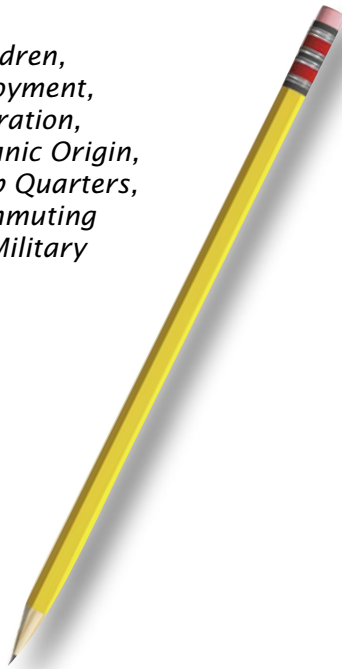


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## How do I get more information about the American Community Survey?

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

[www.census.gov/acs/www](http://www.census.gov/acs/www)

You may also contact us by mail at the  
following address:

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

You can also telephone the Census Bureau's  
Regional Office nearest you as listed below:

### Census Bureau Regional Offices

Atlanta, GA	1-800-424-6974
Boston, MA	1-800-562-5721
Charlotte, NC	1-800-331-7360
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Dallas, TX	1-800-835-9752
Denver, CO	1-800-852-6159
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## The American Community Survey

### Group Quarters



## What is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is part of the 2010 Decennial Census Program. It is a survey that provides information each year about social, economic, and housing characteristics of the United States. 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



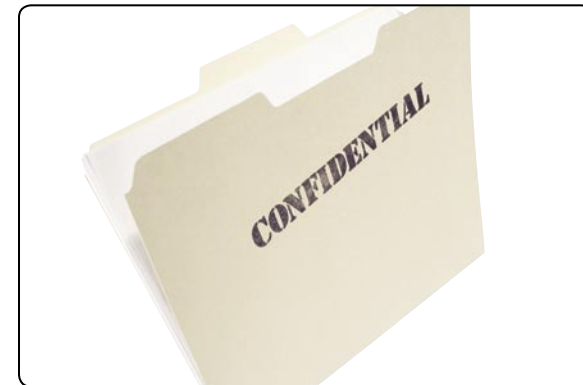
level survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and the individual survey will take about 25 minutes to complete.

## How will my participation help me and my community?

Billions of government and business dollars are distributed among states, communities, and population groups based on the social, economic, housing, and GQ information available for that area.

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

- Help distribute resources to communities.
- Improve your community by deciding where in your town new highways, schools, and hospitals can do the most good.
- Measure changes in the well-being of children, families, and senior citizens to help plan future programs.
- Help communities plan for emergency situations that might affect you such as floods, fires, and other natural disasters.



## Is the information I provide confidential?

**Yes.** Your answers are confidential by law under Title 13, United States Code, Section 9. This law requires that every Census Bureau employee—including the Director and every Census Bureau representative—take an oath and be subject to a jail term, a fine, or both if he or she discloses ANY information that could identify you. Your answers may be used only for statistical purposes.