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If you have any further questions, please call the Census Bureau's Atlanta Regional Office toll-free number on 1-800-424-6974.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

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If you have any further questions, please call the Census Bureau's Dallas Regional Office toll-free number on 1-800-835-9752.

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If you have any further questions, please call the Census Bureau's Denver Regional Office toll-free number on 1-800-852-6159.

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If you have any further questions, please call the Census Bureau's Detroit Regional Office toll-free number on 1-800-432-1495.

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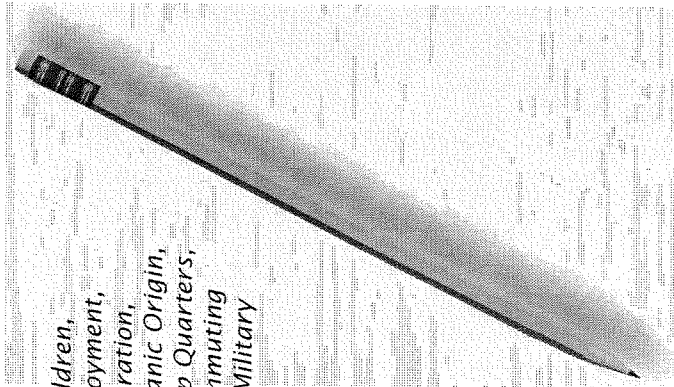
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How do I get more information about
the American Community Survey?

For more information about the American
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results, we encourage you to visit our
Web site at:

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You may also contact us by mail at the
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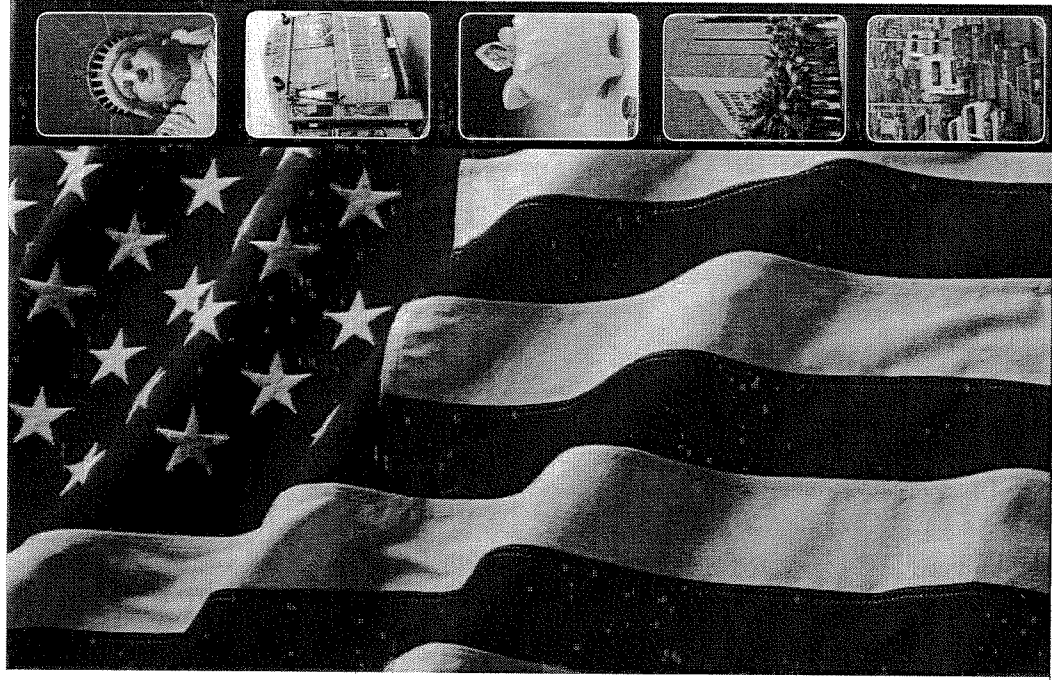
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Detroit, MI	1-800-432-1495
Kansas City, KS	1-800-728-4748
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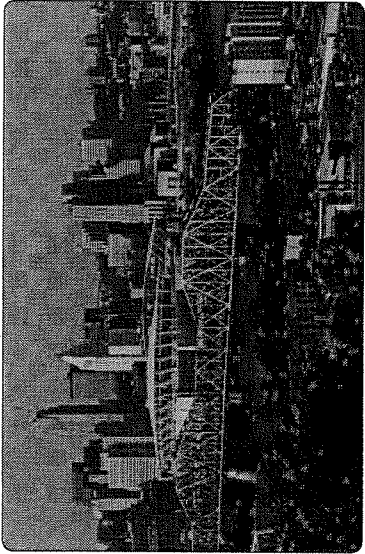
What is the American Community Survey?

