The American Community Survey and the 2010 Census

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.

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 to 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.

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). Your responses will also help provide local and national leaders with the information they need for planning and for programs.

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.

Why was I chosen for the American Community Survey?

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



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Census 2010 Form

Every address receives a census form

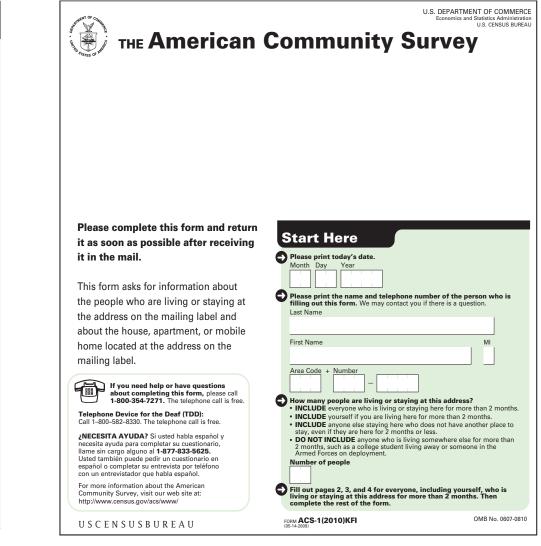
Census 2010

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERC This is the official form for all the people at this address. and Statistics Administration It is quick and easy, and your answers are protected by law. 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 Last Name States on April 1, 2010. Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in First Name М this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines 6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark X ONE box. · Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here Male Eemale most of the time. The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions 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. and other places, so: Print numbers in hoxes . Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Age on April 1, 2010 Month Day Year of birth Armed Forces. • Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010. → NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and . Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to Question 9 about race. For this census. Hispanic origins are not races. live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the 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 Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano place to stay, so: Yes, Puerto Rican . If someone who has no permanent place to stay is staying Yes, Cuban here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin - Print origin, for example she may be missed in the census Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on. 7 1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010? Number of people = 9. What is Person 1's race? Mark X one or more boxes. White 2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1? Black, African Am., or Negro Mark X 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 staving here temporarily Chinese Korean Guamanian or Chamorro No additional people Filipino Vietnamese Samoan 3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home -Other Asian - Print race, for Other Pacific Islander - Print Mark X ONE box. example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on. and so on. 7 Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans. Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)? 🗌 Some other race — Print race. 📈 Bented? 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. No Yes — Mark X all that apply. Area Code + Number In college housing For child custody In the military In jail or prison OMB No. 0607-0919-C: Approval Expires 12/31/2011. At a seasonal In a nursing home or second residence For another reason Form D-1 (12-5-2008) → If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2. USCENSUSBUREAU

The 2010 Census asks questions on: age, sex, Hispanic oriain. race. relationship. and home (owned or rented).

American Community Survey Form

A random sample of addresses also receive an ACS form



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