

Tribal Census has begun

Please participate

Statement of Willy Fuentes, Chief Operations Officer:

A tribally directed census is critical to Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, its people, and others who live on the reservation and depend on governmental services in some form or fashion.

While it is important to quantify populations, it is of more importance to be able to identify what we look like as a group. This knowledge will lend itself to enhanced planning, resource appropriations and appropriate response to the critical needs of the reservation by the tribal government.

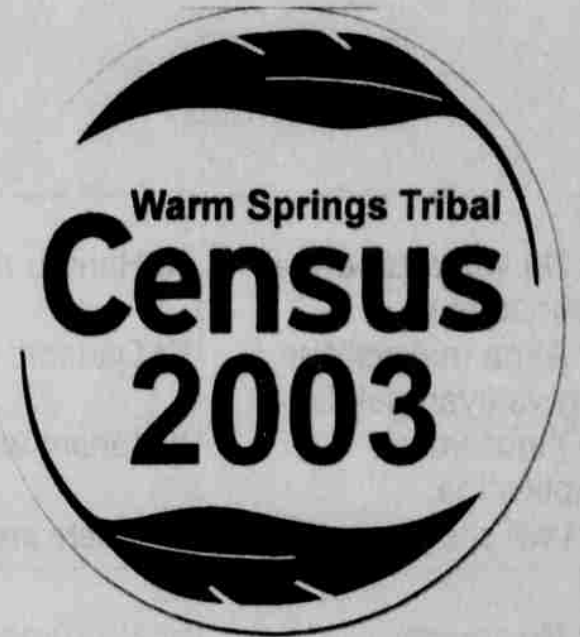
A tribal census will provide a solid foundation to build from, in terms of adding other types of surveys specific to cultural, health, safety or general consumer preferences, just to name a few, which will add to the available

data, so that we may be able to serve the people more effectively.

The census will allow the tribe to establish baseline data for our community. This data will assist us in measuring program progress towards benchmark target goals.

The knowledge supplied by the census would position and enhance the tribe's capacity to challenge federal funding formulas or even the next national census scheduled to be completed in 2010.

It is imperative that the reservation community support and fully participate in this undertaking for the benefit of the tribe as a whole. This in a sense would be a legacy from the membership today to those yet to come. It can't get much better than that!



Arlene Wewa (left) and Veronica Baez are among the tribal census enumerators who will be asking local residents for census information. Below is a list of all the enumerators who are collecting the census data:

Carla Dean Caldera
Marena Florez
Marissa Wolfe
Lonnie Jack
James Moran
Hamilton Greeley
James Greeley

Jeannie Brisbois
Juanita Villa
Allen Mitchell
Mayanne Switzler Aguilar
Arlene Wewa
Veronica Baez

Thank you for support

Thank you to the following for supporting the 2003 Tribal Census kick-off:

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Census questions and answers

To all of those who played the 2000 U.S. Census Games at the kick-off, the answers to the questions are as follows:

The percent of our population who are high school graduates or higher: 73.8.

Total number of housing units: 884.

The poverty rate: 28.4 percent.

Unemployment rate: 12.8 percent.

Total reservation population: 3,314.

In 2004, there will be prizes for those who accurately predict the following numbers for the 2003 Warm

Springs Tribal Census, when it is completed.

Watch for more information in the Spilyay Tymoo, on KWSO and on the tribes' website at www.warmsprings.com.

Can you predict:

What is the total number of housing units?

What is the poverty rate? The unemployment rate? And the total reservation population?

What is the percentage of our population who are high school graduates or higher?

The Tribal Census officially started on October 10, 2003.

Every community member 18 and over (tribal members on and off reservation, non-tribal members who reside on the reservation) should be interviewed.

Interviews take 30-45 minutes.

Once your house, and all of the residents 18 and over have been interviewed an Enumerator will put a "Census 2003 Sticker" on your front door mantel. Please leave these in place until January 1, 2004. This will assist the Enumerators and help avoid double counting.

Drop In Center - If you would prefer, you may call the Vital Stats Office to schedule a time to fill out your questionnaire in their office.

If you have any concerns about the Questionnaire or Enumerators, please contact Madaline Spino, 553-3252

Ninety-five percent of the Questionnaires are expected to be completed by November 17, 2003.

We will publish a list of those members we have not been able to contact in the Spilyay Tymoo, starting October 30, 2003. Please contact Vital Statistics to assist with contact information.

All Questionnaires will be completed by December 21, 2003

Census Results will be tabulated and published for the community by spring, 2004

Thank you Warm Springs for your assistance in locating all of our members!