



U.S. Census Bureau

Washington, DC 20233

Office of the Director

A message from the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau ...

Dear Resident:

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting a very important survey called the **American Community Survey (ACS)**. The ACS is an on-going monthly survey that tells us what the population looks like and how it lives. The Census Bureau chose this facility, not you personally, as part of a randomly selected sample. Participating in the ACS is important and also required by law (Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 141, 193, 221, and 223).

An ACS field representative from the Census Bureau will conduct a personal interview with you or you may complete the survey questionnaire yourself. We estimate this survey will take about 25 minutes of your time. If you fill out the questionnaire yourself, please place it in the envelope that the ACS field representative gave you. The field representative will arrange for a convenient time to pick it up.

The ACS produces critical, up-to-date information that is used to meet the needs of communities across the United States. For example, results from this survey may be used to decide where new schools, hospitals, and fire stations are needed. The ACS estimates are used by federal, tribal, state, and local governments to make decisions and to develop programs that will provide healthcare, education, and transportation services that affect you and your community.

The Census Bureau is required by law to keep your information confidential. We are not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data. The Census Bureau can only use your responses to produce statistics. The enclosed brochure provides answers to frequently asked questions about the ACS.

If you have access to the Internet and want to learn more about the ACS, please visit the Census Bureau's website at: [census.gov/acs](https://www.census.gov/acs). Thank you for your help.

Enclosure



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Un mensaje del Director de la Oficina del Censo de los EE. UU. ...

Estimado se or o se ora,

La Oficina del Censo de los EE. UU. est  realizando una encuesta nacional muy importante conocida como la **Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense** (ACS, por sus siglas en ingl s). La ACS es una encuesta mensual continua que nos indica c mo es la poblaci n y c mo vive. La Oficina del Censo no lo escogi  a usted personalmente, sino este alojamiento como parte de una muestra al azar. Participar en la ACS es importante y tambi n lo requiere la ley (secciones 141, 193, 221 y 223 del t tulo 13 del C digo de los Estados Unidos).

Un representante de la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense realizar  una entrevista en persona con usted, o usted mismo puede completar el cuestionario de la encuesta. Estimamos que esta encuesta tomar  aproximadamente 25 minutos de su tiempo. Si usted mismo contesta el cuestionario, por favor,  chelo en el sobre que le entreg  el representante de la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense. El representante acordar  con usted el mejor momento para recogerlo.

La Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense produce informaci n actual y cr tica que se utiliza para satisfacer las necesidades de comunidades en todo los Estados Unidos. Por ejemplo, puede que los resultados de esta encuesta se usen para decidir d nde se necesitan nuevas escuelas, hospitales y estaciones de bomberos. El gobierno federal, los gobiernos de las tribus y los gobiernos estatales y locales usan los estimados de la ACS para tomar decisiones y elaborar programas que brinden atenci n m dica, educaci n y servicios de transporte que le ata en a usted y a su comunidad.

La Oficina del Censo de los EE. UU. est  obligada por ley a mantener confidencial su informaci n. A la Oficina del Censo no se le permite divulgar sus respuestas de manera que usted pudiera ser identificado. En conformidad con la Ley para el Fortalecimiento de la Seguridad Cibern tica Federal del 2015, sus datos est n protegidos contra los riesgos de seguridad cibern tica mediante los controles aplicados a los sistemas que transmiten su informaci n (secci n 9 del t tulo 13 del C digo de los Estados Unidos). Por ley, la Oficina del Censo solamente puede usar sus respuestas para producir estad sticas. El folleto adjunto proporciona respuestas a las preguntas m s frecuentes acerca de la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense.

Si tiene acceso a Internet y desea obtener m s informaci n acerca de la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense, visite el sitio de la Oficina del Censo por Internet en census.gov/acs. Gracias por su ayuda.

Documentos adjuntos



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Your Answers Are Confidential

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the American Community Survey. We appreciate your participation and cooperation.

Your answers are required and confidential by law (Title 13, United States Code, Sections 9, 141, 193, 214, and 221). 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.

The Census Bureau estimates that this form will take about 25 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing the instructions and answers. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this burden, to: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0810, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, ADDC – 4H277, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to acso.pra@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0810" as the subject.

