

RECRUITMENT BULLETIN NUMBER: 20-25-001

Chicago Regional Office
Oak Brook, IL 60523

POSITION: Field Representative

ISSUE DATE: 01/01/2020

CLOSING DATE: 12/31/2020

SALARY RANGE:

GG-0303-04: \$14.95 – \$21.56 per hour

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: Few

DUTY LOCATION: Applicants selected for this position will have their home as their Duty Station and will be required to travel throughout their local area on a routine basis.

WHO MAY APPLY: External – All U.S. Citizens who have a physical residence within the area of consideration listed below when applying.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: The full promotion potential for this position is to the Grade 4.

This is a time-limited appointment with a Not to Exceed (NTE) date of one year and one day from the appointment date. This position may be extended up to 4 years. At any time, you may be extended, released or converted to a permanent appointment.

BENEFITS: If hired, you are eligible for within grade increases and may be eligible for health benefits under the Affordable Care Act. You are not entitled to paid holidays or promotions.

SELECTIVE FACTOR: In limited areas, this position may have a language requirement. Indicate clearly on your application/resume the language(s) that you speak, read, and write fluently. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.

WORK SCHEDULE: This position has a mixed-tour work schedule. A mixed-tour work schedule provides for periods of full-time, part-time, and/or intermittent work to accommodate fluctuating workloads. The candidate(s) selected for this position must sign an agreement outlining the conditions of employment prior to appointment.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Applications will be accepted from all sources within the following geographic area(s):
JOBS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE STATES OF ARKANSAS, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI AND WISCONSIN. Duty location is your home. Applicants will be considered for vacancies in their immediate area within specific geographic boundaries.

RELOCATION EXPENSES WILL NOT BE PAID.

DUTIES: Interviews respondents to collect survey or census data as required for current, on-going surveys, one-time surveys, and special censuses. The incumbent is responsible for communicating with respondents, supervisors, and other persons as appropriate. Reads survey materials and conducts door-to-door surveys. Explains the purpose of the survey, asks questions as worded on the questionnaire or survey instrument, and enters accurate and complete information into a laptop computer or onto survey forms. The incumbent may occasionally be required to lift boxes of survey materials or laptops weighing up to 30 pounds. Maintains personal payroll records that reflect hours worked, miles driven, and reimbursements for travel and communications claimed.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Grade 4: Applicants qualify for the grade 4 position based on their completion of the BC-172, Assessment.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Must be willing to work days, evenings, and weekends.
- Must have use of an automobile, valid driver's license.
- Must be willing to travel overnight for work assignments, training, etc.
- Physical Demands: Incumbent must have good hearing and the ability to read small print found on survey forms. Incumbent must be in good physical condition to drive, walk, stand, and climb stairs for extended periods. Incumbent is occasionally required to lift boxes of survey materials weighing up to 50 pounds.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Applicants must complete and submit a 33 question Assessment (BC-172). Eligible applicants will be ranked based on their assessment score plus any Veterans' preference entitlements. All applications and assessment scores will remain active for two years. After two years, unselected applicants will be required to complete a new application and assessment to be considered for future positions.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested applicants may apply by completing the following:

- A Census Employment Inquiry (BC-170)
- Additional Applicant Information (BC-171)
- U.S. Census Jobs Assessment Booklet (BC-172)

Applicants should reach out to the Regional Office in order to receive an application package containing the three forms listed above. The three forms should be filled out in their entirety and mailed back to the Regional Office using the pre-postmarked envelope included in the application package.

On some occasions, the Regional Office may conduct assessment sessions. Interested applicants may arrive at the session to complete the entire application package, or drop off an application package that was previously completed and never mailed back to the Regional Office.

The following information is needed to determine if you meet legal requirements for Federal employment. Failure to provide this information may result in loss of consideration.

- Full name, mailing address (including zip code) and day and evening phone numbers (with area code)
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Country of citizenship (**this Federal job requires U.S. citizenship**).
- Highest Federal civilian grade held (if applicable).
- Use of any Government agency envelopes to file job application is a violation of Federal laws and regulations. Applications submitted in Government envelopes or via Government FAX machines will not be accepted.

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

Contact the Regional Office to request an application package. Completed application packages must be submitted to: U.S. Census Bureau, Chicago Regional Office, 1111 W. 22nd Street, Suite 400, Oak Brook, IL 60523. **For more information on this vacancy, call Recruiting at 1-800-865-6384 ext. 15.**

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- You must pass a background investigation.
- You will be required to complete a Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) to determine your suitability for Federal employment and to authorize a background investigation. You will also be REQUIRED TO SIGN AND CERTIFY THE ACCURACY

OF ALL THE INFORMATION IN YOUR APPLICATION. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; or you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.

