

## Census/ List of Residents

**CENSUS MAILING - Annually in December  
PLEASE RETURN AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE  
Census may be returned via mail or in person.**

**Town Clerk  
499 Plymouth Street  
Halifax, MA 02338**

### LOCAL CENSUS

The Town Clerk conducts an Annual Census (Street Listing) for the Town of Halifax. The mailing goes out in December. Approximately 85 percent of the census forms are returned within the first 10-day period. With more and more residents working outside the home, census-by-mail assures that all households will be contacted. The information collected is name, date of birth, nationality, and occupation. **Voters are required to return the form annually to retain their active status on the voter list.**

The Board of Registrars is required by State Statute to verify and update the name, address, age and occupation of all residents in preparation for the Annual Street List. Compliance with this State requirement provides proof of residence to protect voting rights, veterans' bonus, housing for the elderly and related benefits as well as providing information for selection of jurors. Sometimes people need to prove prior residence for a particular period, by answering the census you will create the record of your period of residency in Halifax.

New residents are requested to fill out a census soon after you move into Halifax.

The information collected during the census is used by several town departments, including public safety, in carrying out their mission for Halifax. The Town Clerk uses the information to update and verify voting lists and to produce the List of Residents.

The census form **DOES NOT** register you as a voter. If you wish to register to vote or change party affiliation you must fill out a voter registration form and file it with the Town Clerk. If you are a registered voter, failure to answer this annual census may result in the voter's name being removed from the voting list. Failure to answer the census will cause you to be listed as an "inactive voter" and require you to show proof of continuous residency in Halifax in order to reactivate your voting status.

### STREET LIST

The List of Residents contains the name and address for all Halifax residents over the age of 17 and designates those residents who are registered voters.

The List of Residents can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office for \$10.00

NO information can be released for children under the age of 17 for any purpose, except to the Halifax Public Schools.

**FEDERAL CENSUS:** The decennial Federal Census was conducted in 2010. This is a different data gathering effort. Data collected by the federal census is strictly confidential to the US Census Department and is not shared, except in aggregate form with any other federal, state or local agency. Federal census data does not identify respondents by name.