

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.

Is the information I provide strictly 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.

When will the results of the survey be available?

The previous years' results of the American Community Survey are released every Fall. Survey estimates are released each year for areas of 65,000 or more people. For smaller areas, results are available in the form of 3-year and 5-year estimates.

Will American Indians and Alaska Natives be recruited for jobs?

The Census Bureau has always relied on the help of American Indians and Alaska Natives to make the census work and will do the same to make the American Community Survey work.

Where can I get assistance or find more information about the American Community Survey in Alaska?

For questions or assistance with completing this survey, telephone the Census Bureau's Los Angeles Regional Office at **1-800-992-3530 (ext. 1)**.

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

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**

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*education, children,
families, employment,
income, veterans,
commuting patterns,
and housing.*



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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 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 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 e-mail 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 Number 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 dollars are allocated among states, communities, villages, 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:

- Ensure fair distribution of tax dollars and other resources.



- Evaluate programs to increase their effectiveness and target specific needs.
- Improve your community's quality of life by building new roads, improving airstrips, schools, and hospitals, and deciding where in your town they can do the most good.
- Observe change over time in such key areas as the well-being of children, families, and senior citizens.
- Help communities plan for emergency situations that might affect you or your neighbors, such as floods, fires, and other natural disasters.
- Help village leaders and Alaska Native corporations plan for better education and health services.

What about my tribe or my village?

The use of American Community Survey estimates could result in improved utility services, new housing, job training, better school facilities, or a new or improved health clinic that benefit you, your family, or your village. For example, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires information about American Indian and Alaska Native households to support training and employment activities. Your participation in the American Community Survey will provide this critically important information.