

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. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this survey and chose your address, not you personally, as part of a randomly selected sample.

Some households, including yours, will receive both the American Community Survey and the 2010 Census this year. **Your response to both is required by U.S. law.** The Census Bureau is required by U.S. law to keep your answers confidential.

The American Community 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 enclosed brochure answers frequently asked questions about the American Community 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,

Steve H. Murdock
Director, U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosures

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