American Community Survey

Internet Data Collection Instrument Screen Capture Guide

How to Use This Guide

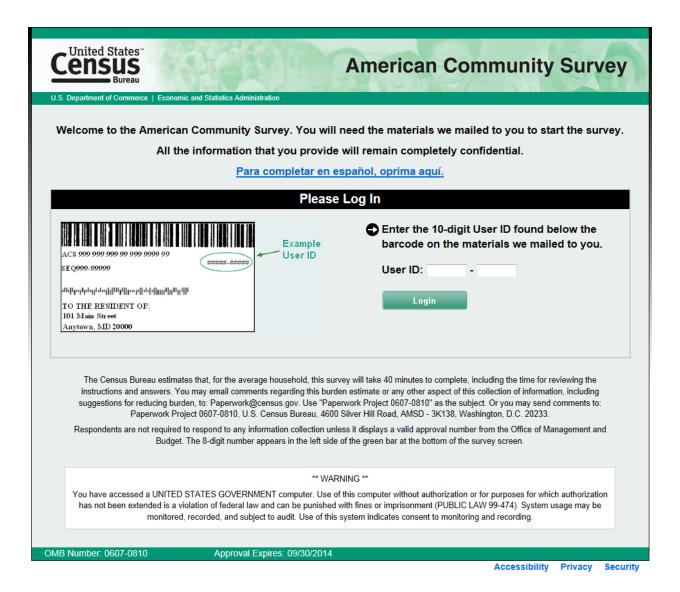
This document contains copies of screens respondents will see in the ACS Internet Questionnaire. You can use this guide as a reference when talking to respondents.

On the next page, you will see a table of contents that contains links rather than page numbers. Because you will be using this guide on your computer, this format will allow you to use **Ctrl + Click** on a page name and navigate directly to that page. Most of the screen capture names are the same as the page names in the instrument. Respondents can provide the page names to you from the URL in the address bar of their browsers. For example, the question for the type of unit at the sample address (e.g., mobile home, single family home detached from any other homes, etc.) is "typeofunit" in the Internet questionnaire. If respondents are on this screen, the address bar will display, "https://respond.census.gov/acs/typeofunit."

Some screens may change text and appearance depending on the situation or makeup of the household. For example, the "pselect" screen asks respondents to choose the person for whom they will answer questions next. If only one person remains on the roster, the text displays differently than if multiple names are available. A second screen capture for the "pselect" screen reads "pselect (one person left on roster)."

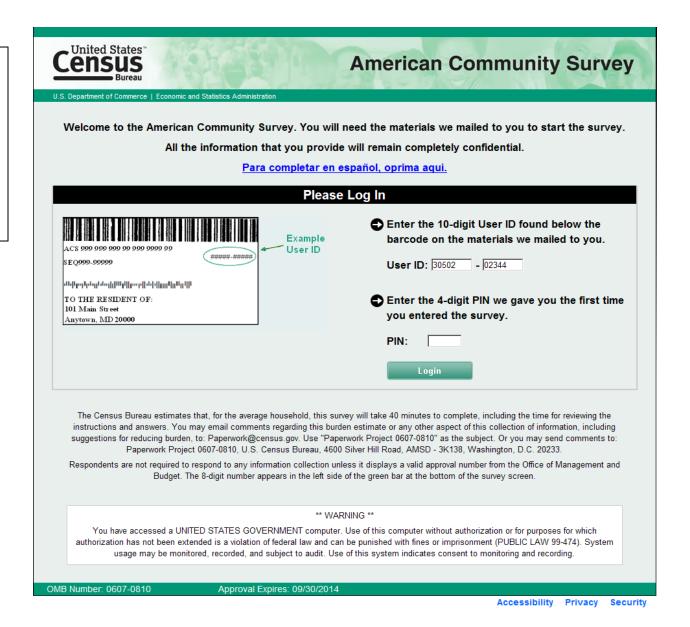
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login



return login

The URL address name respondents see is still "login" as the previous screen name. This screen asks for a PIN when users left the survey previously and are coming back to access their account.



address



later2 (wrong address)

Census		American Community Survey
Instructions	FAQs	Save & Logout
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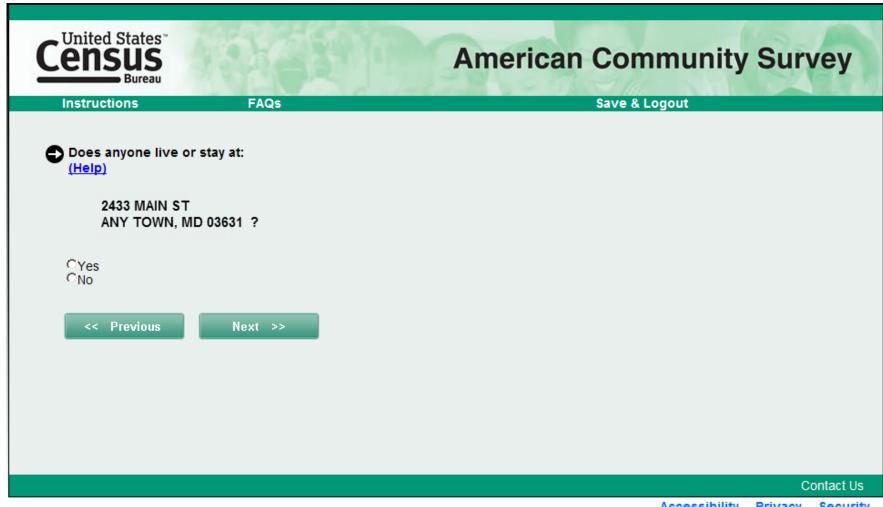
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Help

Select "Yes" if you:

- Have been staying at the address for more than two months
- Intend to be at the address for more than two months, but have been there less time than that as of the current date
- Have no other PERMANENT place to stay AND are living or staying there
- . Are staying at the address even for a short time
- Are away from the address, but do not plan to be away for more than two months

live



live help

Help

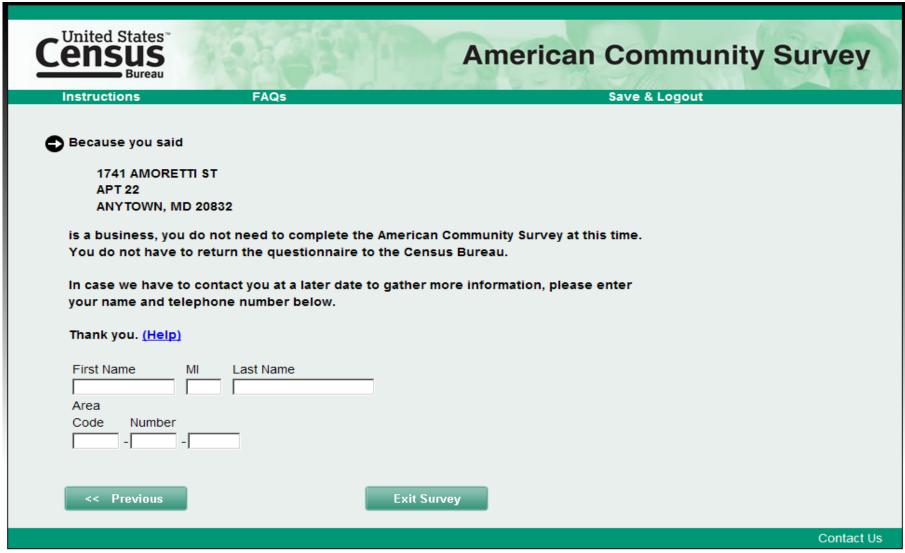
Select "Yes" if:

- Anyone has been staying at the address for more than two months
- Anyone intends to be at the address for more than two months, but has been there less time than that as of the current date
- Anyone lives or stays at the address such as a caretaker or live-in employee
- Someone who has no other PERMANENT place to stay is living or staying there
- Anyone is staying at the address even for a short time
- Someone is away from the address, but does not plan to be away for more than two months

business



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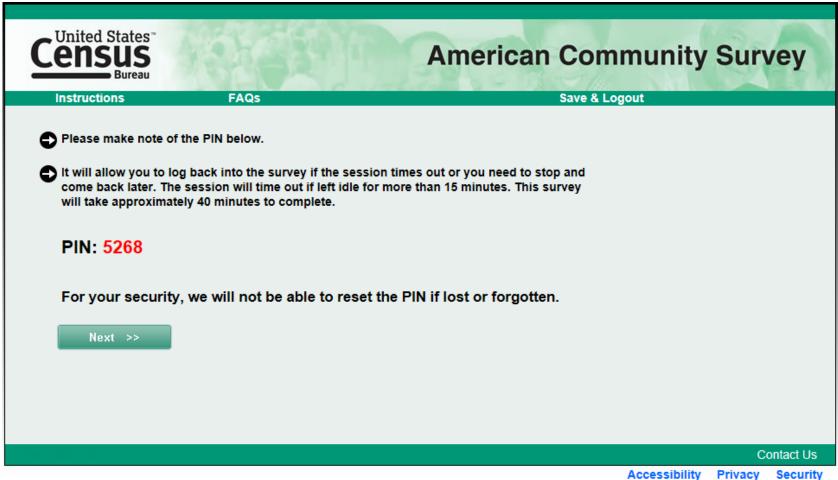


thankyoubusiness help

Why We Ask?

