

individuals in similar GQs to produce data for your community. Similar data will be produced for communities across the United States.

We may combine your answers with information that you gave to other agencies to enhance the statistical uses of these data. This information will be given the same protections as your survey information. Based on the information that you provide, you may be asked to participate in other Census Bureau surveys that are voluntary.

### The American Community Survey brings you data every year about . . .

*education, children, families, employment, income, immigration, race and Hispanic origin, housing, group quarters, rural life, commuting patterns, and military service.*



### 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/)**

or contact us by mail at the following address:

**American Community Survey  
U.S. Census Bureau  
4600 Silver Hill Road  
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
Chicago, IL	1-800-865-6384
Dallas, TX	1-800-835-9752
Denver, CO	1-888-209-7659
Detroit, MI	1-800-432-1495
Kansas City, KS	1-800-728-4748
Los Angeles, CA	1-800-992-3530
New York, NY	1-800-991-2520
Philadelphia, PA	1-866-238-1374
Seattle, WA	1-800-233-3308

## The American Community Survey

### Group Quarters



## What is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is part of the 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 and individuals have to answer the questions on the American Community Survey?

**Yes.** Your response to this survey is required by law (Title 13, U.S. 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.

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved this survey and gave it OMB approval No. 0607-0810. Displaying this number shows that the Census Bureau is authorized to conduct this survey. Please use this number in any correspondence concerning this survey.

## 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:

- 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 plan for future programs.
- Plan for emergency situations that might affect your community, such as floods, fires, and other natural disasters.

## Is the information I provide confidential?

**Yes.** Your answers are confidential by law under Title 13, U.S. 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.

## How will the Census Bureau use the information that I provide?

The Census Bureau can use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and cannot publish or release information that would identify you and this GQ. Your information will be used in combination with information from other selected