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## U.S. Census Bureau accepting employment applications

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY - Jobseekers hunting for local, temporary work will have two opportunities this month to apply for positions with the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Bureau will accept applications and conduct a timed, basic skills test Tuesday and Wednesday at two locations in Lancaster - the Ohio University Lancaster Campus and the Robert K. Fox Family Y.

Applicants will be selected to fill both full- and part-time positions ranging from office clerk to field operations supervisor, said Tanya Simpson, assistant manager for recruiting at the Bureau. Pay ranges from \$8.25 to \$19.50 an hour.

Those hired will assist in collecting information for the Bureau's 2010 Census. The census is a population count of everyone living in the U.S. and is conducted every 10 years, by federal law.

"These are jobs where you don't need experience or a certain education level to be considered," Simpson said.

Simpson said some of the jobs could last longer than others depending on the position, but all will end by 2010.

Simpson did not know how many positions would be filled overall. She said the agency's goal is to test 5,000 people by March 1, although tests will continue to be given after that date.

Mike Miller, job development director at Fairfield County Job & Family Services, said the hiring events are a great opportunity for people looking for part-time or full-time work.

"It pays well so it's a good revenue source for people to make on a part-time basis," Miller said. "The fact that the jobs are temporary probably won't turn people off. There is still a market for that."

Simpson said interested applicants should call the agency to schedule or find a testing site. She said walk-ins are welcome at some locations, depending on the amount of available space.

Applicants will complete a 30-minute basic skills test of 28 questions and complete an application. An employment interview will not be conducted, Simpson said.

Interviews will be conducted after December and throughout 2009, Simpson said.

"It's a great opportunity for people, especially with the way the economy is," Miller said. "I think there will be a good response."

## Additional Facts

### If You Go

- **What:** Timed employment tests will take place in December for employment with the U.S. Census Bureau. Applicants are asked to bring a U.S. passport or two forms of photo identification. Applicants are encouraged to schedule for the test beforehand by calling the U.S. Census Bureau toll-free at 866-861-2010. Walk-ins may be welcomed at some locations.
  - **When:** 10 a.m. Tuesday at Ohio University Lancaster Campus, 1570 Granville Pike, Lancaster, and 1 p.m. Tuesday at Robert K. Fox Family Y, 465 W. Sixth Ave., Lancaster.
  - **More Information:** Interested applicants may call the U.S. Census Bureau's toll-free number any time to find out about upcoming testing dates in 2009.
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