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### 2011 Census and National Household Survey begin in May

WHITEHORSE—Yukon residents are encouraged to “be heard” by participating in the 2011 Census and National Household Survey (NHS) taking place in May and June.

The Government of Canada conducts a census every five years. Population counts derived from the census are used in the formula that determines federal transfer payments to the provinces and territories. All Canadian households are included in the mandatory census.

“Yukon residents are urged to take part in the census,” Premier Dennis Fentie said. “Accurate population information ensures that Yukon receives adequate federal funding for essential community services such as health care, education and fire and police protection.”

Many Yukoners will also receive the voluntary National Household Survey which contains more in-depth questions relating to ethnic origin, citizenship, disabilities, religion, labour market situation, place of work and housing.

“I encourage all households that receive the voluntary National Household Survey to participate,” Fentie added. “The more information that is gathered, the better we will understand the social and economic conditions of our communities. This will assist all levels of government to make informed decisions that will shape Yukon’s future.”

Starting May 2, Yukoners can expect to be visited by a census enumerator or to receive a yellow census package. Both the census and the NHS can be filled out on paper, online or by telephone.

For more information on the 2011 Census and the National Household Survey visit [www.census2011.gc.ca](http://www.census2011.gc.ca) and [www.nhs.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.nhs.statcan.gc.ca).

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