

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Economics and Statistics Administration U.S. Census Bureau

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## Dear Resident:

I recently sent a letter to your household about the American Community Survey. Enclosed is a questionnaire and information about the survey. Please complete the questionnaire and mail it back as soon as possible in the postage-paid envelope.

This survey collects critical up-to-date information used to meet the needs of communities across the United States. For example, results from this survey are used to decide where new schools, hospitals, and fire stations are needed. This information also helps communities plan for the kinds of emergency situations that might affect you and your neighbors, such as floods and other natural disasters.

The U.S. Census Bureau chose your address, not you personally, as part of a randomly selected sample. You are required by U.S. law to respond to this survey. The Census Bureau is required by U.S. law to keep your answers confidential. The enclosed brochure answers frequently asked questions about the survey.

If you need help filling out the questionnaire, please use the enclosed guide or call our toll-free number (1–800–354–7271).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles Louis Kincannon Director, U.S. Census Bureau

**Enclosures** 

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