



2018 Census Test Information Sheet for Multi-Unit Managers

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What is the 2018 Census Test?

The Census Bureau is conducting this survey in preparation for the 2020 Census. The goal of this survey is to develop new methods that will make the next census easier, more convenient, and less costly for taxpayers.

The Census Bureau is contacting multi-unit managers to test the methods that will be used in the 2020 Census in order to account for housing units that are located in multi-unit buildings and to follow up with occupied housing units that have not responded.

What will I need to provide?

Census Enumerators will ask multi-unit managers to provide the following:

- Occupancy status of units in your complex, particularly which units were known to be vacant as of April 1, 2018.
- The reason that each unoccupied unit was vacant as of April 1, 2018. Reasons for vacancy include: Vacant for rent, rented but not occupied, for sale only, sold but not occupied, unit is occupied seasonally or for recreational purposes only, unit is for occupancy for migrant workers, and other.
- Entry to buildings of occupied units either in person or through access codes.

How long will this survey take?

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that, for the average household, this survey will take about 10 minutes to complete on average.

How will I identify a Census Enumerator?

An enumerator from the Census Bureau will identify him or herself and show you a badge when meeting with you. Enumerators will provide the phone number of their area census office upon request. An enumerator will never ask for Social Security numbers or banking information.

What do building residents need to know?

Our enumerators will attempt to speak with residents of your complex or building(s) who have not yet completed our questionnaire online or mailed back a completed paper questionnaire. Residents can complete their questionnaire online anytime using their User ID.

Legal Authority and Confidentiality

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you or your household. We are conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 193. Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, United States Code, Section 9). Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

To learn more about the 2018 Census Test, please visit census.gov/2018censustest