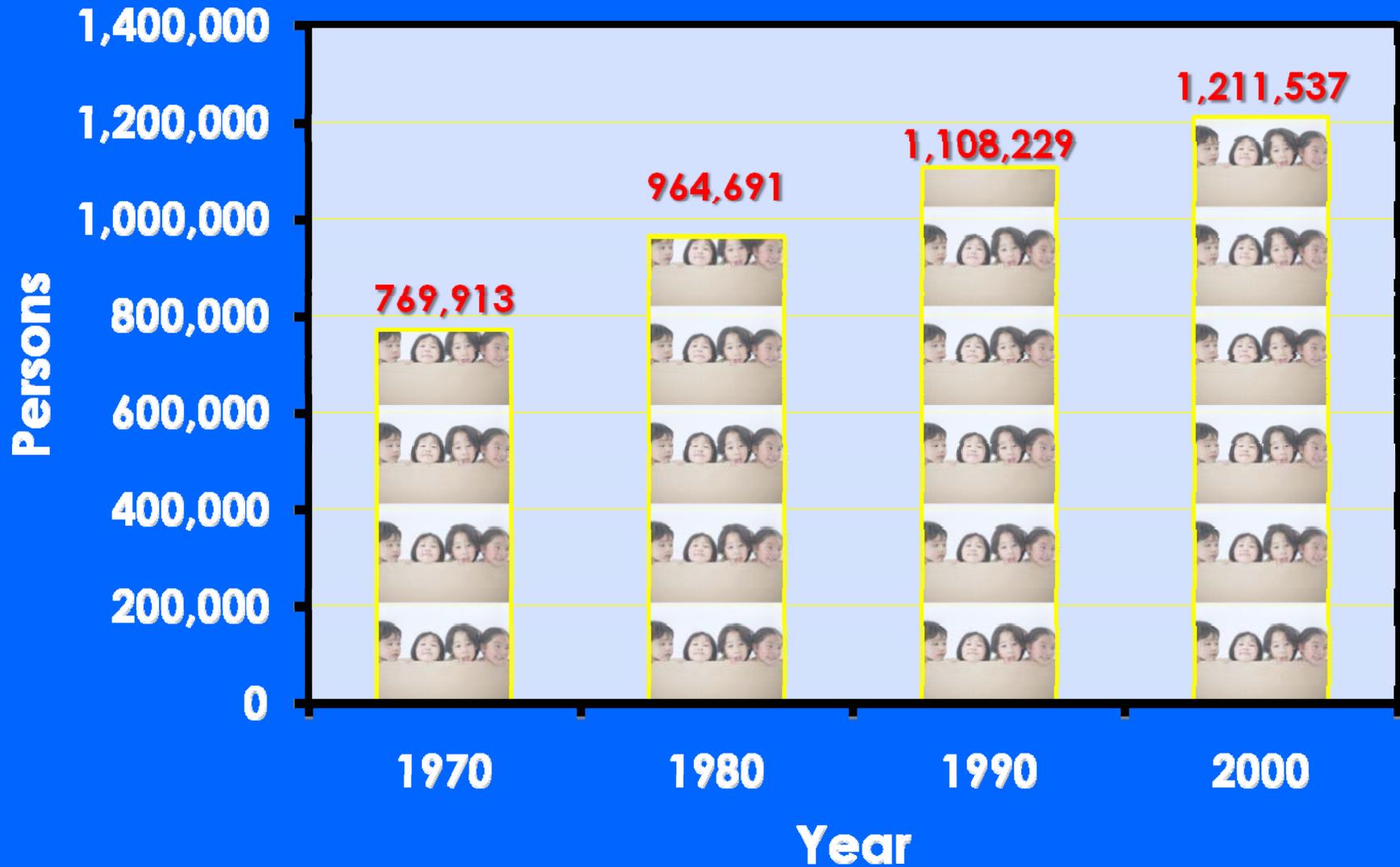
1.0 million people

2000 1<sup>st</sup> multiracial Census

1.2 million people



# Population of the State of Hawaii



# Where are we in 2000?

Hawaii population in 2000 = 1,211,537

U.S. population in 2000 = 281,421,906

Hawaii population share in 2000 = 0.4%

Hawaii population ranking in 2000 = 42



How many students in this class  
are of two or more races?



