

“We’ve come to our ‘Census!’”

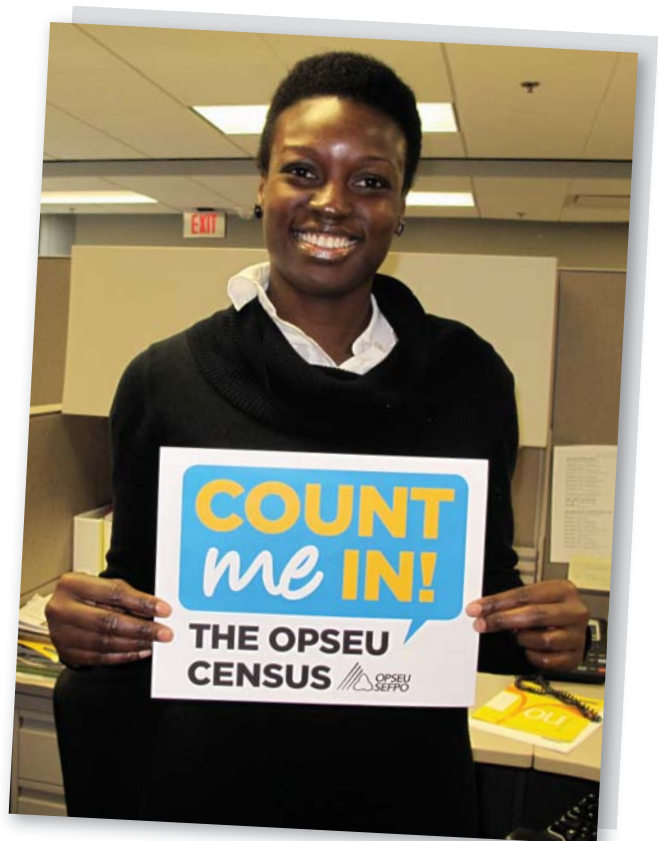
OPSEU members are filling out the Census in the thousands

As the second week of November wraps up, OPSEU members across the province have already started to count themselves in. From region to region, the response has been overwhelmingly positive and upbeat.

“I found that it only took me six minutes to fill out - not fifteen!”, says a member from North Bay. Many are also taking advantage of the opportunity presented by the Census to find out more about their family history. A young member from Ryerson University observes, “I had to stop and ask my dad about his family heritage - something I never really thought about until now!”

Visit
www.twiinc.ca/opseu
to fill out your
Census before
the end of
November!

During the opening night of the Provincial Women’s Conference on November 6th, members took the time to drop by the “Count Me In” Room to use the available laptops to fill out the survey online. One member from Barrie commented, “It was very well laid out and easy to navigate. Thank you OPSEU for giving me a chance to be included!”



“By doing the census... needs can be identified to help OPSEU down the road.”

**—Barbara Wright,
Local 596, Ryerson University**

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A Message from Smokey

On Sunday, November 15th, **OPSEU President Warren “Smokey” Thomas** made a telephone reminder to our membership to fill out the Census.

“ Hi there, this is Smokey Thomas, President of our Ontario Public Service Employees Union. I’m calling to ask you to please fill out our union Census before the end of November.

This important Census is

about filling in the gaps. We know that as a union, we have 130,000 members across Ontario – and we’re growing. What we don’t know is what your daily reality is like – for example, how long do you spend commuting to work and

how do you juggle taking care of your kids and your parents.

We want to know your priorities so we can represent you better. If you want our union to reflect who we are, then please visit opseu.org to direct you to our Census. ”

Know Your Mobilizers

Mobilizers are on the ground in every region ready to answer your questions. They can provide access to hard copies of the Census as well as to provide information related to workplace agreements on filling out the survey during work hours. For a complete list of Regional Mobilizers please visit www.opseu.org/countmein.



The Census @ Work

More and more employers are getting on board with the Census and have reached a written agreement with OPSEU to allow employees to fill out the Census at work. The following employers have a policy in place to provide access to the survey on workplace computers:

- Brockville General Hospital
- Fleming College
- George Brown College
- Georgian College
- Grey Bruce Health Unit
- Guelph and Wellington Paramedics
- Hamilton Victoria Order of Nurses (VON)
- Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine
- Ontario Public Service (OPS)
- Royal Ottawa Health Care Group of Paramedics
- Thunder Bay Health Sciences Centre

If you have any questions about confidentiality, security or filling out the Census at work please check with your steward or Regional Mobilizer.



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