We ask for a name and phone number in case we need to contact someone to ask about incomplete or missing survey information.

pin



resp_name

Census Bureau		American Community Survey
Instructions What is your nam (Help)	FAQs ne and your telephone number? \	Save & Logout We may contact you if there is a question.
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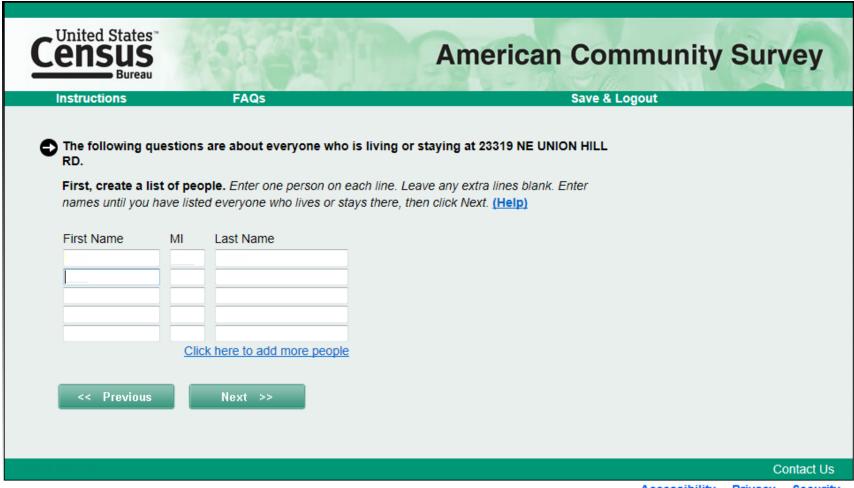
Why We Ask?

We ask for a respondent's name in case we need to contact someone to ask about incomplete or missing survey information.

Help

- Names and phone numbers are kept confidential.
- Providing a name helps eliminate confusion as you proceed through the interview to know about whom questions are being asked.
- The phone number you provide will be used to contact you only if we have questions about any of your responses.

roster_a



roster_a help

Why We Ask?

We request names of everyone living in the household to make it easier for you to keep track of each person's information when completing the survey.

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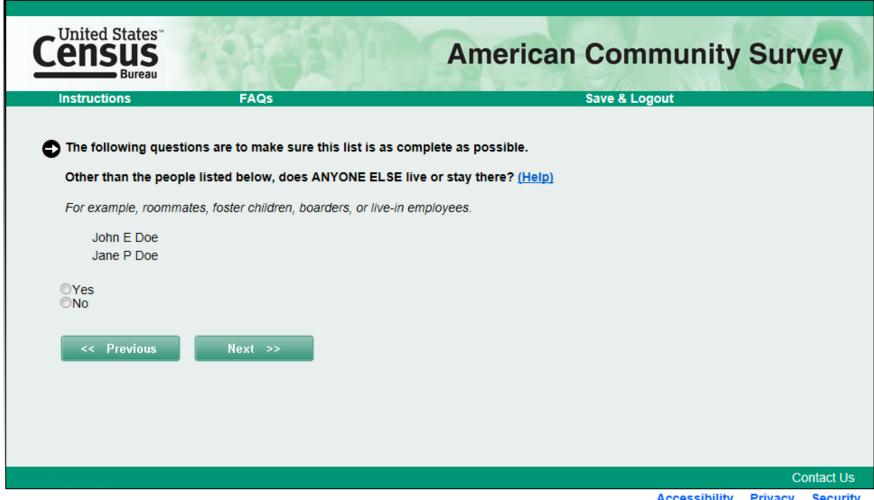
Create a list of everyone who is living or staying at this address. You can list up to 20 people.

Do Include yourself and everyone else who is living or staying there.

Do NOT Include anyone who lives separately from you in the same building/structure if they have direct access from the outside or through a common hall.

If a person has a suffix on their name, such as "Jr." or "Sr." enter it into the last name field.

roster_b



roster_b help

Why We Ask?

We ask a series of specific questions about who lives or stays at an address to make sure everyone is included in the list and the list is complete based on the Census Bureau's definition of "live or stay."

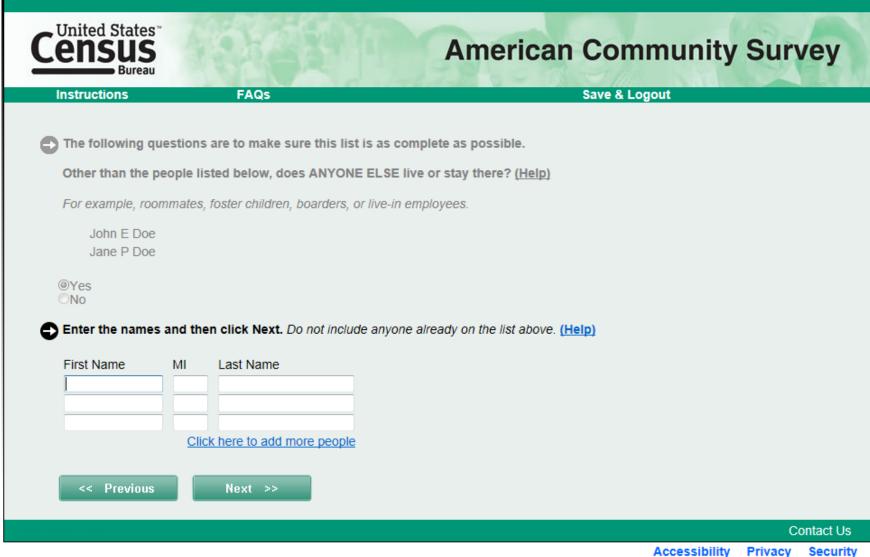
Help

This question is asked to make sure you included all the people living or staying there. The examples presented in the question are some types of people that are often forgotten. Consider these, and other, types of people.

Select "Yes" to report more people, who live or stay there, that you have not yet listed.

Select "No" if you have already reported everyone who lives or stays there.

add_1



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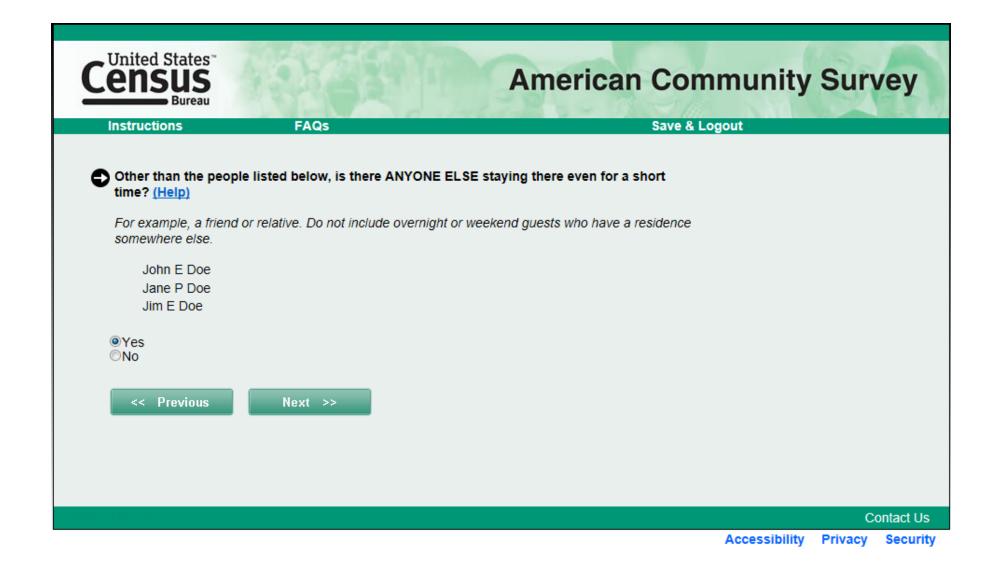
Why We Ask?

