

City-Based Complete Count Committees (CCC)

The [Albany Area Chamber of Commerce](#) is made up of sectors from every avenue in the community from our K-12 system, colleges, university, city and county government, elected officials, Chamber of Commerce, Phoebe Putney hospital, neighborhood watch organizations, Boys and Girls Clubs, business owners and the media non-exclusively. The committee is co-chaired by City Planning Director Howard Brown and County Deputy Administrator Michael McCoy, who along with 30 other members have planned community activities in our hard to reach areas. A big county-wide event is planned for March to bring all communities together. This CCC has been making speaking engagements and has participated in several parades, health fairs. They distribute flyers in hard to count neighborhoods, and will sponsor an essay contest for school-aged children. They meet monthly; contact Harriet Hollis hhollis@albanyga.com for details.

The **Town of Alapaha Complete Count Committee** plans are to inform all citizens thru notes on their water bill cards, put out signs everywhere, and put a message on the marquee board weekly. Presently, they have 7 CCC members.. Contact Pauline Douglas alapahacityhall@hotmail.com for details.

The [Atlanta Urban League](#), along with the Georgia Coalition of People's Agenda, formed their Complete Count Committee (CCC) in the fall of 2009. Their mission is to target hard-to-count census tracts throughout the metro Atlanta area, as well as the state of Georgia, especially African, African-American, and Caribbean communities. They have prepared an excellent poster entitled '[Make Yourself Count](#)'. They seek to empower and strengthen the community by providing information about the US Census and the importance of completing the Census form. Since forming the CCC, they have conducted leadership conferences to form sub-committees, participated in the US Census Road Tours, conducted community meetings, held press conferences, and canvassed neighborhoods throughout the metro area. Currently, they have over 100 communities and organizations assisting with this effort. Please contact Deborah McClary dbrhmclary@netscape.net for details.

[Georgia Stand Up](#) is a think and act tank for working communities, located in Atlanta. Its complete count committee is a collaboration between the U.S. Census Bureau, Georgia Stand Up staff and volunteers, and trusted voices in the community. The committee is chaired by grassroots leaders representing several parts of the Atlanta community such as small businesses, churches, schools, NPOs, seniors, and union members. The Georgia Stand Up CCC is providing on-site testing for census employment as well as working with committee chairs to organize census awareness activities within the community to ensure a full and accurate count in the southeast, southwest, and south Atlanta region. For more information contact Zuri Murphy zuri@georgiastandup.org at 404-581-0061.

[The Telugu Association of Metro Atlanta](#) is a nonprofit organization working for Telugu speaking people. TAMA formed a 10 member committee for promoting and creating Census awareness through community events and email-based newsletters. For more information this please visit email Sandhya Nallajerla sandhya_y@yahoo.com.

The **Appling County/Baxley Complete Count Committee** began meeting in December. Their next meeting is February 11th at 9:00a.m. This committee has 14 members, including representatives from: Faith-Based, Hispanic, Indian, Heritage Center, Education, WBYZ/WUFE/Baxley News-Banner, Tri-County Shopper, MyBaxley.com, NAACP and several others. They are planning an event on March 29th, when the *CensusBus* visits Baxley. Contact Stanley Brobston shbrobston@yahoo.com for details.

The **City of Cairo Complete Count Committee** is composed of city employees and other residents who will provide people-friendly, hospitable environments to assist residents with their census forms, language barriers, educational backgrounds, schedules. They have the necessary skills, resources and access to collaborative networks. They are setting up assistance centers in various areas throughout city, at agencies, in city departments, and have posted census information throughout city. They run ads in the newspaper, hand out flyers, meet with local church leaders and others. Please contact Chris Addleton caddleton@cairocity.net for details.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta** is using the **Nonprofits Count** materials to mobilize communities in their region.

