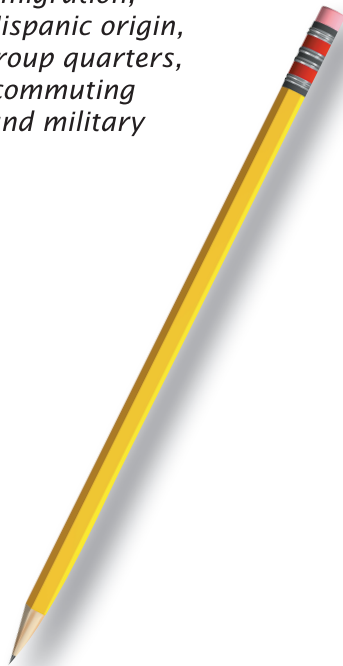


How will the Census Bureau use the information that I provide?

The Census Bureau will compile and publish estimates for geographical areas, such as, for the nation, states, counties and Puerto Rico municipios. The Census Bureau will not publish or release information that would identify a facility, or its residents. Estimates are then available for use by a variety of programs supporting your community.

The American Community Survey brings you estimates 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, or to obtain survey results from past years, we encourage you to visit our Web site at:

<http://www.census.gov/acs>

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

Chicago, IL
1-800-865-6384

Denver, CO
1-888-209-7659

Los Angeles, CA
1-800-992-3530 (ext. 1)

New York, NY
1-800-991-2520 (ext. 3400)

Philadelphia, PA
1-866-238-1374

The American Community Survey

Group Quarters



What is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey provides current demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics every year. In the past, this information was only available every 10 years when the decennial census was conducted. Estimates from the American Community Survey helps communities make informed decisions and is a key to their future.

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 facility participation and your response to this survey is required by law (Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221). The Census Bureau

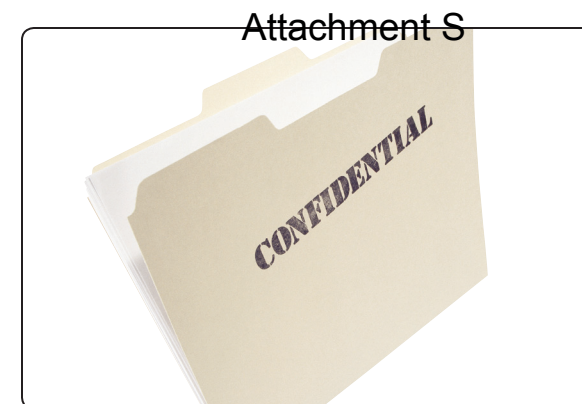


estimates the survey will take about 25 minutes to complete. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0810, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, AMSD-3K138, Washington, DC 20233. You may email comments to Paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0810" as the subject.

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. Respondents are not required to respond to any information collection unless it displays a valid approval number from the OMB.

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, United States Code, Section 9. This law specifies that the Census Bureau can use the information provided by the facility and residents for statistical purposes only and cannot publish or release information that would identify any group quarters or individual.