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Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

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# **How Your Responses Help America**

The American Community Survey (ACS) provides vital information that public officials, planners, and entrepreneurs use to assess the past and plan the future. When you respond to the ACS, you are doing your part to help your community plan hospitals, support school lunch programs, improve emergency services, build bridges, inform businesses looking to add jobs and expand to new markets, and more. Respond at

https://respond.census.gov/acs or fill out the questionnaire today.

# What we ask about... How your responses help...

# **Employment**

- Employment
- Unemployment
- Not in labor force
- Weeks and hours worked
- Industry and occupation
- Help governments plan unemployment programs and services.
- Develop programs to boost employment.
- Pinpoint areas of growth for new businesses to locate.

### **Education**

- School enrollment, private vs. public
- Information on students, at all educational levels
- Educational attainment
- Help communities measure how well educational resources are serving their populations.
- Identify the educational and training needs of adults.
- Bridge gaps between educational attainment for workers and educational requirements for employers.

# **Veterans**

- Military service
- Veteran period of service
- VA service-connected disability rating
- Help the government and communities plan for the future health care of veterans.
- Plan and fund job training for veterans.
- Improve the home loan guarantee program for veterans.

# Income and Housing Costs

- Income sources
- Living expenses

- Help gauge the need for economic and housing assistance.
- Provide the only source of community data on the population and characteristics of people who live in poverty.
- Provide a measure of housing affordability.





# **Commuting**

- Where people work
- Commuting time to work
- Mode of transportation
- Provide precise data crucial for planning improvements to roads and mass transit.
- Help develop transportation and networks and services.

# Disability and Health Insurance

- Person's difficulty with specific daily living tasks
- Health insurance enrollment and type.
- Help communities plan transportation, employment programs, and public service accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Attract businesses that serve people with disabilities.
- Show which groups are at risk for limited health care access and poor health outcomes.

# **Housing Characteristics**

- Plumbing, kitchen facilities, and other housing features
- Housing size and age
- Help identify areas with substandard housing.
- Identify which communities are eligible for housing programs that help people afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing.
- Help communities plan recovery efforts after disasters.

# **Owners and Renters**

- Own vs. rent home
- Amount of monthly rent
- Property value

- Analyze housing affordability and allocate assistance programs.
- Help governments understand local housing market changes and monitor affordability.
- Supply businesses with data to design and market homes.

# **People and Relationships**

- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Hispanic origin
- Relationship to

# household members

- Help monitor the well-being and discrimination of people.
- Administer funds and services to people needing assistance.
- Help businesses evaluate local market demands for products and services.







# The American Community Survey

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Producing quality of life statistics that communities in every state depend on

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¿Necesita ayuda? Llame sin cargo alguno al 1-877-833-5625.

# How this survey is done...

Each month we survey several thousand randomly selected addresses in every region of the U.S. to learn how quality of life issues are changing in communities.

The American Community Survey is one of only a few surveys for which all recipients are required to respond. The Census Bureau and its staff are also required by law to protect the confidentiality of responses, and no individual can be identified in the statistics produced from this survey. An explanation of the ACS is available at http://www.census.gov/acs/www

# First Name Area Code + Number

Next, tell us how many people are living or staying at this address.

Number of people

**Please include** everyone who is living or staying here for more than 2 months, yourself if you are living here for more than 2 months and anyone else staying here who does not have another place to stay, even if they are here for 2 months or less.

**But do not include** anyone who is living somewhere else for more than 2 months, such as a college student living away or someone in the Armed Forces on deployment.

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