

THE 2010 CENSUS

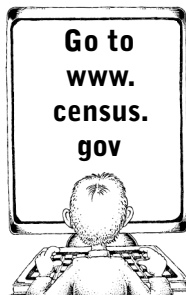
— HERE COMES THE FUN! —

Now comes the fun part – using the Census. You can find out anything the Census knows if you know how to look.

If you have a question that will have a statistical answer – a number – you can use your computer to find the information. The U.S. Census Bureau website is one of the biggest sites for statistical information.

Look at the screen and see if you can spot the current population of the world and of the United States on the population clocks. These are estimates based on previous censuses. They make these projections by studying the trends about

how many people are born and how many die each day. Then they space out the births and the deaths equally during a time period and create a “clock”



that shows, not the time, but the estimated population.

Click on the link at the top that says “Subjects

A-Z.” When the next page comes up, click on “F” on the alphabet. Then click on the one at the top called “Facts for Features and Special Editions.” Reporters sometimes use this file when they’re looking for information for news stories.

Look for the one marked “Back to School.” These facts are useful to reporters writing stories at the end of the summer about the beginning of school. Take special note of the section marked, “The Rewards of Staying in School.” What is it about? Click on the link and write a two-sentence summary of what it says.