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**(1-2012)**



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Economics and Statistics Administration**  
**U.S. Census Bureau**

Washington, DC 20233-0001  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Census Bureau has selected your household to participate in the 2012 National Household Education Survey, which we are conducting on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education. This survey collects information on the education of people in the United States. The study provides vital information that is used to improve education for everyone – information that is not available anywhere else. The results will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our diverse population in changing times. This survey is about all of us!

Your household was chosen at random as part of this scientific study, and we cannot replace you with someone else. Although your participation is voluntary, your answers will make sure that households like yours are counted. Every type of household in America needs to be included in the survey.

You should receive the survey in the mail within the next week.

- It usually takes 5 minutes or less to fill out the survey.
- We will include a small token of our appreciation for your participation in this study with the survey.

If you would like more information on the study, please visit <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/> or contact us at 1-888-840-8353.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important study.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves  
Director

### **Authorization and Confidentiality of Information**

The National Center for Education Statistics within the U.S. Department of Education is authorized to conduct this survey under Section 9543, 20 U.S. Code. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this study for the U.S. Department of Education. Your participation is voluntary. Be assured that your answers will only be used for statistical purposes and that your individual responses will be protected to the fullest extent allowable under law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code). Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce statistics about the educational experiences of all Americans.


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The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting an important national research study for the U.S. Department of Education, and we need your help. This survey is the first step in a study that provides vital information that is used to improve education for people of all ages – this information is not available anywhere else.

Please fill out this survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope that is provided. 

- It usually takes 5 minutes or less to fill out these initial questions and only a few seconds if no one in your household is age 20 or younger. 
- The questionnaire will help us find households with children and youths. This information is used to later ask those households about their educational experiences. 
- Even if you have no infants or children in your household, it is important that you return this survey so that every type of household in America is represented. Simply answer the first question on the enclosed form and return it in the envelope that is provided. 
- The results of this study will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our diverse population in changing times.

Your household was chosen as part of this voluntary scientific study, and we cannot replace you with someone else. All information you provide may only be used for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code).

We have enclosed a cash token of our appreciation. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at 1-888-840-8353. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Thank you for taking part in this important study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert M. Groves".

Robert M. Groves  
Director

Enclosure

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The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting an important national research study for the U.S. Department of Education, and we need your help. In early January, we mailed a survey to your address and asked that a member of your household complete and return the questionnaire. We have not yet received your response. We are writing again because we need your help. This survey is the first step in a study that provides vital information that is used to improve education for people of all ages – information that is not available anywhere else.

Please fill out this survey and mail it back in the postage-paid envelope that is provided.

- It usually takes only a few minutes to fill out.
- **The brief questionnaire enclosed will help us find households with children and youths.** This information is used to later ask those households about their educational experiences.
- **Even if you have no children in your household,** it is important to us that you return this survey. Every type of household in America needs to be included.

Your household was chosen as part of this voluntary scientific study, and we cannot replace you with someone else. All information you provide may only be used for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code).

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at 1-888-840-8353. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

The results of this study will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our diverse population in changing times. Thank you for taking part in this important study.

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I am writing to request that a member of your household complete a brief questionnaire as part of an important national research study being conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the U.S. Department of Education. I have written twice previously, but we have not yet received your completed questionnaire.

We have mailed this third questionnaire using rush delivery because of the importance of your response.

As mentioned in earlier letters, this short questionnaire is the first step in a study that provides valuable information that is used to improve education for people of all ages – information that is not available anywhere else. The results will help policymakers, researchers, and educators understand the educational needs of our nation. Your household was selected to represent thousands of households like yours, and every type of household in America needs to be included in the survey.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at 1–888–840–8353. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope as soon as possible. Thank you for taking part in this important study.

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Robert M. Groves  
Director

Enclosure

Section 9543, 20 of the U.S. Code authorizes the National Center for Education Statistics to conduct this survey. Your responses are voluntary and will be used for statistical purposes only and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law [Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002) Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code].

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I am writing to request a few minutes of your time to help with a vital study being conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Department of Education.



The short questionnaire enclosed helps us to identify households with infants and children up to the age of 20 for this national education research study. Even if your household does not have anyone under the age of 20, it is important that you return a completed survey to us within the next two weeks using the enclosed envelope.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at 1-888-840-8353. You can find more information about this study online at <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/nhes/>.

Thank you for taking part in this important study.

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If you have not completed and returned your survey, please do so right away. We need to hear from everyone and your help is very important to us. Your household was randomly selected to take part in this survey and cannot be replaced.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 1-888-840-8353. Thank you.

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La semana pasada le enviamos por correo un cuestionario, llevada a cabo por la Oficina del Censo de EE.UU. para el Departamento de Educación de EE.UU. Si alguien en su hogar ya ha enviado el cuestionario de regreso, queremos agradecerle por su ayuda.

Si no ha respondido ni regresado el cuestionario, por favor, hágalo lo más pronto posible. Necesitamos recibir los cuestionario de todos y su ayuda es muy importante para nosotros. Su hogar fue seleccionado al azar para participar en esta encuesta y no podemos reemplazarlo.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, o necesita que le enviemos un cuestionario en otro idioma, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros al 1-888-840-8353. Gracias.

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