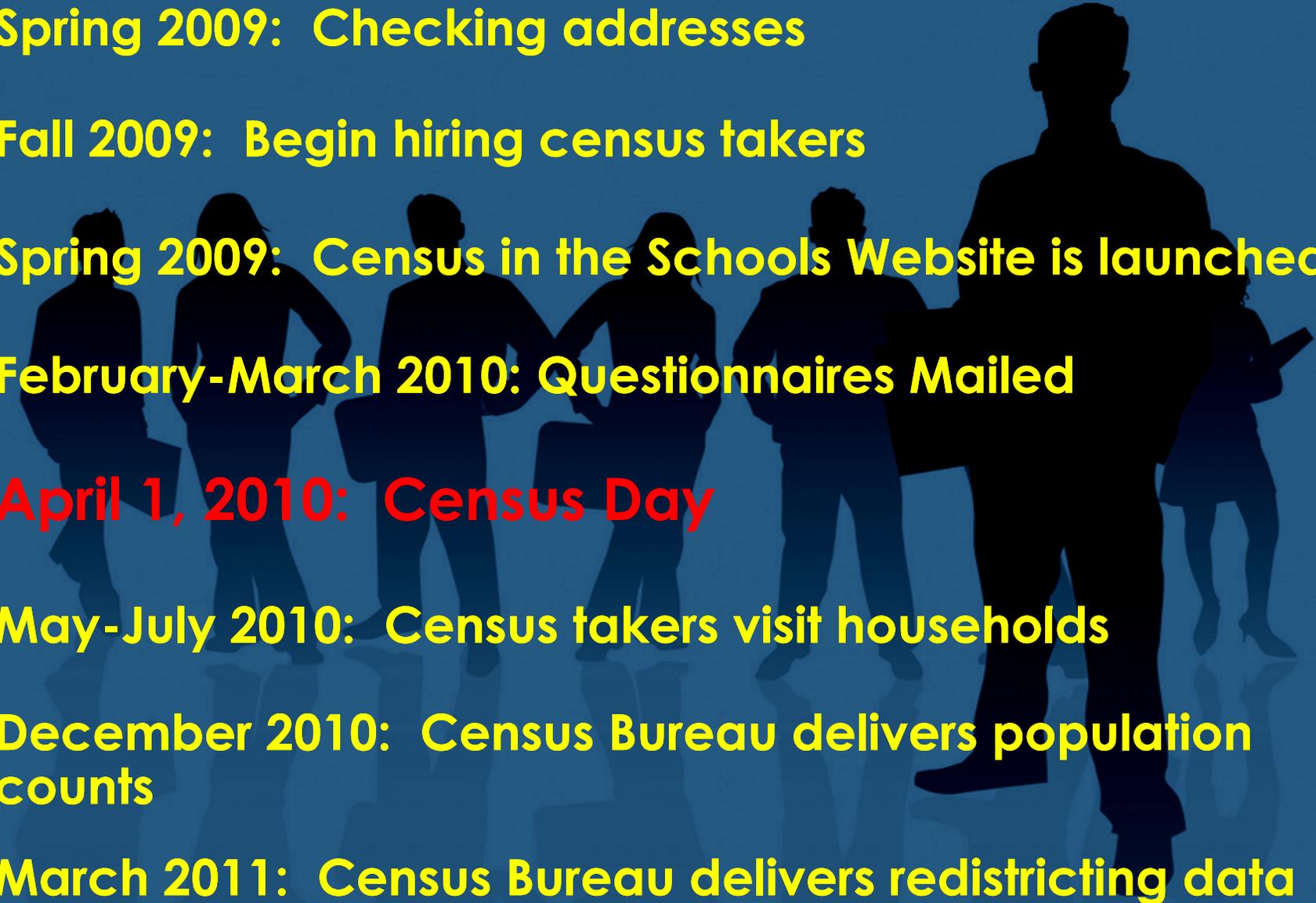
# What did we learn from the 2000 Census for Hawaii

➤ Highest ranking state in the nation for % of population with 2 or more races – 21.4%  
(U.S. – 2.4%; 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Alaska – 5.4%)

➤ Highest ranking state in the nation for % of population:

Japanese	24.5%
Filipino	22.8%
Hawaiian	19.8%
Chinese	14.1%
Korean	3.4%

# 2010 Census Timeline United States

- Spring 2009: Checking addresses
  - Fall 2009: Begin hiring census takers
  - Spring 2009: Census in the Schools Website is launched
  - February-March 2010: Questionnaires Mailed
  - **April 1, 2010: Census Day**
  - May-July 2010: Census takers visit households
  - December 2010: Census Bureau delivers population counts
  - March 2011: Census Bureau delivers redistricting data
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- A group of silhouettes of people, including men and women, some carrying briefcases or bags, standing in a line. The silhouettes are dark against a lighter blue background. The people are positioned behind the text, with some appearing to be in the foreground and others further back, creating a sense of depth. The silhouettes are arranged in a way that suggests a group of people, likely census takers, moving through a space.

# 2010 Census Survey Questions

- Name
- Gender
- Age
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Household relationship
- Do you own or rent the place you live



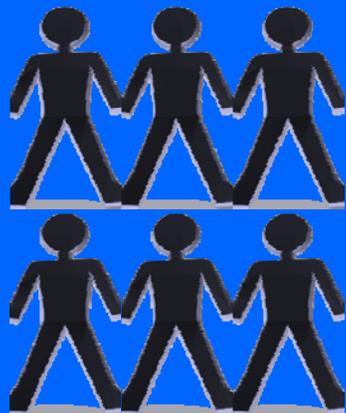
*Should take 10 minutes to fill the survey*

# 2000 Census Response Rates

U.S. - 67%

Hawaii - 60%

**Responses**

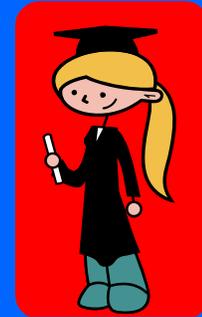


**Non-Responses**



# How do we use Census data?

- ✓ College tuition grants and loan programs



- ✓ Build new schools or start new school programs



- ✓ Create new roads

- ✓ Get information about our population



# How can you help?

✓ Tell your parents to fill in the forms



✓ Put up signs in schools



✓ Put notices in the school newspaper or website



✓ Tell any adults you know about filling in the Census form



# The End