- Veterans' Preference - Applicants claiming 10-point Veterans' preference MUST submit the SF-15. Application for 10-Point Veterans' Preference, with the required proof (i.e., statement from the Department of Veterans Affairs) and the latest copy of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from the Active Duty. Applicants claiming 10-point preference who do not submit the required documentation will receive 5-point Veterans' preference. Applicants claiming 5-point Veterans' preference must submit a DD-214 to receive preference.
- If selected, male applicants born after 12/31/59 must confirm their selective service registration status. Certification forms are available at most Federal agency personnel offices or from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
- Employees who receive a Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (VSIP) or "buyout" and subsequently return to a position in Federal agencies, whether by re-employment or contracts for personal services are obligated to repay the full amount of the buyout to the agency that paid it within a specified time period.
- This position may require lifting up to 30 pounds of survey materials or laptops.
- Trial Period - Applicants selected for this position are required to serve a trial period. The trial period is one year of continuous service for preference eligible candidates and two years of continuous service for non-preference eligible candidates in the same or similar position. During this trial period, candidates may be removed from this position for poor performance and will not have appeal rights to the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB).
- Disabled Veterans or any other applicants eligible for non-competitive appointments should specify their special eligibility on the application. Individuals with a disability may request reasonable accommodations by calling the Chicago Regional Office at 630-288-9200.
- Physical Demands: Incumbent must have good hearing and the ability to read small print found on survey forms. Incumbent must be in good physical condition to drive, walk, stand, and climb stairs for extended periods. Incumbent is occasionally required to lift boxes of survey materials weighing up to 50 pounds.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the Agency at 630-288-9200. The decision of granting reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

All qualified applicants will be considered regardless of age, race, color, sex, creed, national origin, lawful political affiliation, disability, marital status, affiliation with an employee organization, sexual orientation, or other non-merit factor.



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A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY: EARN MONEY WHILE YOU SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The U.S. Census Bureau offers employment opportunities for a variety of positions and durations to support the collection of data for the federal government. These positions may work varied schedules depending on assignments and job requirements. While working, you will serve your country and make a difference in your community.

Program	Description	Types of Work	Duration of Work
Decennial Census	The Census Bureau conducts a count of the entire population every 10 years, in years ending in "0." Throughout the decade, tests are also conducted in various locations in preparation for the Decennial Census. Large recruitment efforts begin one or two years prior to the population count. Decennial positions tend to pay more than other Census positions, but are short-term in nature. Positions most often last several weeks.	The Decennial Census program offers the following types of work: Data Collection Outreach Office	The Decennial Census program offers the following duration of work: Short-term
Current Survey	The Census Bureau conducts surveys almost every day of the year. Because of this, recruiting and hiring for these positions is ongoing, and many employees have worked for the Census Bureau for over 10 years. Current Survey positions vary in length but could extend several weeks, months, or years, depending on the survey work available. Applicants who are selected for Current Survey positions will be notified of the duration of the work assignment during the interview.	The Current Survey program offers the following types of work: Data Collection Office	The Current Survey program offers the following duration of work: Long-term
Special Census	Beginning approximately two years after Decennial Census operations (i.e., in 2022 after the 2020 Census is conducted), the Census Bureau may conduct Special Censuses in certain towns and cities that contract with the Census Bureau to update their population count.	The Special Census program offers the following types of work: Data Collection Office	The Special Census program offers the following duration of work: Short-term

TYPES OF WORK

Data Collection: The majority of available positions at the Census Bureau involve data collection. Data collection involves working from home and interacting with the public. These jobs could involve the following tasks: knocking on doors to collect personal information and verifying household address listings. These jobs almost certainly require you to work nights, weekends, and whenever respondents are available. Limited data collection supervisory positions are also available for the Decennial Census and Special Census programs.

Outreach: These positions are only available for the Decennial Census program. These positions involve outreach to Census partners and potential applicants for Census jobs. Outreach work is conducted outside an office environment.

Office: For applicants who live close to one of the limited number of Census Bureau offices, there are a few office positions available. Office duties include a variety of clerical support tasks such as file maintenance, data entry, answering/making phone calls, word processing, shipping and receiving, processing payroll and personnel actions, and other administrative operations. Limited office supervisory positions are also available for the Decennial Census and Special Census programs.

CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENT

If you are hired, the information you collect from the public will be confidential and must **NOT** be disclosed to anyone who has not been sworn in to protect Census Bureau information.

DURATION OF WORK

Short-term: Most positions are short-term and generally last several weeks.

Long-term: There are a limited number of long-term positions. Long-term positions vary in length, but could extend several weeks, months, or years, depending on the survey work available. Applicants who are selected for long-term positions will be notified of the duration during the interview.

TRAINING

If selected, you may be asked to attend a paid training session. You may be asked to travel for training and will be reimbursed. Certain positions may require you to complete automated self-studies online and/or classroom training that may require travel to another city on government per diem for several days, including overnight travel. Other positions may require on-the-job training, as well as refresher training sessions periodically.

PAY

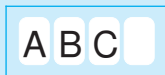
Social Security deductions will be taken from your earnings. Federal, state, and local income taxes, where applicable, also will be deducted. You will be reimbursed for authorized out of pocket expenses, telephone, and other travel costs, such as parking fees, bus fares, etc., while on official business travel. If hired, you will receive specific information about pay from a Census representative.



Am I eligible for Census work?

1. You must be a United States citizen.
2. You must be 18 years old or older.
3. You must have a valid Social Security Number.
4. You must have a valid e-mail address. Any questions or issues with your application will be communicated via this email or by text message if provided. All job interviews and job offers will be conducted via the phone numbers you have provided.
5. You must answer assessment questions. For some positions, the assessment questions may be available in Spanish; however, an English Proficiency Test may also be required.
6. Male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selective Service System.
7. You must pass a Census Bureau performed criminal background check and review of criminal records (including fingerprinting) as part of the hiring process.
8. You may not engage in any partisan political activity while on duty.
9. Your current employment (including law and regulatory enforcement jobs) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for compatibility with Census Bureau employment.
10. Since not all people will be home during the day, you must be available to work days, evenings, and/or weekends. Visits will usually be no later than 9:00 p.m. You generally will have flexibility to choose which hours to work during these productive time periods.


How do I complete the BC-170, U.S. Census Employment Application?

1. Print clearly using a black or blue pen. We cannot accept your form if it is not legible. Print neatly in uppercase. For example → 
2. Follow the instructions provided with every item. If you do not answer all questions fully and correctly, you may delay the processing of your application.
3. Enter one letter or number within each white block or complete the information on the line provided.

Below are a few explanatory notes for some of the items:

Section A – Applicant Profile

- Item 3.** Enter your street address followed by your city, county, state and ZIP code. Enter the State postal abbreviation for the state in which you live, for example, MS for Mississippi.
- Item 6.** Enter your e-mail address. E-mail is the primary way you will receive information, should you be offered a position.
- Item 7.** Enter your contact number(s) in the appropriate fields, and *Mark (X) if Mobile*.
- Item 9a.** Enter your *Date of Birth*. For example, enter July 6, 1952 as follows:

Month	Day	Year
		

The Application Process (Next Steps)

The application process includes the following forms:

1. BC-170 – U.S. Census Employment Application
2. BC-171 – Additional Applicant Information

All applicants will be required to answer assessment questions.

What are the assessment questions like?

The assessment questions are designed to indicate your fit for a variety of Census jobs. By submitting one application and answering a basic set of assessment questions, you may be considered for several positions. The assessment is physically accessible to people with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please find the information listed in the box below.

Privacy Act and Burden Statement

Solicitation of your personal information is authorized by Title 13 U.S.C., Chapter 1, Subchapter II, Section 23a and c; Title 5 U.S.C., Part II, Chapter 13; Title 5 U.S.C., Part III, Chapter 33, Subchapter 1, Section 1 and 20; and Executive Orders 9397, 10566.

The purpose of collecting this information is primarily to determine your qualifications for employment and may also be used to identify you to other sources asked to comment on your qualifications, e.g. educational institutions, former employers, and enforcement agencies, or to a court during legal proceedings. Personal information collected includes your Social Security Number (SSN), name, address, date of birth, telephone number, etc.

Disclosure of the information provided to us may be shared with other Census Bureau staff for the work-related purposes identified in this statement as permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a). Disclosure of this information is also subject to the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Record Notice OPM/GOVT-5, Recruiting, Examining, and Placement Records.

