



2010 CENSUS RESULTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. What are the City of Atlanta's official population, group quarters, and housing results?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2010 data for the City of Atlanta is as follows:

- Total population = 420,003
- Group quarters = 29,484
- Housing units = 224,573

2. Does the City of Atlanta accept this population count?

The U.S. Census Bureau reported the 2009 population estimate for the City of Atlanta at 540,922. The difference between the 2009 Census Estimate and the 2010 Census count represents a difference of 120,919.

The Department of Planning and Community Development, working with the Mayor's Office, is currently reviewing the U.S. Census data to determine if the 2010 count is acceptable.

3. Can the City of Atlanta request a recount? If so, what aspects of the Census results may be challenged?

The 2010 Census Count Question Resolution Program is a mechanism for government units to challenge census population counts.

The City of Atlanta can dispute the 2010 census population data in three categories that the U.S. Census Bureau allows government units to challenge: Boundary, Geocoding and Coverage.

Boundary challenge: Addresses inaccurate reporting or inaccurate reporting of city limit boundaries legally in effect on January 1, 2010.

Geocoding challenge: Identifies suspected errors in geographic location of living quarter addresses.

Coverage challenge: Can result in the addition or deletion of specific living quarters identified during the census process that are erroneously included as duplicates.

The U.S. Census Bureau does not make changes to the population count of housing units itemized in the census. In essence, the Census will not allow government units to challenge:

- Total population count
- Household size
- Demographic characteristics (e.g. race, ethnicity, age, etc.)

4. Has the City challenged the U.S. Census in the past? If so, what was the outcome?

Yes, in 2006 the City of Atlanta challenged the 2005 U.S. Census population estimate. The challenge indicted that there was sufficient data to substantiate a change in the City's population estimate. This 2005 census challenge resulted in the City of Atlanta's census population increase from 470,688 to 483,108.

5. What is the deadline for submitting a 2010 census challenge?

The CQR Program will accept challenge submissions from governmental units beginning **June 1, 2011** to **June 1, 2013**.

6. What other U.S. cities are planning to challenge the 2010 Census data?

The top U.S. cities that plan to challenge the 2010 census data are: Miami, New York City, Houston, TX and Detroit, MI.