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



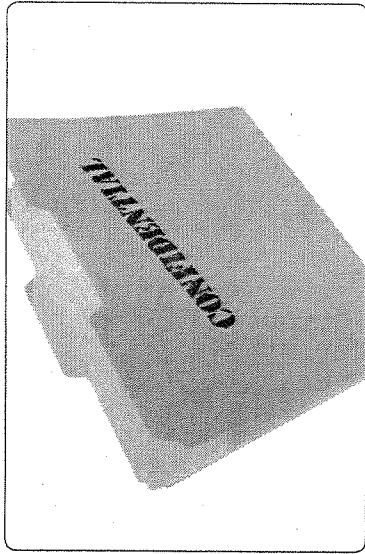
level survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and the individual survey will take about 25 minutes to complete.

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.



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If you have any further questions, please call the Census Bureau's Boston Regional Office toll-free number on 1-800-562-5721.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

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El Negociado del Censo de los EE.UU. está llevando a cabo una encuesta muy importante conocida como la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad de Puerto Rico (PRCS, por sus siglas en inglés). En las próximas semanas, un Representante de Campo del Negociado del Censo lo llamará para hablar sobre la encuesta y hacer una cita para visitar su instalación.

Hay dos razones por la visita del Representante de Campo:

- Primero, para recopilar información básica sobre su instalación para actualizar nuestros registros de direcciones. Nuestros Representantes de Campo verificarán y actualizarán la información, tal como el nombre de la persona de contacto y el tipo de instalación, al igual que contestarán cualquier pregunta que usted tenga sobre la PRCS.
- Segundo, para solicitar una lista de las personas que se quedan en la instalación actualmente. El Representante de Campo usará esta lista para seleccionar al azar una muestra de residentes para que participen en la PRCS. Es posible que el Representante de Campo también necesite su ayuda para recopilar estos datos de la muestra de residentes.

La PRCS recopila información sobre varios temas, tales como educación, condición de la salud y empleos. Tanto el gobierno federal, el de Puerto Rico y los gobiernos municipales, como las entidades comerciales y organizaciones privadas sin fines de lucro utilizan información sobre esta encuesta para satisfacer las necesidades de las comunidades en Puerto Rico.

Los gobiernos locales utilizan estos datos para preparar sus presupuestos, evaluar programas y planificar proyectos de desarrollo comunitario, tales como para personas de edad avanzada, programas para niños y niñas escuchas, bibliotecas y hospitales. Otras organizaciones usan esta información para proveer servicios a la comunidad y para planificar o establecer nuevas instalaciones, nuevos edificios y programas.

El folleto que se incluye provee respuestas a las preguntas hechas con más frecuencia sobre la PRCS. Si usted tiene acceso a la Internet y desea aprender más sobre la PRCS, por favor, vaya a la página del Negociado del Censo en: **<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/index.html>**

Si tiene alguna otra pregunta, por favor, llame a la Oficina Regional del Negociado del Censo en Boston al número de teléfono 1-800-562-5721. La llamada telefónica es gratis.

Gracias de antemano por su ayuda.

Atentamente,

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