



CENSUS 2010

EMPOWER SIKHS ACROSS AMERICA

Does America know who Sikhs are? Sikhs first came to the United States in the 1800s. After more than 130 years, Sikhs are still virtually unknown to most Americans, and are not counted by the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau will begin mailing questionnaires out shortly, so now is the time to ensure that Sikhs are recognized as a distinct community in the United States.

What you can do?

1) Sign an online petition

Currently the Census Bureau automatically codes Sikhs as Asian Indian. UNITED SIKHS is filing a petition with the national US Census Bureau requesting proper tabulation of Sikhs when they mark "Other" and write in "Sikh."

Read the petition and supporting memorandum on why Sikhs should be given a separate code. The petition and memorandum are available at: <http://www.unitedsikhs.org/petitions/census.php>

Please sign the petition, and encourage friends and family to sign it as well.

2) Respond to the Census Questionnaire:

All households in United States will receive a questionnaire that you or a member of the household will need to accurately answer. Sikhs need to actively participate in the survey by completing the information in the questionnaire. To see a sample form and to read more about the Census, visit www.sikhamericancensus.org

3) Write-in "Sikh" appropriately

Under the "Some other race" category, fill in "Sikh". This is an important step toward accurate tabulation of all Sikhs in United States, particularly as a follow-up to the petition, to show by example, that we want to be counted correctly.

For more information, or questions regarding the petition, email [UNITED SIKHS](mailto:law-usa@unitedsikhs.org) at law-usa@unitedsikhs.org.

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark one or more boxes.

White

Black, African Am., or Negro

American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe. ▾

Asian Indian Japanese Native Hawaiian

Chinese Korean Guamanian or Chamorro

Filipino Vietnamese Samoan

Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on. ▾

Other Pacific Islander — Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on. ▾

Some other race — Print race. ▾

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<http://www.unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/PRSRLS-20-01-2010-00.html>

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