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Help

Continue creating a list of everyone who is living or staying at this address. The names you report here will be added to the list of people you have already provided.

roster_c



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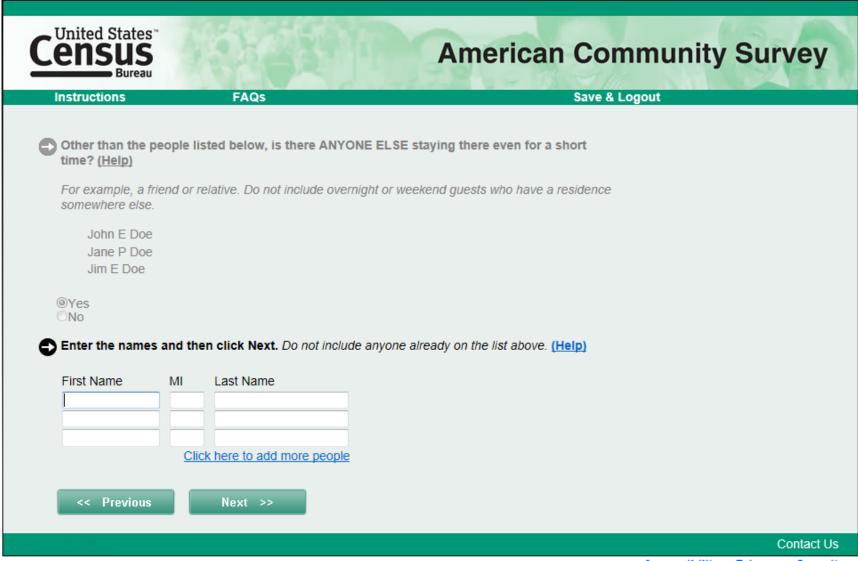
Help

Select "Yes" to report more people you have not listed yet. Consider:

- Anyone who is staying there even for a short time, even if you are unsure whether that person should be included
- Anyone whose length of stay is uncertain, for example, a friend that is staying there while going through a personal crisis
- · Anyone who has no permanent place to stay

Select "No" if you have already reported everyone who is staying there. You do not need to consider anyone who is ONLY staying overnight or for the weekend AND has a residence somewhere else.

add_2



add_2 help

Why We Ask?

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Help

Continue creating a list of everyone who is living or staying at this address. The names you report here will be added to the list of people you have already provided.

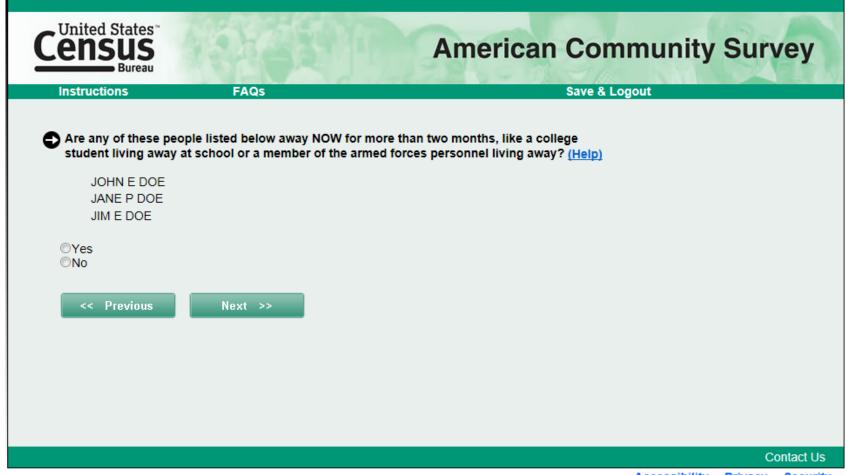
Do Include:

- Anyone who is staying there even for a short time, even if you are unsure whether that person should be included
- Anyone whose length of stay is uncertain, for example, a friend that is staying there while going through a personal crisis
- · Anyone who has no permanent place to stay

Do NOT Include:

 Anyone who is only staying overnight or for the weekend AND has a residence somewhere else

away_now



away_now help

Why We Ask?

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Help

Selecting "Yes" will take you to another screen where you can select which people are away now for more than two months.

By "away now for more than two months," we mean that a person:

- · Has already been away for more than two months
- Is planning to be away for more than two months, but has been away only a short amount of time so far

Select "Yes" if anyone on this list:

- Is a college student and is living away at school for more than two months, either in on-campus or off-campus housing
- Is in the armed forces and is living away for more than two months, for example someone who is living in the barracks or who is deployed overseas
- Is away now for more than two months for any other reason, for example someone who is in jail or living in a rehabilitation facility, nursing home, or traveling in a circus

Select "No" if:

- · Everyone on this list is there now
- The people who are away now do NOT plan to be away for more than two months
- The only people staying away now for more than two months are children in boarding school or summer camp

remove_one



remove_one help

Why We Ask?

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Help

By "away now for more than two months," we mean that a person:

- · Has already been away for more than two months
- Is planning to be away for more than two months, but has been away only a short amount of time so far

Do Select anyone who is:

- A college student and is living away at school for more than two months, either in on-campus or off-campus housing
- In the armed forces and is living away for more than two months, for example someone who is living in the barracks or who is deployed overseas
- Away now for more than two months for any other reason, for example someone who is in jail or living in a rehabilitation facility, nursing home, or traveling in a circus

Do NOT Select anyone who is:

- There now
- Away now, but who is not planning to be away for more than two months
- A child in boarding school or summer camp, even if he or she is away now for more than two months

another_home



another_home help

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Help

Selecting "Yes" will take you to another screen where you can select which people have another place where they usually stay.

Select "Yes" if anyone on this list:

- · Is a child in shared custody
- · Stays at another residence part of the time to be closer to work
- · Has another place to stay or live, like a vacation or seasonal home
- · Has another place to stay or live for any other reason

Select "No" if:

- · No one on this list has another place to live or stay
- The only person who has another place to stay is a child in boarding school or summer camp

another_home_who



another_home_who help

Why We Ask?

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Help

Select the names of anyone who has another place to live or stay.

Do Select:

- College students on this list who are living away at school for more than two months, either in on-campus or off-campus housing
- Armed forces personnel who are living away for more than two months, for example someone who is living in the barracks or who is deployed overseas
- · Children in shared custody who are NOT staying there right now
- Anyone who stays somewhere else part of the week to be closer to work if this address IS the place that is closer to work
- Anyone who has another place to stay or live, like a vacation or seasonal home
- · Anyone who has another place to stay or live for any other reason

Do NOT Select:

- People on this list if they live there and have no other place where they live or stay
- Children in shared custody who ARE staying there right now
- · Children who live at boarding school or summer camp
- Anyone who stays somewhere else part of the week to be closer to work if this address is NOT the place that is closer to work

more_than_2



more_than_2 help

Why We Ask?

We ask a series of specific questions about who lives or stays at an address to make sure everyone is included in the list and the list is complete based on the Census Bureau's definition of "live or stay."

Help

Please determine whether this person is staying there for MORE than two months. If they have been there, or intend to be there, for more than two months then select "Yes".

Select "Yes" if this person:

- · Has been there for more than two months
- Intends to be there for more than two months, but has been there less time than that as of today

Also, select "Yes" if this person has not been there for more than 2 months BUT:

- Lives away to be closer to work and this is the place where he or she lives when he or she is NOT at work
- · Is a boarding school student or a child in summer camp
- · Is a child in shared custody and IS staying there now

Select "No" if this person:

 Has not stayed there, and does not intend to stay there, for more than two months

Also, select "No" if this person:

- Lives away to be closer to work and this is the place where he or she lives when he or she IS at work
- · Is a child in shared custody and is NOT staying there now

This question helps the Census Bureau determine which people will be asked additional questions for this survey.

roster_check



roster_check help

Why We Ask?

This screen allows the respondent to review the list of people living or staying at an address to make sure it is correct based on the Census Bureau's definition.

Help

These are the people who we need to collect data for today.

Some of the people you told us about in previous questions might not have been eligible for this survey. Those people will no longer appear in the list of people you created.

The rest of the survey questions will only ask about the people on this final list. In addition, the survey will also collect information about the housing unit where these people live.

