

## Enumeration Areas by Type Census 2010

The Census Bureau uses several methods to count, or enumerate, the United States population. The "Type of Enumeration Area" or TEA is a classification identifying how the Census Bureau obtained addresses for, and subsequently took the decennial census of, each census collection block.

The maps provided indicate the method used by geographic area. These maps were prepared by the California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit using data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Call (916) 323-4086 for additional information.

### TYPES OF ENUMERATION AREAS

#### Mailout/Mailback

In Mailout/Mailback, the United States Postal Service (USPS) delivered addressed questionnaires to residents who are asked to complete and mail back the questionnaires to the appropriate Census Bureau Office. This method was the enumeration methodology for most areas that had mail delivery to city-style addresses and is used for more than 80% of all households.

#### Update / Leave

In Update/Leave, enumerators made a personal visit to households and drop off a Census questionnaire, which the respondent completes and mails back. This operation targeted mainly rural areas, where most of the housing units did not have a city-style address such as "4505 Main Street."

#### Update/Enumerate

In Update/Enumerate, enumerators updated their address registers and census maps and enumerated the housing unit at the time of their visit. The Update/Enumerate operation targeted communities with special enumeration needs and where most housing units many not have had house number and street name mailing addresses. These areas included resort areas with high concentrations of seasonally vacant housing units, selected American Indian reservations and colonias; the latter generally were Hispanic-occupied unincorporated communities near the Mexican border.

#### Military

In Military, the Census Bureau personnel will coordinate with the military facility point of contact to count military personnel. This will include the enumeration of military group quarters and military vessels.

#### Urban Update/Leave

In Urban Update/Leave, enumerators delivered the census questionnaires and updated their address registers and census maps concurrently. Respondents returned their completed census questionnaires by mail. The Urban Update/Leave operation targeted areas deemed unsuitable for Mailout/Mailback. Examples were multi-unit buildings where the USPS delivers the mail to a drop point instead of to individual unit designations and urban communities that had city-style addresses but many residents had mail delivered to post office boxes.