
This Census Form Has Been Executed in Accordance With the United States Constitution

The United States Constitution authorizes the census for only two purposes: Article I, § 2, clause 3 and Amendment 14, § 2 provide that representatives shall be apportioned among the states according to their respective numbers; and Article I, § 9, clause 4 provides that direct taxes are only to be laid in proportion to the census or enumeration. This is an exhaustive listing of all the Constitutional provisions that authorize the federal government to conduct the decennial census:

Article I, § 2, Cl. 3: *“Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.”*

14th Am. § 2: *“Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed.”*

Article I, § 9, Cl. 4: *“No Capitation, or other direct Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken.”*