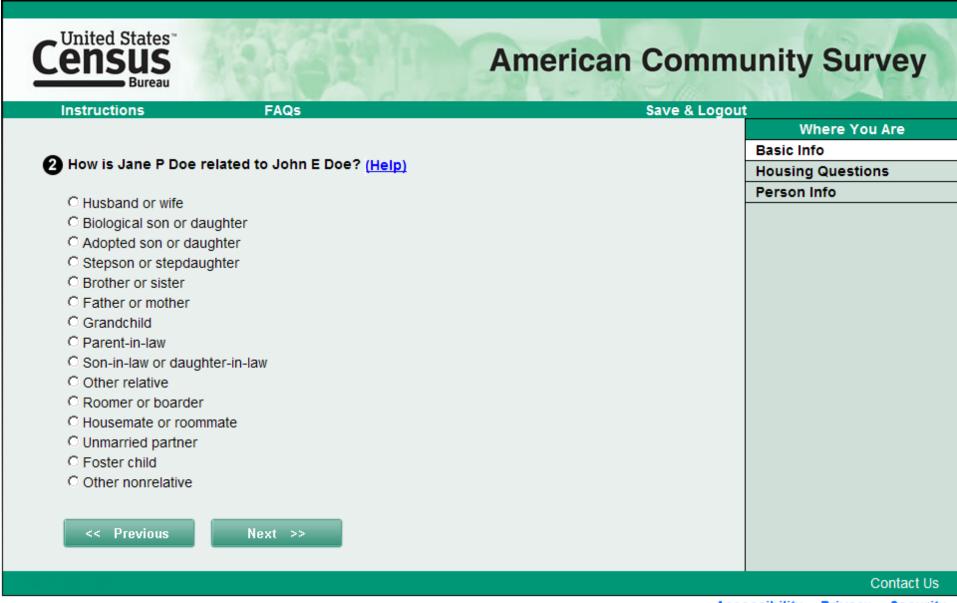
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relationship



relationship help

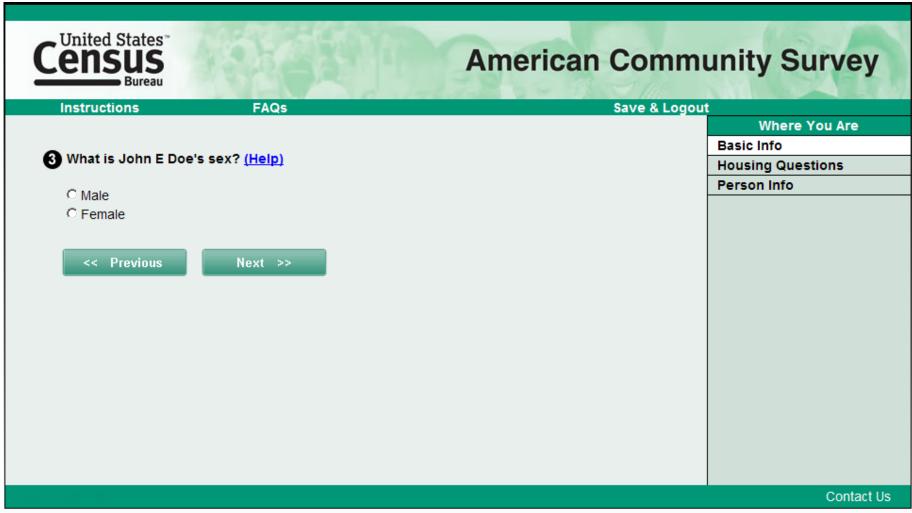
Why We Ask?

We ask this question about a person's relationship to the householder to classify the population into families and other groups, which provides an essential look at the composition of American households. This information is used to allocate funds and plan services, including education, health, and emergency planning.

Help

Category:	Definition:
Other relative	Related by birth, marriage, or adoption, but NOT one of the options listed For example, niece or nephew
Roomer or boarder	Occupies room(s) AND makes cash or non-cash payment(s)
Housemate or roommate	15 years old or over AND shares living quarters primarily to share expenses BUT does not share a close personal relationship
Unmarried partner	Shares close personal relationship, such as domestic partner
Foster child	Under the age of 21 AND involved in the formal foster care system
Other nonrelative	Not related AND not one of the options listed

sex



sex help

Help

Select one response to indicate this person's biological sex

dateofbirth



dateofbirth help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions regarding a person's age and date of birth so that federal, state, and local governments can assess population change over time to address society's changing needs. Age statistics are widely used in planning and evaluating government programs and policies that provide funds or services for children, working-age adults, or the older population, including health services, veteran benefits, and education.

Help

This question consists of two parts: the first part asks for the date of birth, and the second part asks for the age of the person.

Date of Birth

- If you know the date of birth, enter it. The person's age will be automatically calculated.
- If you do not know the exact date of birth, enter as much as you know.
- If you do not know the date of birth at all, leave it blank and fill in the person's age.

Age

Enter the person's age. If you do not know the exact age, please estimate. For babies who are not yet one year old, enter "0."

hispanic



hispanic help

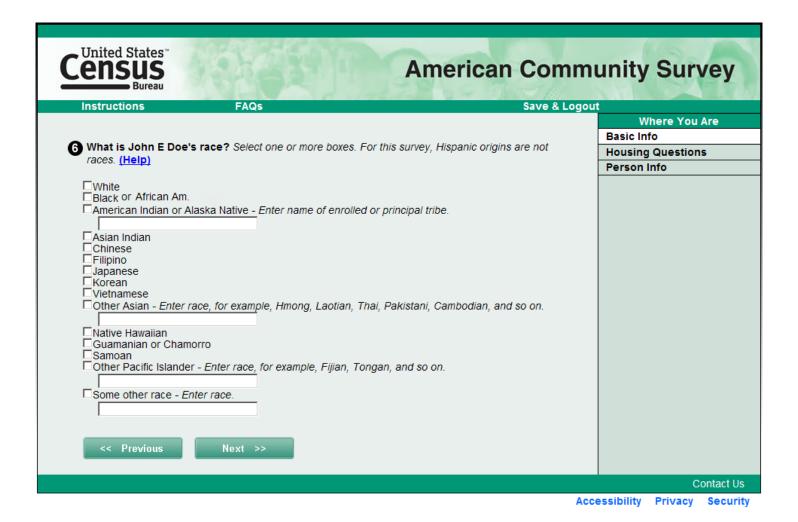
Why We Ask?

We ask this question to provide information about the Hispanic, Latino and Spanish community. These statistics are used to understand the needs and characteristics so as to better serve the community.

Help

If:	Then:
Not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	Select "No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin"
Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano	Select "Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano"
Puerto Rican	Select "Yes, Puerto Rican"
Cuban	Select "Yes, Cuban"
Another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on	Select "Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin" AND enter the name of the specific origin

race



race help

Why We Ask?

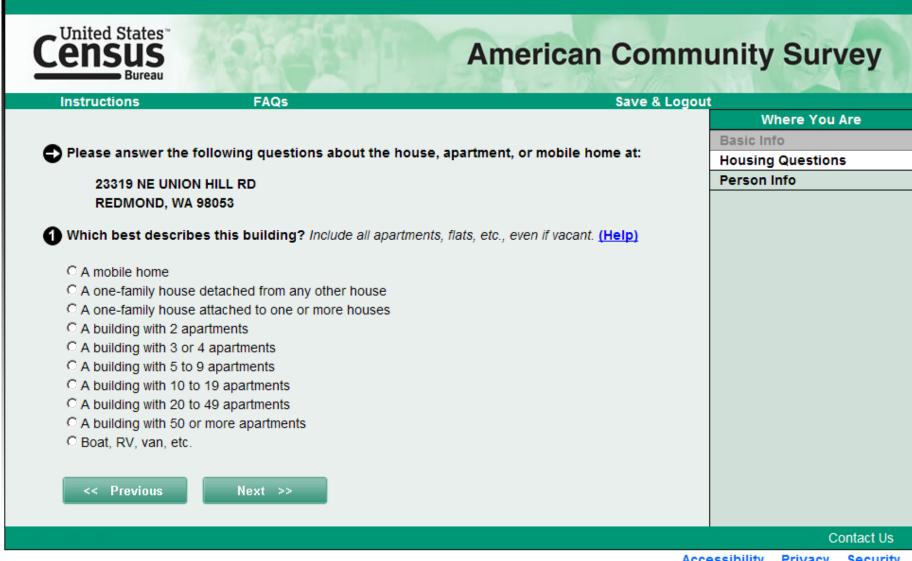
We ask questions about race because these statistics are critical factors in the basic research behind numerous policies, particularly for civil rights. Race estimates are also used to promote equal employment opportunities and to address racial disparities in health and environmental risks.

Help

- · Please answer BOTH the question about Hispanic origin AND the question about race. For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.
- · People who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be of any race.
- The concept of race, as used by the Census Bureau, reflects self-identification by individuals according to the race or races with which they identify. The federal government treats Hispanic origin and race as separate and distinct concepts.
- · You may select one or more races.

