The American Community Survey and the 2010 Census

Didn't I already answer the census?

You may have answered the census, but your address has also been chosen to be part of a randomly selected sample for the American Community Survey.

What is the difference between the American Community Survey and the census?

- The American Community Survey (ACS) is conducted every year to provide up-to-date information about the social and economic needs to your community. The ACS shows how people live—our education, housing, jobs, and more. For example, results may be used to decide where new schools, hospitals, and fire stations are needed.
- The census is conducted once every 10 years to provide an official count of the entire U.S. population to Congress.

Do I have to answer both the American Community Survey and the census?

Yes. Your response to both is important and required by law (Title 13, U.S. Code). Your responses will also help provide local and national leaders with the information they need for planning and for programs.

Why can't you use my census answers for the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey includes questions that are not asked by the census, and the two serve different purposes.

Why was I chosen for the American Community Survey?

The U.S. Census Bureau chose this address—not you personally—as part of a randomly selected sample.



Census 2010 Form

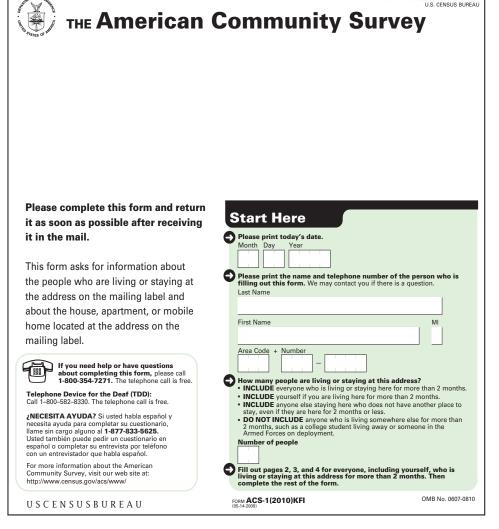
Every address receives a census form

_United States	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Economics and Statistics Administration
	for all the people at this address. U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
2010 It is quick and easy, and	your answers are protected by law.
Use a blue or black pen.	5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile
Start here	home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult
Clart Here	living here. This will be Person 1. What is Person 1's name? Print name below.
The Census must count every person living in the United	Last Name
States on April 1, 2010. Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in	First Name MI
this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines. • Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here	6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark X ONE box.
most of the time.	☐ Male ☐ Female 7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?
The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:	Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old. Print numbers in boxes.
Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Armed Forces.	Age on April 1, 2010 Month Day Year of birth
Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010.	→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and
Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the	Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.
military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.	8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
The Census must also include people without a permanent place to stay, so:	Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
If someone who has no permanent place to stay is staying	Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, Cuban
here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or she may be missed in the census.	Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.
1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?	
Number of people =	9. What is Person 1's race? Mark X one or more boxes.
2. Were there any additional people staying here	White
April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1? Mark X all that apply.	☐ Black, African Am., or Negro ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe. ☐
Children, such as newborn babies or foster children	
Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in baby sitters	☐ Asian Indian ☐ Japanese ☐ Native Hawaiian
People staying here temporarily	Chinese Korean Guamanian or Chamorro
☐ No additional people	☐ Filipino ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Samoan
3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark X ONE box.	Other Asian — Print race, for upon the reactific Islander — Print example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on. 7 and so on. 7
 Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans. 	r anistatii, Gairiboulari, ariu so ori. 矣 ariu so ori. 矣
Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?	☐ Some other race — Print race. ☐
☐ Rented? ☐ Occupied without payment of rent?	
4. What is your telephone number? We may call if we	10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?
don't understand an answer. Area Code + Number	No
Alea Coue + Nullipei	☐ In college housing ☐ For child custody
OMB No. 0607-0919-C: Approval Expires 12/31/2011.	☐ In the military ☐ In jail or prison ☐ At a seasonal ☐ In a nursing home
Form D-1 (12-5-2008)	or second residence ☐ For another reason → If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2.
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The 2010 Census asks questions on: age, sex, Hispanic origin, race, relationship, and home (owned or rented).

American Community Survey Form

A random sample of addresses also receive an ACS form



The ACS asks additional questions on topics such as: education, employment, health insurance, heating costs, and transportation.

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