



Peoria IL, (February 15, 2011) — Today, the Census Bureau released 2010 Census data at the local level for the State of Illinois. This data includes total population, as well as data on race, Hispanic origin, and voting age. Data is available for multiple geographies within the State of Illinois, such as census blocks, tracts, voting districts, cities, counties, and school districts.

U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert Groves announced that the 2010 Census showed the resident population of the United States on April 1, 2010, was 308,745,538, an increase of 9.7 percent over the 281,421,906 counted during the 2000 Census. In addition, the State of Illinois has a population of 12,830,632, an increase of 3.3 percent over the 12,419,293 counted during the 2000 Census.

According to 2010 Census data, the City of Peoria has a population of 115,007, an increase of 1.8 percent over the 112,936 counted during the 2000 Census. Census data are very important in determining the allocation of Federal and State funds to the City of Peoria, proper representation in Voting Districts, and as an important source of strategic planning data. Council Member Ryan Spain said, "After a population decline since 1970, this is a positive sign for the City of Peoria as population has begun trending upward."

The full set of data released today is available at:

http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/2010_census/cb11-cn31.html. Within 24 hours after the release, the data will be posted on the Census Bureau's new American FactFinder site <http://factfinder2.census.gov>.

The City of Peoria Department of Planning and Growth Management will be releasing Census Reports to coincide with future data releases by the U.S. Census Bureau. The U.S. Census Bureau anticipates Demographic Profiles to be released in May 2011, which will include selected population and housing characteristics at the place level. From June - August 2011, the U.S. Census Bureau will release Summary Files which will include population counts for many detailed race and Hispanic or Latino categories, and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, along with selected population and housing characteristics at the census tract and block group level.

All Census Data compiled and analyzed by the City of Peoria's Planning and Growth Management Department will be available at <http://www.ci.peoria.il.us/>. For more information please contact the City of Peoria's Planning and Growth Management Department at 494-8600.