The **Athens-Clarke County Complete Count Committee** is 15 members strong and they get their message out with Census-themed items including tee shirts and cakes they provide to local schools for parent-teacher night (with the Census logo iced on them). They have met with the Hispanic community and have assisted Census workers in identifying Questionnaire Assistance Center locations. They also coordinate with the University of Georgia to reach students. They meet the second Monday each month. Please contact Julie Morgan juliemorgan@co.clarke.ga.us for details.

The **Augusta Complete Count Committee for 2010 Census** consists of 11 members, co-chaired by Dr. Mallory Millender and Paulwyn Boliek and organized into 8 subcommittees. They receive strong support from their mayor's office, and have received good publicity in local media. They usually meet monthly, the first Thursday at 4pm. Please contact Paulwyn Boliek pboliek@bellsouth.net for details.

The **Darien-McIntosh County Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority**. Contact Wally Orrel wally@mcintoshcounty.com for details.

The **Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce** serves as the Complete Count Committee for their communities. This CCC is chaired by City Councilman, Gerald Lord, and County Commissioner, Bill Scott. They have attended meetings to get up to date information on the importance of "being counted" and have shared this information with their chamber members and community through weekly broadcast emails, their website, and announcements at Business After Hours mixers, including a visit by their Complete Count contact, Christy Contreras. Please contact Amy Booker amy@dahlonega.org for details.

City of Decatur Complete Count Committee. Contact Meredith Roark meredith.roark@decaturga.com for details.

City of Dublin CCC have provided ways of informing their citizens of the 2010 Census. Also, they are working together with Laurens County to help inform our County and City Residents of the importance of 2010 Census. They have meet together to discuss various ways to let their citizens know that "It is in our hands" to fill out the questionnaire form and mail back the form. Contact Royce Hall hallro@dlcga.com, Artiffany Stanley wilbura@dlcga.com, or Julie Driger julidriger@nlamerica.com for details.

Garden City CCC. Contact Nathan Mai-Lombardo nathan@gardencity-ga.gov for details.

Gordon/Ivey CCC have distributed a letter and flyer to all 100 churches in Wilkinson County; have produced and distributed a flyer in Spanish; placed reminders in utility bills; provided training space at City Hall for the Census Bureau; reviewed and corrected Census address lists (LUCA); and requested churches to sponsor 'Census Sunday' on March 28. Contact Kenneth Turner cogordon4@windstream.net for details.

City of Griffin CCC encompasses the City of Griffin and Spalding County and has membership from various civic, social, professional organizations. Contact Frederick Gardiner fgardiner@cityofgriffin.com for details.

The **City of Hazelhurst Complete Count Committee** consists of seven members meets monthly. Contact Tommie Jean Ricketson bhthazlehurst@mchsi.com for details.

The **City of Kingsland CCC** has 7 members and they coordinated with the other CCCs in Camden County to host their Kick-off in January. Their committee training was in January and the Census Road Show is on March 20. The Road Show is part of the 5th annual "Runabout in the Royal District" car show. The health department will be present to help with child car seats. Code enforcement will be open for gripes, complaints and resolutions. Other activities to attract people are in discussion. Contact Ken Kessler kkessler@kingslandgeorgia.com for details.

The **Manchester City Council** serves as a Complete Count Committee for their area. The seven member City Council is printing a reminder in bold type on the water bills for people to return census forms. They are providing space for four weeks for census workers to answer questions and help people fill out their forms. They will meet again on March 8th. Contact Anthony Clifton cityclerk@manchester.com for details.

The **City of Manchester Complete Count Committee** signed up approximately 105 businesses to be partners, displaying literature in their stores or windows. They do not meet but their radio station is doing spots for them and the newspaper is giving them coverage. We are contacting schools for coverage.. Contact Joan Caldwell caldwellje67@yahoo.com for details.

The **First United Methodist Church of Manchester** is meeting with a ministerial alliance group to share information. Their Pastor is organizing a social for all pastors to help with this effort and is planning a Sunday Census Day with an insert in the program explaining the census. There are approximately 20 local pastors that have agreed to share the information with their congregations in services. Contact Stephen Soulen slsoulen@manchestermc.com for details.