If race is:	Then:
Burmese	Select Other Asian AND enter "Burmese"
Cambodian	Select Other Asian AND enter "Cambodian"
Fijian	Select Other Pacific Islander AND enter "Fijian"
Hmong	Select Other Asian AND enter "Hmong"
Indonesian	Select Other Asian AND enter "Indonesian"
Laotian	Select Other Asian AND enter "Laotian"
Pakistani	Select Other Asian AND enter "Pakistani"
Polynesian	Select Other Pacific Islander AND enter "Polynesian"
Sri Lankan	Select Other Asian AND enter "Sri Lankan"
Tahitian	Select Other Pacific Islander AND enter "Tahitian"
Thai	Select Other Asian AND enter "Thai"
Tongan	Select Other Pacific Islander AND enter "Tongan"

typeofunit



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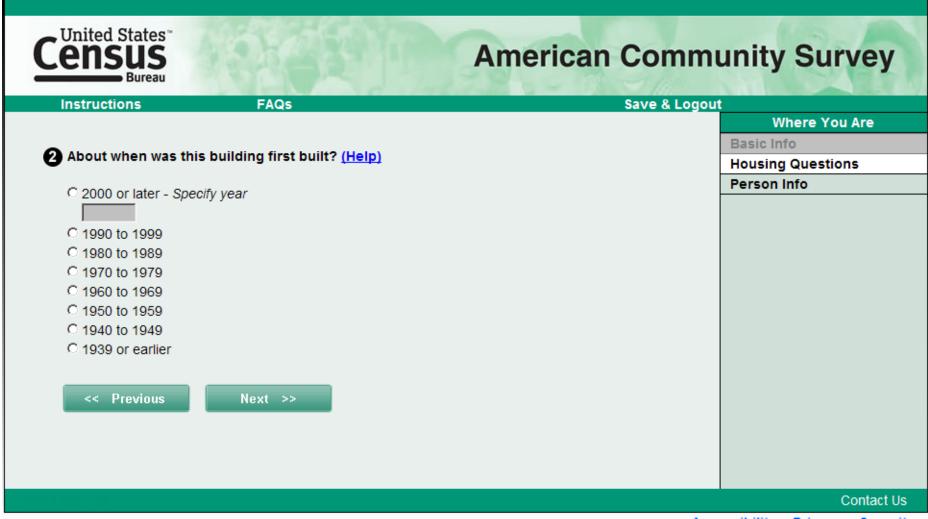
Help

If:	Then select:
 Towable RV (e.g., travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers) Only porch or shed added to mobile home 	A mobile home
 Open space on all sides House joined only to shed or garage Mobile home with one or more rooms added or built onto it 	A one-family house detached from any other house
House joined to another house or building by at least one wall from ground to roof For example, townhouses are a row of houses attached to one another	A one-family house attached to one or more houses
Self-propelling RVs Motor homes	Boat, RV, van, etc.

To determine number of apartments in building:

- · Count both occupied AND vacant units
- · Do NOT count stores or office space

yearbuilt

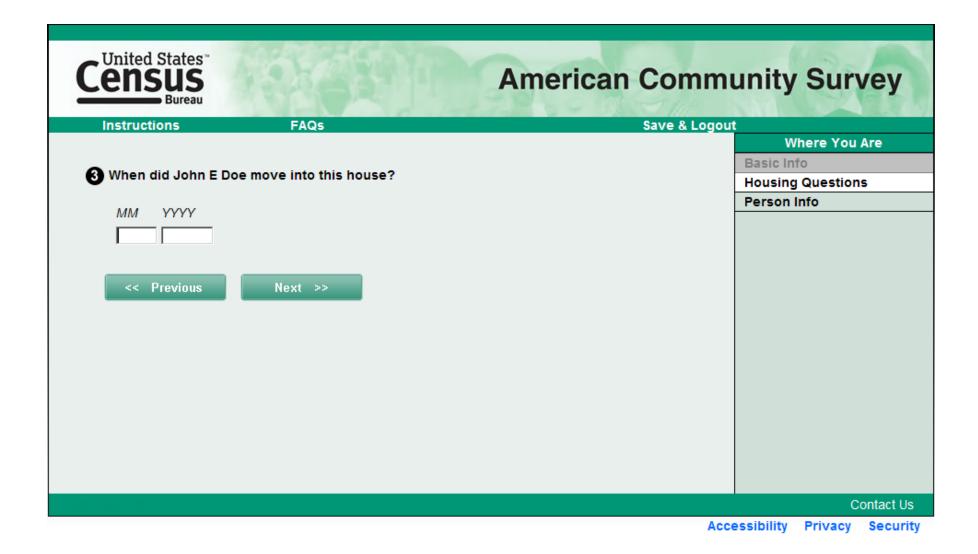


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Help

- For building → select year original construction was completed, NOT remodeling, additions or conversions
- Boat → select manufactured model year
- Mobile home → select manufactured model year
- If year is not known → provide estimate

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acres



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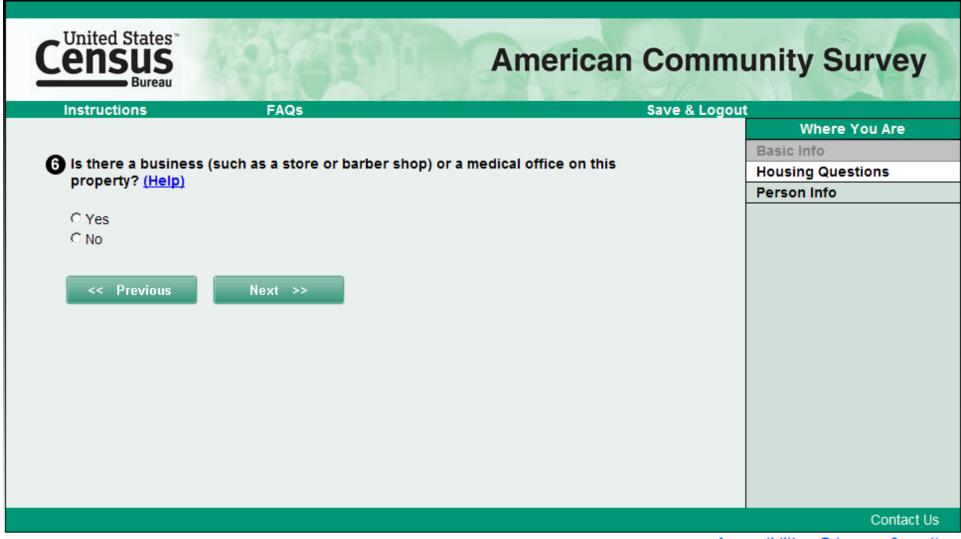
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- Only include land someone in this household owns or rents
- Include adjoining land someone in this household rents for the household's use

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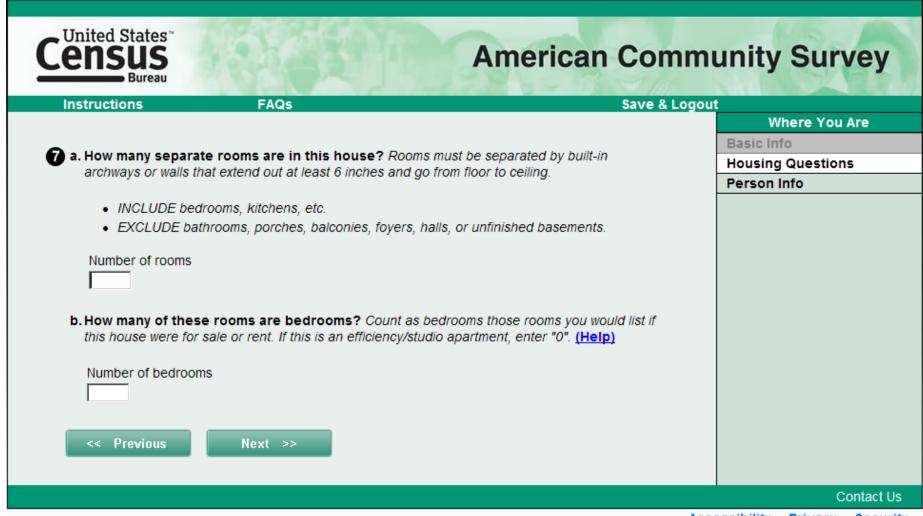


busonprop help

Help

Category:	Definition:
Business	Easily recognized from outside, AND Separate entrance
Medical Office	Doctor's or dentist's office, AND Regularly visited by patients

rooms



rooms help

Help

Include all rooms intended to be used as bedrooms even if used for other purposes

facilities

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Instructions FAQs		
Does this house have —		
(Help)		
	Yes	No
a. hot and cold running water?	O	0
b. a flush toilet?	0	О
c. a bathtub or shower?	0	0
d. a sink with a faucet?	O	0
e. a stove or range?	c	0
f. a refrigerator?	c	0
g. telephone service from which you can both make and receive calls? <i>Include cell phones</i> .	0	0
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facilities help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions about kitchen and plumbing facilities because federal and local governments need this information to identify areas eligible for housing assistance, rehabilitation loans, and as an indicator of housing quality. Using this information, governments allocate funding for housing subsidies and other programs that help American families afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

