

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**November 10, 2009**

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
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**TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN**

**RE: US Census Bureau Employment**

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The U.S. Census Bureau is now making a special effort to recruit residents in Census tracts that include most of Mason County. These areas include: East of Hood Canal to the western Mason County border, south to West Cloquallum Road (excluding for now Shelton and the Skokomish Reservation) and just north of the Shelton area bounded by Hwy 101 on the west, Mason Lake Road on the south, east to Trails Road and north to Hwy 106 (Hood Canal).

These jobs are what is normally thought of as "Census takers", the actual title is "enumerators", and are temporary (4 to 8 weeks), part-time (mostly evenings and weekends), flexible hours, \$13.25/hour plus mileage, and 4 days of paid training. There are some supervisory positions available.

Applicant's qualifications are that they must be 18 years or older, a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident, or non-citizen with appropriate work visa and bilingual, valid Social Security number, valid drivers license, ability to speak, read, and write English, pass a written test and a background check.

While actual work will begin in mid-February through April 2010, the Census Bureau urges everyone to apply now by calling toll-free 1-866-861-2010. There will be several test locations and times available. There is also a practice test available at [http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/documents/Practice\\_Test.pdf](http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/documents/Practice_Test.pdf).

We hope this employment opportunity will be useful to the residents of Mason County.

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Chair

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