

## COUNTDOWN to CENSUS DAY!

April 1, 2000 is just five months away. Each issue of the *Utah Data Guide* will include articles relating to Census 2000, and a calendar outlining activities that will take place prior to and following Census 2000.

### 1999

October

- 1999 National State Data Center Meeting in Washington, D.C.

### 2000

January-March

- Recruiting
- Special population counts

March

- Questionnaires delivered (by mail or door-to-door)
- Enumeration in rural or remote areas
- Special place enumeration

### APRIL 1, 2000 CENSUS DAY!

April-May 30

- Be counted campaign
- Non-response follow-up
- Quality check survey conducted

December 31, 2000

- Count of U.S. by states delivered to the President with reapportionment counts

### 2001

April 1, 2001

- All states receive redistricting counts

## CENSUS 2000: Equal Representation

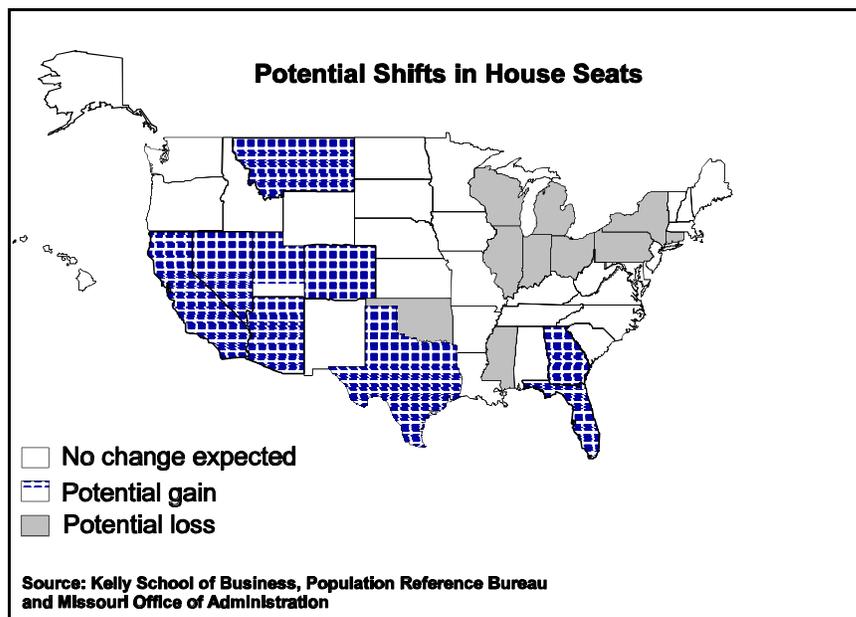
On April 1, 2000 the 22<sup>nd</sup> national census will be conducted in an attempt to count an estimated 275 million people and 118 million housing units. The results of the census are used to determine the number of seats each state will have in the House of Representatives and to draw all congressional and state legislative voting districts.

The U.S. Department of Commerce will deliver the results of the census to the President by December 31, 2000. Within a week of the opening of the next session of Congress, the President must report the census counts to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, along with the number of representatives to which each state is entitled. By April 1, 2001 all states will receive redistricting counts. State legislatures are then responsible for the redistricting process, which involves defining the geographic boundaries of the state congressional districts.

### Congressional Reapportionment

Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution requires an enumeration of the population every ten years for the purposes of apportionment in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Constitution provides that each state will have at least one member in the House. The apportionment process will allocate the remaining seats to the states based on the results of Census 2000. Calculation of a Congressional apportionment requires three factors--the apportionment population of each state, the number of Representatives to be allocated among the states, and a method to use for the calculation.

Several entities have analyzed which states may gain and which may lose seats after Census 2000. These analyses apply the mathematical formula known as the method of equal proportions that has been used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in the previous five censuses. Based on these analyses, Utah may or may not gain a fourth seat after the 2000 census. Utah is one of the states "On the Bubble" - in some of these analyses Utah gains a fourth seat, but in others Utah holds steady with three seats. The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget will continue to monitor congressional reapportionment as it impacts Utah.



### Utah Redistricting

The Utah Constitution requires the Utah Legislature to redraw all congressional, state legislative, and state school board districts and adopt them at the first legislative session following the receipt of the new population totals from the Census Bureau. This redistricting is done to equalize the population in each district so that everyone's vote will count the same. County clerks work carefully with the Census Bureau to provide data on geography and boundaries for voting precincts that form a building block for new districts that will last until the 2010 Census. When the legislature completes the redistricting, county clerks receive a copy of the new boundaries to ensure that ballots and voting precincts match the new boundaries. The new districts will be enacted in the fall of 2001.

For more information on the redistricting process in Utah, contact Stewart Smith, in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel at 801-538-1032. For more information on Census 2000 activities in Utah, contact Lisa Hillman in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget at 801-537-9013, or visit our web site at [www.governor.state.ut.us/dea](http://www.governor.state.ut.us/dea)