The **Meter-Candler County CCC** is made up of elected and appointed local government officials; ministers, educational leadership and staff, chamber of commerce, family connections, DFCS and other local citizens. Contact Billy Trapnell btrapnel@pineland.net for details.

Millen Better Hometown CCC have 10 members and are promoting the census primarily through the school system, their Family Enrichment Commission, DEFACS, adult learning center and churches by distributing census information. They are distributing flyers and putting posters in local businesses. Contact Art Johnson ahometown@bellsouth.net for details.

City of Montezuma is a part of the CCC for Macon County that meets on Wednesdays in March. This CCC includes Ideal, Marshallville, Montezuma, Oglethorpe and Macon County. They have distributed English and Hispanic posters, pamphlets, blurbs in water bills. Mayor and Council have declared the week of March 8- 14 as Georgia Census Week. The Mayor works with retired teachers to get churches involved and gave out brochures to the faith-based communities. The local CCC plans to have a Census Table at the Annual Turkey Day Festival on March 20th in Oglethorpe and will be giving out Census materials. They also plan on putting Census 2010 stickers on the Montezuma Kiwanis Club Relay for Life spaghetti luncheon plates being sold on March 16th. Contact Margaret Corley margaretmz@windstream.net for details.

The **City of Mount Zion**. To get literature or have questions answered contact Teresa Ferguson or Sylvia Logan at 770-832-1622 or cityofmountzion@bellsouth.net .

The **City of Odum** is a part of the Wayne County CCC. They had a Kick-off Event in October where approximately 600-700 people received information on the census. They donated a space to the census at their 34th annual Odum Day Celebration (festival) with approximately 3,000 in attendance. They plan to have a Breakfast on March 3 with their Area Pastors, Businesses, and School officials. City Hall will act as a QVC. There are about 15 members of the Wayne Count CCC and they meet every two weeks. Contact Robbin Manners robbin_manners@yahoo.com for details.

The **City of Pelham Complete Count Committee** has subcommittees focused on the faith based community, education, public housing, various ethnic groups, business, and city officials. Please contact Doug Westberry pelhampd@gmail.com for details.

The **City of Pooler Census Complete Count Committee** includes 15 community leaders, representatives from local government, schools, and churches, the chamber of commerce, Rotary Club and the Spirit Newspaper. Some of the resources used to promote the census are: Church Bulletins, local newspaper, Newsletters, utility bills, PTO meetings, council meetings and city website. Contact Jacqueline Carver jcarver@pooler-ga.gov for details.

The **Town of Roopville**. Contact Bob Merrell bobecm@aol.com for details.

City of Roswell has developed an extensive communication plan about the 2010 Census. To date, they have distributed approximately 8,000 bilingual flyers to school children in Roswell, established a webpage for the Census with a homepage button on roswellgov.com, recorded a video message from Mayor Jere Wood, as well as a proclamation during Mayor & Council

Meeting, press release to media, article in their e-newsletter and PSAs on RCTV. They are also planning an event in conjunction with the Census "March to Mailbox" Blitz on April 10. Contact Julie Brechbill jbrechbill@roswellgov.com for details.

[Sandy Springs Complete Count Committee](#). Please contact Dan Coffey dan.coffey@sandysprings.org for details.

The **[City of St. Marys Complete Count Committee](#)** has 16 volunteer members who contact various other groups and organizations, to provide speakers or deliver census information and posters. They were a part of the Census Kick Off in Camden County on January 7th. Their annual Mardi Gras Festival on February 13th will feature Census themes in the parade and they will have a booth to distribute census information. Their weekly Saturday City Market on March 20th will be a stop off for the "Census Road Trip" in South Georgia. Please contact Marsha Hershberger marsha.hershberger@ci.st-marys.ga.us for details.