Help

Hot and cold running water: Even if unit has hot water only part of the time → select "Yes"

Sink with a faucet: If sink is inside the house, apartment or mobile home AND the water can be turned on and off with a faucet → select "Yes"

Stove or range: Portable cooking equipment, including microwaves, hot plates, or camp stoves, is NOT considered a stove or range

Telephone Service:

lf:	Then select:
A telephone in working order, AND Someone receives service	Yes
Someone has a cell phone that can both make AND receive calls	Yes
Service disconnected for nonpayment or other reason	No

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PAQs At this house, do you or any member of this household own or use any computers? EXCLUDE GPS devices, digital music players, and devices with or computing capabilities, for example: household appliances. (Help)		Save & Log	Where You Are Basic Info Housing Questions Person Info
	Yes	No	
a. Desktop, laptop, netbook, or notebook computer	0	c	
b. Handheld computer, smart mobile phone, or other handheld wireless computer	С	0	
c. Some other type of computer	O	C	
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compuse help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions about computer and Internet use to measure access to computers and the Internet throughout the country. These statistics are also used to develop measures to help expand broadband access to areas with less connectivity and fund broadband education and support.

Help

- Mark the "Yes" or "No" box for each part of question 9.
- Do NOT include devices such as:
 - Portable book readers
 - · Internet movie players
 - · Portable gaming devices
 - Other devices with limited computing capabilities
- "Desktop, laptop, netbook, or notebook computers" are types of computers that operate primarily with a keyboard.
- "Handheld computer, smart mobile phone, or other handheld wireless computers" are types of computers that can be used by holding in one hand.
 Some handheld computers, such as smartphones, are able to make phone calls while others cannot.
- "Some other types of computers" are devices with advanced capabilities, such as tablet computers. These devices often feature "touch screen" operations and have applications that allow them to function like a desktop or a laptop computer.

netaccess



netaccess help

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Help

lf:	Then select:
Access to Internet includes:	Yes, with a subscription to an Internet service
access to the Internet does NOT require: • An account, OR • A contract agreement	Yes, without a subscription to an Internet service

netsub

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	Yes	No	1			
a. Dial-up service?	0	0				
b. DSL service?	0	0				
c. Cable modem service?	0	0				
d. Fiber-optic service?	0	0				
e. Mobile broadband plan for a computer or a cell phone?	0	0				
f. Satellite Internet service?	0	0				
g. Some other service?	0	0				
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Help

Category:	Definition:
Dial-up service	Internet service Uses a regular telephone line to connect to the Internet
DSL service	Broadband Internet service Uses regular telephone line AND Allows users to be online and use the phone at the same time (unlike dial-up)
Cable modem service	Broadband Internet service Uses a cable TV line
Fiber-optic service	Broadband Internet service Uses a fiber-optic line
Mobile broadband plan	Wireless broadband Internet service Accessed through a portable modem in a computer or cell phone
Satellite Internet service	Broadband Internet service Uses a satellite dish

vehicles



vehicles help

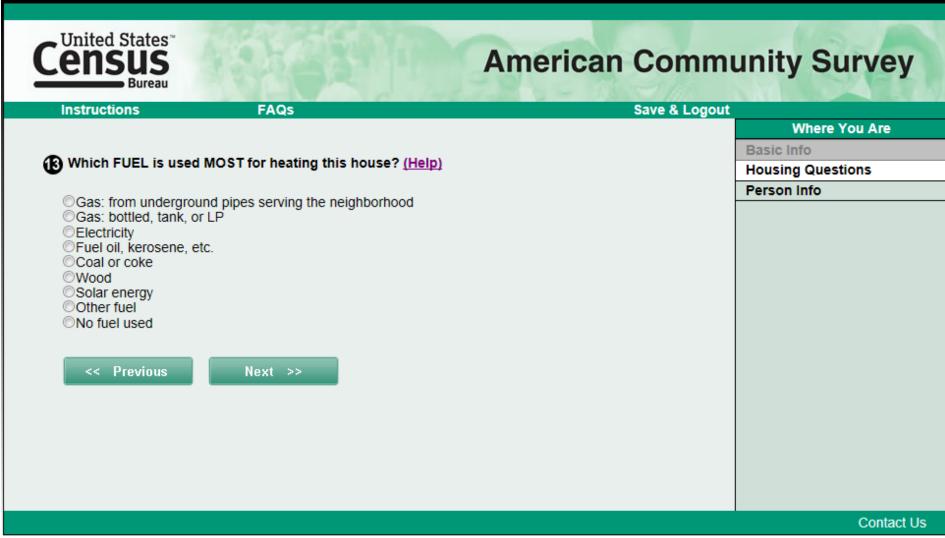
Why We Ask?

We ask this question about vehicles, in conjunction with the place of work and journey to work questions, to provide information about commuting and road congestion. This information is used to forecast energy consumption and to plan transportation programs, including transportation safety, emergency response, and evacuation procedures.

Help

lf:	Then:
Company cars, vans or SUVs such as police cars or taxicabs • Regularly kept at home AND • Used by household for nonbusiness purposes	Include in count
Company trucks one-ton (2,000 pounds) capacity or less Regularly kept at home AND Used by household for nonbusiness purposes	Include in count
Cars or trucks permanently out of working order	Do NOT include in count
Motorcycles	Do NOT include in count
Recreational vehicles	Do NOT include in count

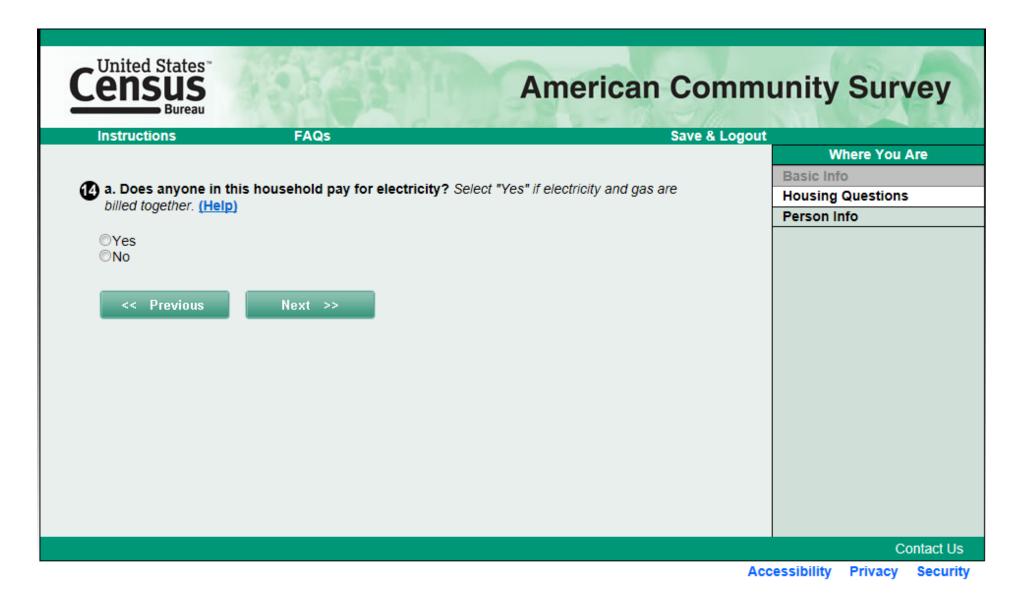
heatingfuel



heatingfuel help

Category: Definition/examples: Solar A system that collects, stores, and distributes heat from sun Other fuel Include fuel not listed separately, such as: • Purchased steam • Fuel briquettes • Waste material