Respondents are not required to respond to any information collection unless a valid approval number has been assigned by the Office of Management and Budget. The approval number for the American Community Survey is: OMB No. 0607-0810.

Thank you for your cooperation. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

Para la traducción al español, véase al dorso. (For a Spanish translation, see the reverse side.)

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Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense

Sus Respuestas son Confidenciales

La Oficina del Censo de los EE. UU. está llevando a cabo la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense. Agradecemos su participación y cooperación.

Sus respuestas son obligatorias y confidenciales por ley (secciones 9, 141, 193, 214 y 221 del título 13 del Código de los EE. UU.). La Oficina del Censo de los EE. UU. está obligada por ley a mantener confidencial su información. A la Oficina del Censo no se le permite divulgar sus respuestas de manera que usted pudiera ser identificado.

La Oficina del Censo estima que le tomará aproximadamente 25 minutos completar este cuestionario, incluyendo el tiempo para repasar las instrucciones y respuestas. Si tiene algún comentario sobre el tiempo que toma completar este cuestionario o cualquier otro aspecto de la recopilación debe enviarlo a: Paperwork Reduction Project 0607-0810, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, ADDC - 4H277, Washington, DC 20233. Puede dirigir sus comentarios por correo electrónico a aco.pra@census.gov; y use como referencia "Paperwork Project 0607-0810".

No se requiere que las personas respondan a ninguna recopilación de información a menos que la Oficina de Administración y Presupuesto le asigne un número de aprobación válido. El número de aprobación para la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense es: Nóm. de OMB 0607-0810.

Gracias por su cooperación. La Oficina del Censo agradece su ayuda.

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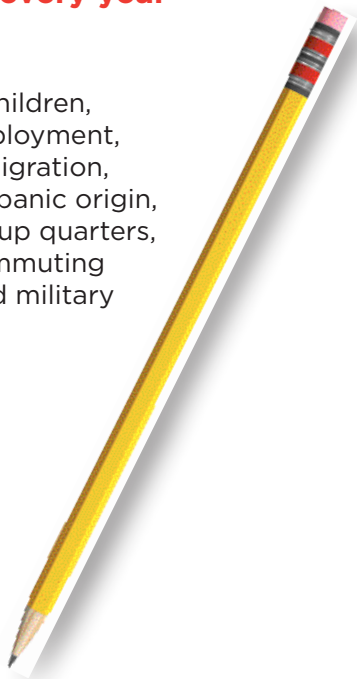
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How will the Census Bureau use the information that I provide?

By law, the Census Bureau can only use your responses to produce statistics. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data. The Census Bureau will also use this information to improve the ACS, ultimately resulting in even better data for your community and the nation.

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 ACS, or to obtain survey results from past years, we encourage you to visit our website at:

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 (ext. 53955)

Chicago, IL
1-800-865-6384 (ext. 1)

Denver, CO
1-888-209-7659

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

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

Philadelphia, PA
1-866-238-1374

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What is the American Community Survey?

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Only a small sample of addresses is selected to participate in the ACS and represent other addresses in the community. In addition to this household sample, the U.S. 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 ACS?

Yes. Your response to this survey is required by law (Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141, 193, 221, and 223).

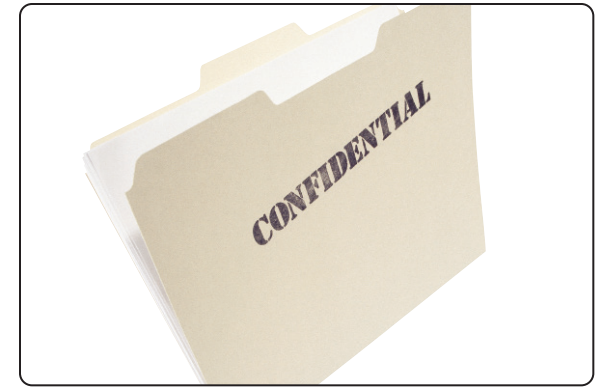


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The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved this survey and gave it OMB approval No. 0607-0810. Displaying this number shows that the Census Bureau is authorized to conduct this survey. Please use this number in any correspondence concerning 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?

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Attachment P - ACS-51(GQ)(RA) Remote Alaska FAQ Brochure (English)

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. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to keep your information confidential. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

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 website at:

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and housing.*



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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 benefits 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.



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