Furnishing this information is voluntary, but failure to provide any part or all of the data requested will result in you receiving no further consideration for employment.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0139, Field Division Correspondence Liaison, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20233-1500. You may E-mail comments to FLD.Decennial.Oversight@census.gov; use "Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0139" as the subject.

The eight digit OMB number on page 3 of this form confirms our authority to collect this information.

For more information, contact:



NOTE THE ACCURACY OF YOUR STATEMENTS WILL BE VERIFIED.

FORM **BC-170**
(08-27-2018)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

U.S. CENSUS EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

Section A - APPLICANT PROFILE

1. Social Security Number

2. Legal Name

Last Name

Suffix

First Name

MI

3. Home address

Please do NOT enter a PO Box or other non-physical address. Hiring may be partly based on where you live. E-911 addresses, street addresses and RFD numbers are acceptable (include apartment number, if any).

Address

Address Continued

Address Continued

City

County, Parish, Borough, or Municipio (Puerto Rico)

State

Zip Code

4. Mailing address (if different from Item 3)

Address

Address Continued

Address Continued

City

County, Parish, Borough, or Municipio (Puerto Rico)

State

Zip Code

5. Nearest cross streets to your home address

Cross Street A

Cross Street B

6. E-mail address

7a. Phone information

Area code Number

Primary

Mark (X)
if Mobile
Phone

Mark (X)
in only
one box to
receive text
messages

Secondary

Other

b. Do we have permission to text you on your mobile phone?*

Yes

No

*Standard data fees and text messaging rates may apply based on your plan with your mobile phone carrier.

8. Sex Mark (X) in one box only.

Female

Male

9a. Date of birth

Month

Day

Year

b. Place of birth

City

State or country

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A. Office/FSA

B. FIPS State

C. FIPS County

D. Census Tract

E. BCU

F. Veteran's proof verified and attached



10a. Are you a citizen or national of the United States?

Yes – *SKIP to Item 11.*

No – *Provide country of citizenship.*

b. Are you a lawful permanent resident of the United States?

Yes – *Specify Alien Registration No./USCIS No.*

No

11. FOR MALES ONLY: *If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and you want to be employed by the Federal Government, you must be registered with the Selective Service System. Mark (X) in one box only.*

I certify that I am registered – *Please enter your number below.*

Selective Service Number

I certify that I **am not** registered. Please provide explanation in Section D or attach documentation of exemption.

Note: To find your Selective Service Number, please visit the Selective Service website: <https://www.sss.gov>. If you would like to submit a paper copy of your supporting documentation for selective service exemption, please contact the office noted on the cover page of this form.

12. Military Service

a. Do you claim veterans' preference?
Mark (X) in one box only.

No preference – *SKIP to Item 13.*

Yes

b. Veterans' preference categories?
Mark (X) in one box only.

5-point. *Veteran is entitled to 5-point preference. (TP)*

10-point/Disability. *Veteran is entitled to 10-point preference due to a service-connected disability (includes recipient of the Purple Heart who is not rated as having a compensable disability of 10 percent or more). (XP)*

10-point/Compensable. *A veteran who served at any time and who has a compensable service-connected disability rating of at least 10 percent but less than 30 percent. (CP)*

10-point/Other. *Persons entitled to 10-point preference in this category: (1) Both the spouse and mother of a veteran occupationally disabled because of a service-connected disability; and (2) the widow/widower and mother of a deceased wartime veteran. (XP)*

10-point/Compensable/30 Percent. *Veteran is entitled to 10-point preference due to a compensable service-connected disability of 30 percent or more. (CPS)*

Sole Survivorship Preference Eligible. *No points awarded. A service member who is released or discharged from the Armed Forces after August 29, 2008, at the request of the member who is the only surviving child in a family in which the father or mother or one or more siblings (1) served in the Armed Forces; (2) was killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently 100 percent disabled or hospitalized on a continuing basis (and is not employed gainfully because of the disability or hospitalization); and (3) death, status, or disability did not result from the intentional misconduct or willful neglect of the parent or sibling and was not incurred during a period of unauthorized absence. (SSP)*

Military Service – Continued

Note: For more information and/or to determine if you are eligible for Veteran's Preference, please visit <https://www.fedshirevets.gov/job/vetpref/index.aspx>. You must provide acceptable documentation of your preference or appointment eligibility. Acceptable documentation includes:

- A copy of your DD-214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," which shows dates of service and discharge under honorable conditions.
- A "certification" that is a written document from the Armed Forces that certifies the service member is expected to be discharged or released from active duty service in the Armed Forces under honorable conditions no later than 120 days after the date the certification was signed.
- If you claim 10 point preference or sole survivorship, you must complete a Standard Form 15 (SF-15), which is available online or at any Federal Job Information Center. Submit a complete SF-15 and include the applicable documentation required (listed on page 2 of the SF-15).
- A letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs reflecting your level of disability for preference eligibility.