elecpay



elecpay help

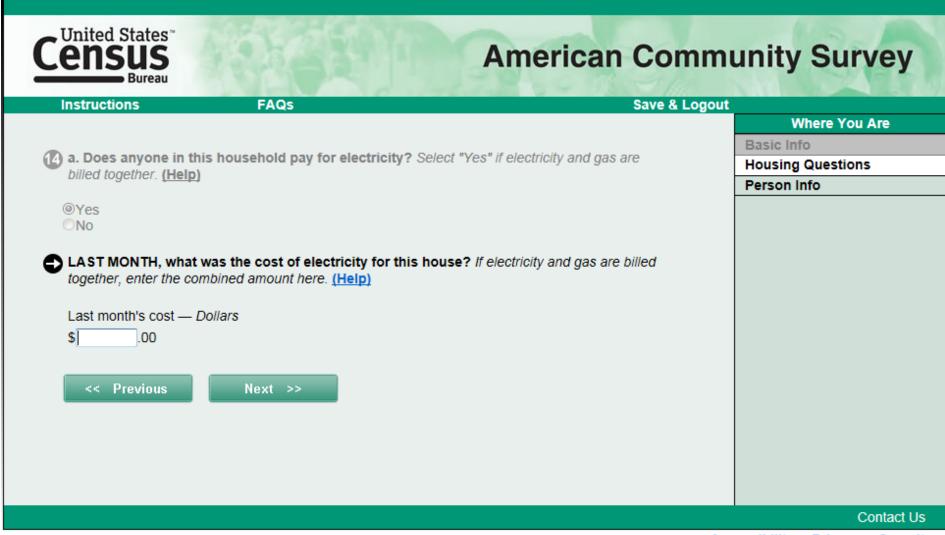
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Help

lf:	Then select:
Someone at this address pays for electricity in addition to rent	Yes
Someone at this address pays for electricity in addition to condo fees	Yes
Electricity included in rent or condo fees	No

elecamt



elecamt help

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Help

- If you don't know the electricity costs → estimate
- Report amount even if bill is unpaid or paid by someone else
- If bill includes another apartment or business → estimate amount for this house or apartment only

elecinc



elecinc help

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gasuse

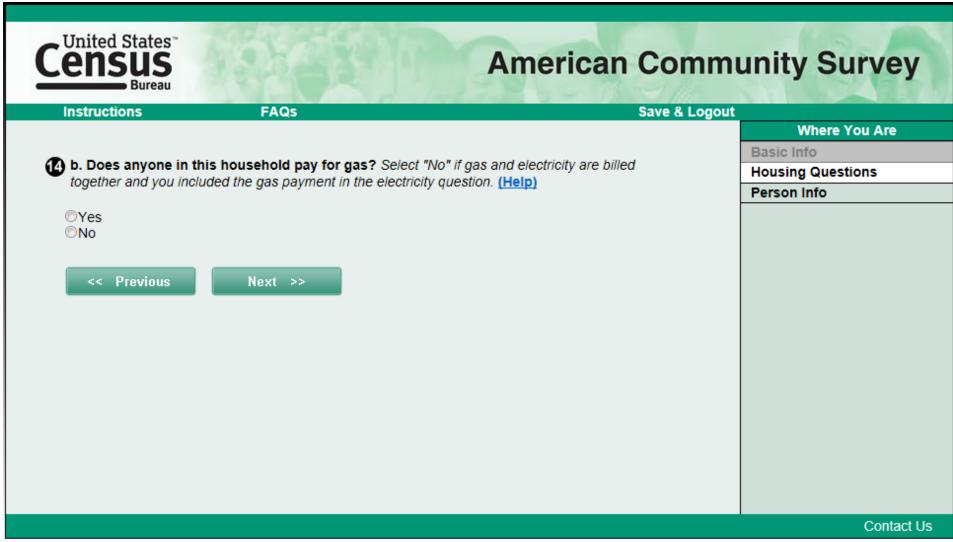


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gaspay



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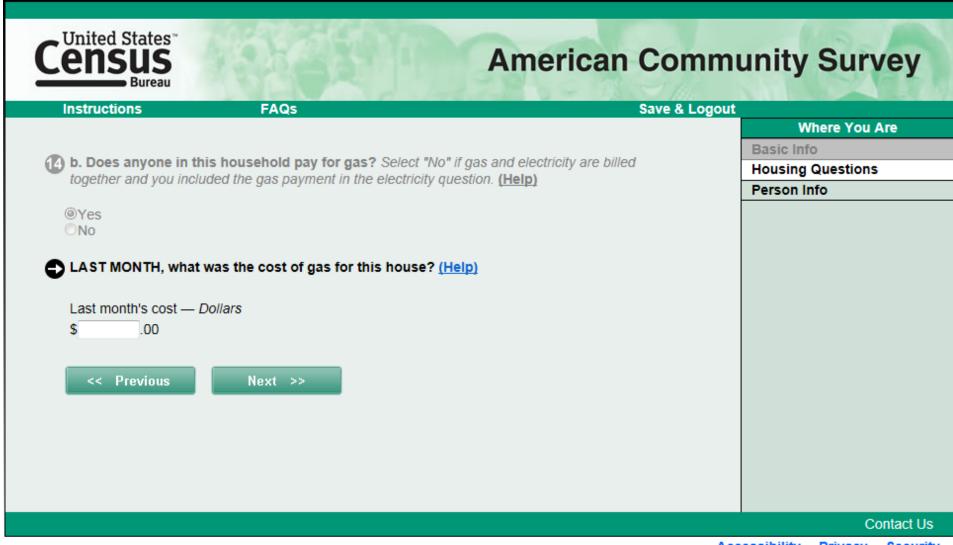
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Help

lf:	Then select:
Someone at this address pays for gas in addition to rent	Yes
Someone at this address pays for gas in addition to condo fees	Yes
Gas included in rent or condo fees	No

gasamt



gasamt help

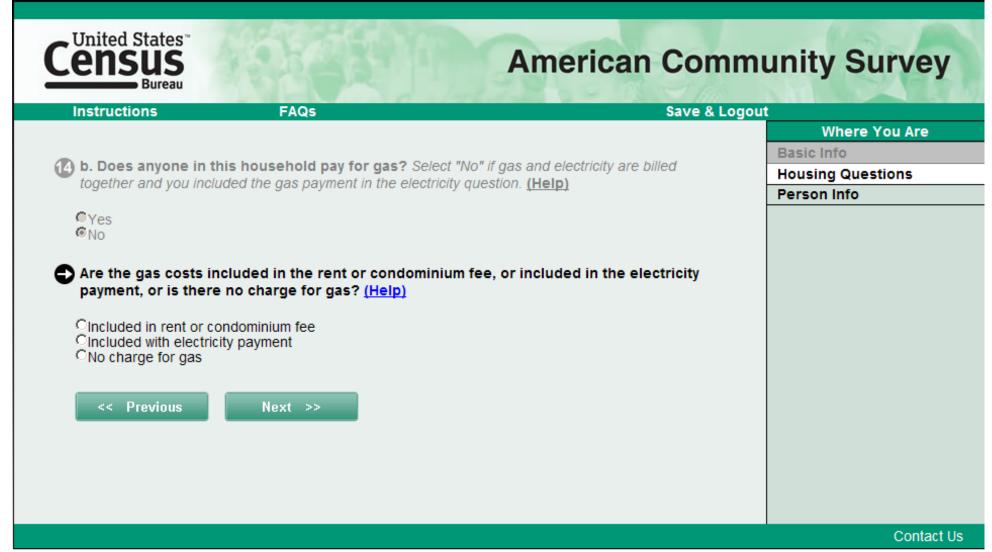
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gasinc



