

## Dear Community Member,

The United States Census Bureau is working on completing and updating their census counts which is completed every 10 years. The census is a confidential count of household information that is used to get a clearer picture about our population. This information is used to calculate the funding and service needs of our communities. Examples of these services include public safety, school funding, community health services, and public aid benefits. To ensure our community has access to as many programs, federal and state dollars as possible, we need everyone to complete the census. In March, you will receive mailed instructions on how to complete your census. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. It is important to know that after five cards are sent out with no reply, census workers with badges will begin knocking on doors in person to assist with census completion. For anyone who would like in-person help completing the census, please contact the Cass County Health Department at one of our two offices listed on the back of this page.

We have friendly staff that are happy to walk you through the process.



**Call today to learn where you can find us, make an appointment, or  
arrange for us to come to you!**

**Virginia Office**

**331 S Main St**

**Virginia IL 62691**

**217-452-3057**



**Beardstown Office**

**8590 St. Luke's Dr**

**Beardstown IL 62618**

**217-323-2182**

The census takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete, but will affect our local funding for important programs for the next 10 years. Our representation in the federal government is directly impacted by our response to this year's census. Please do your part for your family and your community!