Note: You may submit your application prior to providing the necessary Veterans' Preference supporting documentation. If you need to submit paper copies of your documentation for Veterans' Preference, please contact the office noted on the cover page of this form. **Please note** that you will not receive additional points until we verify your provided documentation.

Section B – GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

13. Have you ever worked for the Census Bureau?

Yes – *Indicate most recent title and dates of employment.*

Title

Month Year Month Year

TO

No

14. Are you currently employed by a Federal government agency?

Yes – *Indicate hire date, agency and title.*

Hire Date

Month Year

Agency Title

No

15. Are you currently employed by a state, local or tribal government agency?

Yes – *Indicate current title and agency.*

Title Agency

No



16. Are you currently an elected official of any government agency?

Yes – Indicate current title and agency. ↘

Title Agency

No

17. Are you currently employed by a law enforcement agency?

Yes – Indicate current title and agency. ↘

Title Agency

No

18. Are you a retiree receiving a Federal annuity? *If you are an annuitant, your salary or annuity may be reduced upon employment. Social Security payments are NOT considered a Federal annuity.*

Yes – Indicate the agency and explain in Section D. ↘

No

19. Have you worked for the Federal government or military and received a Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment (VSIP) or "Buyout" within the past 5 years?

The majority of individuals who accept re-employment with the Federal government within 5 years of receiving the VSIP/buyout amount must repay the gross amount of the separation pay prior to reemployment.

I have **NOT** received a VSIP/Buyout from a prior Federal appointment within the past 5 years.

I have received a VSIP/Buyout from a prior Federal appointment within the past 5 years. I understand that I must repay the full amount before I may be reappointed. **If paid in full, you must provide proof of payment.**

Indicate VSIP/buyout Year

Agency

20. Do any of your relatives currently work for the Census Bureau? *Include – Parents, spouse, children, grandparents, siblings (include half), aunts, uncles, first cousins, nephews, nieces, in-laws and step relatives.*

Yes – If yes, indicate relationship, current title, first/last name and location. ↘

Relationship Current Title

First Name Last Name

City State

No

If you need to add additional relatives continue in Section D.

Section C – LANGUAGE SKILLS AND AVAILABILITY

21. Some Census Bureau jobs require employees to conduct the Census interview by reading and recording responses to questions in a language **other than English**. The employee must be able to convince individuals who speak no English to respond to the interview by explaining the purpose and importance of the census. Employees will receive Census job-related training, but not language training.

Are you fluent in any language where you can hold a conversation, read and record responses, and respond to questions in that language? *If so, indicate the language(s) below and mark (X) to all that apply.*

Language(s)	Dialect	Fluent		
		Speak	Read	Write
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please include American Sign Language. If you need to add additional languages continue in Section D.

22. Indicate the type(s) of transportation available for your use – Mark (X) ALL that apply.

- Automobile
- Check if 4-Wheel Drive
- Airplane
- Boat
- ATV (All terrain vehicle)
- Other – Describe ↘
- None

23a. When are you available to work? *Census field work will usually require you to work evenings and weekends. Some positions will require shift work. Hiring for some positions is based, in part, on your availability. Mark (X) in ALL that apply.*

- Evenings
- Weekends
- Weekdays

b. Total hours per week you are willing to work, up to and including 40.

If you have additional information continue in Section D.



Section D – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (please list item number)

Blank lined area for additional information.

Section E – SIGNATURE, CERTIFICATION, AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

YOU MUST SIGN THIS APPLICATION IN DARK INK. Read the following carefully before you sign. A false statement on any part of your application may be grounds for not hiring you, or for firing you after you begin work. Also, you may be punished by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001).

I understand that any information I give may be investigated as allowed by law or Presidential order. I consent to the release of information about my ability and fitness for federal employment by employers, schools, law enforcement agencies and other individuals and organizations, to investigators, personnel staffing specialists, and other authorized employees of the Federal Government. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of my statements are true, correct, complete, and made in good faith.

Signature

Date signed

Print name



