WASHINGTON, D.C. - The deadline for returning census forms by mail has passed, and starting in May census takers will begin knocking on doors of non-responding households. But there's another way to get information to the Census Bureau: over the phone.

Individuals can call 1-866-872-6868 and census takers will retrieve household information over the phone. This will not guarantee that a household won't receive a visit from a census taker, but it will certainly reduce the odds. Spanish-speakers can call 1-866-928-2010.

For answers to frequently asked questions, visit http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/questions.php .

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