[Smyrna CCC](#) met for the first time in December 2009 and have had monthly group meetings since then, with about 15 active members participating. They divided into outreach teams to target Smyrna schools, businesses, neighborhoods, civic groups, and local media. They are making presentations at neighborhood association meetings, getting Census announcements inserted into newsletters for HOAs and apartment complexes. They are also distributing flyers to local businesses and getting Census materials posted in school lobbies and offices. The City Council appointed this committee to help promote the Census and monitor the City's mail response rate. They will be advising the Census enumerators as needed in order to avoid an undercount in Smyrna. Contact Jered Sigmon jsigmon@ci.smyrna.ga.us for details.

The **[City of Tifton](#)** has taken a collaborative effort to work with individual business leaders, school educators, volunteers, and churches to spread the word on the importance and accuracy of completing census information and returning the data to the bureau. Please contact Samantha Lawson samslaw@tifton.net for details.

The **[City of Thomaston and Upson County Complete Count Committee](#)** has posted information in every government department. The City, Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center, and Thomaston housing Authority have volunteered space for official Census Questionnaire Assistance Centers. Contact Kay King kking@cityofthomaston.com for details.

The **[Thomaston-Upson County CCC](#)** consists of ten members representing both city and county government, the education community (Thomaston-Upson School System), the religious community, local business through the Thomaston-Upson Chamber of Commerce, community organizations and the media. Each subcommittee will develop and implement an awareness campaign suitable for their assigned areas. Contact Patsy Perdue paperdue@windstream.net for details.

The **[Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce](#)** serves as a Complete Count Committee and meets at least monthly. Subcommittees meet several times a month as needed.

They have approximately 20 members. They have plans for the Rural Initiative Tour, CARS, and Community Celebration on March 25. They also have plans for a Youth Softball Tournament targeting the Hispanic Community. The school systems have proclaimed March as Census month in schools and will be sending a letter and calling each parent to encourage them to fill out the Census form and mail it back. They had a great kick-off event last year for the community leaders. They are using bill boards, radio and TV to promote the Census. Email blasts have been sent to Chamber members to encourage their employees to fill out the Census form and mail it back. Contact Alison Stokes astokes@valdostachamber.com for details.

The [City of Vienna](#) CCC has sent out emails and posted for census jobs. Vienna City Hall will be a Q&A location from March - April. Brochures and posters have been requested. They have tried to assist census workers with any information that would help. They currently have four members. Contact Stephanie Langley viennacomdev@sowega.net for details.

[City of Villa Rica](#) CCC has 11 members who have sponsored a 'Villa Rica Census Day', have setup informational booths at local special events and have spoken at their high schools. Contact Taurus Freeman tfreeman@villarica.irg for details.

The [Waycross-Ware County Complete Count Committee](#) has prepared a brochure of census information and distributed it to county and city offices as well as to state agencies. They have obtained free (and paid) advertising of census 2010 on businesses' LED flashing signs through April. They put census 2010 advertising on water department and authority agencies billing, have hung a 6' long by 3' banner showing county commission support for Census 2010 on Commission's bench which is viewed by TV audience each month and audiences sitting in judge's court several times a month. They prepared a banner and display table at Regional Census's road tour of the van and products. They placed census advertising on County government website and in the Ware County newsletter. They also translated their brochure into Spanish for local distribution by Hispanic-owned businesses. They plan to continue distribution of brochures where they will be allowed on business counters. They will continue meeting monthly on the second Thursday at 11:45 a.m., at Macedonia Baptist Church (sometimes with lunch). They will continue to pursue free advertising where businesses allow space. Their meeting membership averages between 15 to 25. Many committee chairs send representatives when unable to attend. Certain members call and meet several times a week to accomplish above tasks. They will continue to meet and converse by phone and email looking for opportunities to make community aware of the need to "Fill it out, Send it in, Census 2010". Contact Wayne Kilmark wkilmark@warecounty.com for details.