The American Community Survey and the 2010 Census

What is the difference between the American Community Survey and the Census?

- The American Community Survey (ACS) is conducted every year to provide up to date information about the social and economic needs of your community. The ACS shows how people live our education, housing, jobs, and more. For example, results may be used to decide where new schools, hospitals, and fire stations are needed.
- The Census is conducted once every 10 years to provide an official count of the entire U.S. population to Congress.

Didn't I already answer the Census?

You may have answered the Census, but your address has also been chosen to be part of a randomly selected sample for the American Community Survey.

Do I have to answer both the American Community Survey and the Census?

Yes. Your response to both is important and required by law (Title 13, U.S. Code).

Why was I chosen for the American Community Survey?

The Census Bureau chose this address—not you personally—as part of a randomly selected sample.

Why can't you use my Census answers for the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey includes questions that are not asked by the Census, and the two serve different purposes.



Census 2010 Form

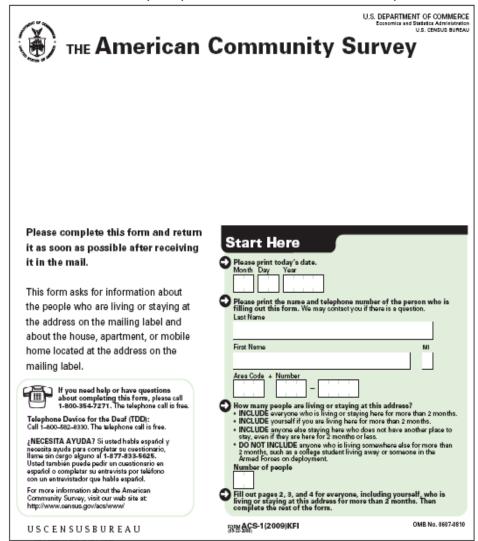
Every household receives this form

	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE for all the people at this address. US. CENSUS BUREAU your answers are protected by law.
2010	5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a
Use a blue or black pen.	person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult
Start here	living here. This will be Person 1.
	What is Person 1's name? Print name below.
The Census must count every person living in the United States on April 1, 2010.	Last Name
Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.	First Name MI
Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.	6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark X ONE box.
The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:	7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.
Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Armed Forces.	Print numbers in boxes. Age on April 1, 2010 Month Day Year of birth
Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010.	NOTE Black and DOTH Out the Galaxy Historia additional
Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the	→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.
military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.	8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
The Census must also include people without a permanent place to stay, so:	Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
 If someone who has no permanent place to stay is staying here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or she may be missed in the census. 	Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, Cuban Yes, Cuban Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Print origin, for example, Argentinean Colombian Dominican, Nicaraquan, Sahadoran, Spaniard, and so on.
How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?	Algenniean, Coloniblan, Doninican, ricaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniaru, and So Gr.
Number of people =	9. What is Person 1's race? Mark X one or more boxes.
Were there any <u>additional</u> people staying here April 1, 2010 that you <u>did not include</u> in Question 1?	☐ White ☐ Black, African Am., or Negro
Mark 🗷 all that apply.	American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe. 7
Children, such as newborn babies or foster children Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws	
Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in baby sitters	☐ Asian Indian ☐ Japanese ☐ Native Hawaiian
People staying here temporarily	☐ Chinese ☐ Korean ☐ Guamanian or Chamorro
No additional people	Filipino Vietnamese Samoan
3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark NONE box.	Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on. Z
Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? <i>Include home equity loans</i> .	
 Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)? Rented? 	☐ Some other race — Print race. ✓
Occupied without payment of rent?	
4. What is your telephone number? We may call if we	10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?
don't understand an answer. Area Code + Number	□ No □ Yes — Mark 🗷 all that apply.
	☐ In college housing ☐ For child custody ☐ In the military ☐ In jail or prison
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Form D-1 (12-5-2008)	→ If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2.
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The 2010 Census asks questions on: age, sex, Hispanic origin, race, relationship, home: owned or rented.

American Community Survey Form

A random sample of households also receive this form



The ACS asks additional questions on topics such as: education, employment, health insurance, heating costs, transportation.