

When will the results of the survey be available?

The results of the American Community Survey are released every summer. Survey results are released each year for areas of 65,000 persons or more. For smaller areas and Native Alaska Villages, results are available in the form of 3-year and 5-year averages.

Will American Indians and Alaska Natives be recruited for jobs?

The Census Bureau has always relied on the help of American Indians and Alaska Natives to make the census work, and will do the same to make the American Community Survey work.

Where can I get assistance or find more information about the American Community Survey in Alaska?

For questions or assistance with completing this survey, telephone the Census Bureau's Seattle Regional Office at 1-800-233-3308.

For more information about the American Community Survey or to obtain survey results, we encourage you to visit our Web site at:

www.census.gov/acs/www

OR contact us mail at the following address:

American Community Survey
U.S. Census Bureau
4700 Silver Hill Rd., Room 1657-3
Washington, DC 20233-7500

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The American Community Survey

Group Quarters



What is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey is part of the 2010 Decennial Census Program. It is a survey that collects and produces statistical information about the social, economic, and housing characteristics of the United States. The American Community Survey provides this information each year. Previously, this information was available only once every 10 years when the U.S. Census Bureau conducted the decennial census.

Only a small sample of addresses is selected to participate in the American Community Survey and represent other addresses in the community. In addition to this household sample, the Census Bureau selects a sample of group quarters (GQ) facilities from a sample of all GQs in your area each year. Individuals from sampled GQs are randomly selected to participate in the ACS. A Census Bureau representative will contact the sample GQs and individuals and conduct a personal interview. If a personal interview is not possible, the Census Bureau representative may collect your information over the telephone or ask that you complete the survey questionnaire. If you complete the survey yourself, a Census Bureau representative will arrange for a day and time to return to the GQ to pick up the completed questionnaire.

Do the sampled Group Quarters (GQ) and individuals have to answer the questions on the American Community Survey?

Yes. Your response to this survey is required by law (Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221). The Census Bureau estimates that the facility level survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and the individual survey will take about 25 minutes to complete.



How will my participation help me and my community?

Billions of dollars are allocated among states, communities, villages, and population groups based on the social, economic, housing, and group quarters information available for that area.

The information you provide will help you and other individuals, local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and businesses to:

- Ensure fair distribution of tax dollars and other resources.
- Evaluate programs to increase their effectiveness and target specific needs.
- Improve your community's quality of life by building new roads, improving airstrips, schools, and hospitals, and deciding where in your town they can do the most good.
- Observe change over time in such key areas as the well-being of children, families, and senior citizens.
- Help communities plan for emergency situations that might affect you or your neighbors, such as floods, fires, and other natural disasters.
- Help village leaders and Alaska Native corporations plan for better education and health services.



What about my tribe or my village?

The use of American Community Survey data could result in improved utility services, new housing, job training, better school facilities, or a new or improved health clinic that benefit you, your family, or your village. For example, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires information about American Indian and Alaska Native households to support training and employment activities. Your participation in the American Community Survey will provide this critically important information.

Is the information I provide strictly confidential?

Absolutely. Federal law, Title 13, Section 214 of the United States Code requires that all information you provide be kept strictly confidential. In addition, it provides that only persons sworn to protect the confidentiality of your information can see your answers. No one else will be able to connect your answers with your name and address or place of residence.

Only statistical summaries of the data from this survey are released. No individual person or address can be identified from the summary statistics that are published.