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During the 2010 Census, Glasier worked on the Census in Schools program (designed to educate students about the census once every ten years) where she developed educational content, maintained partnerships and conducted outreach to the educational community. After the 2010 Census, she led the initiative to turn the Census in Schools program into an ongoing program – Statistics in Schools (SIS). SIS offers K-12 teachers free resources to help students understand the value and everyday use of statistics.

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