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waterpay



waterpay help

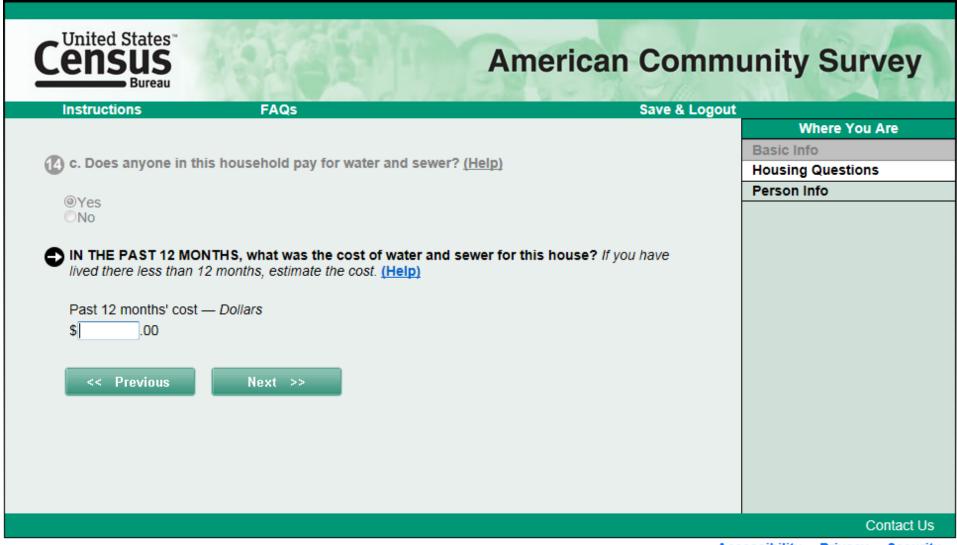
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Help

lf:	Then select:
Someone at this address pays for water and sewer in addition to rent	Yes
Someone at this address pays for water and sewer in addition to condo fees	Yes
Water and sewer included in rent or condo fees	No

wateramt



wateramt help

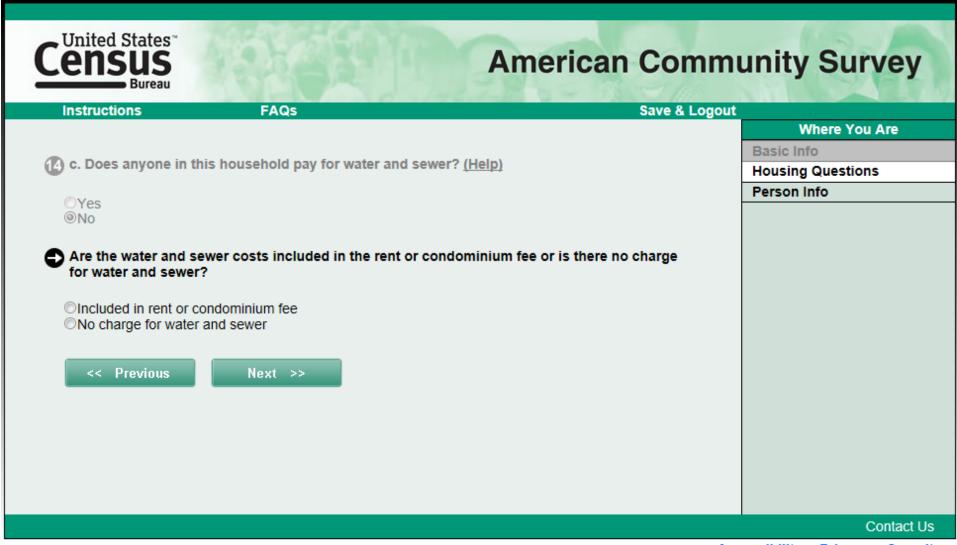
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Help

- If everyone has lived there less than 1 year → estimate cost for PAST 12 months
- If you don't know water and sewer costs → estimate
- Report amount even if bill is unpaid or paid by someone else
- If bill includes another apartment or business → estimate amount for this house or apartment only

waterinc



waterinc help

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ofueluse



ofueluse help

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ofuelpay



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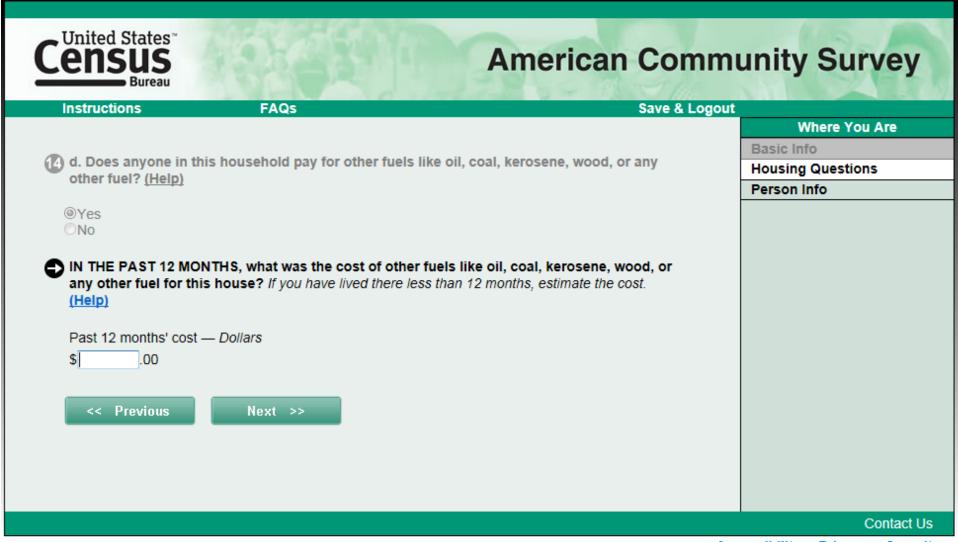
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Help

lf:	Then select:
Someone at this address pays for other fuels in addition to rent	Yes
Someone at this address pays for other fuels in addition to condo fees	Yes
Other fuels included in rent or condo fees	No

ofuelamt



ofuelamt help

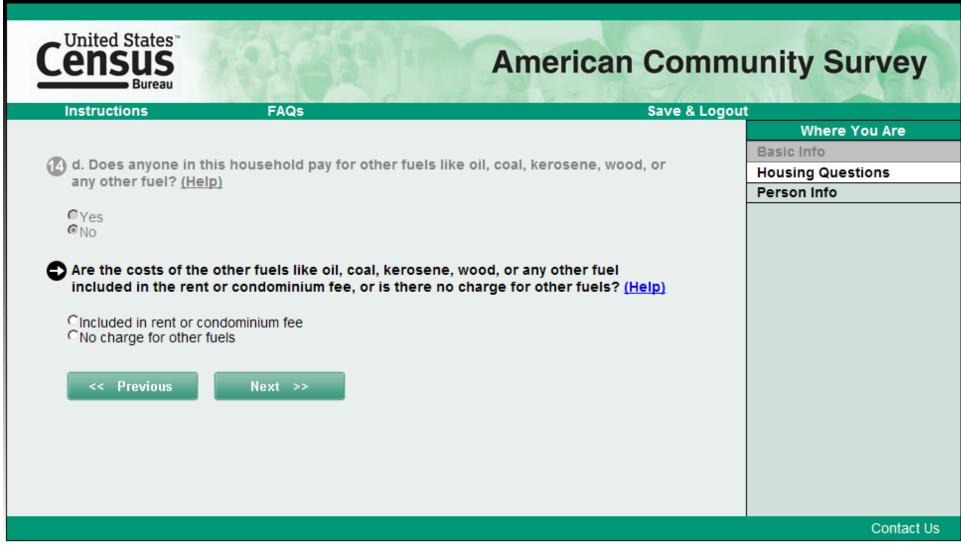
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Help

- If everyone has lived there less than 1 year → estimate cost for PAST 12 months
- If you don't know the other fuel costs → estimate
- Report amount even if bill is unpaid or paid by someone else
- · If bill includes another apartment or business
 - → estimate amount for this house or apartment only

ofuelinc

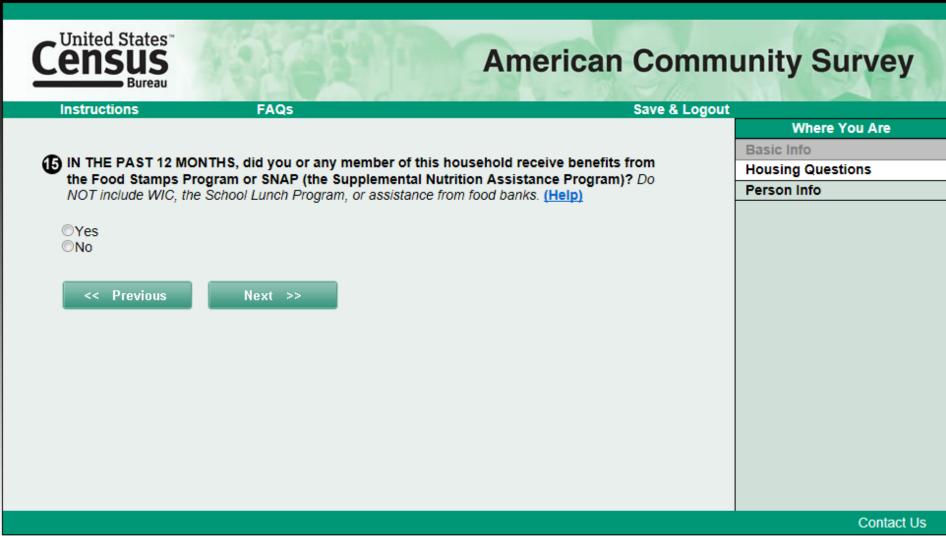


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foodstamps

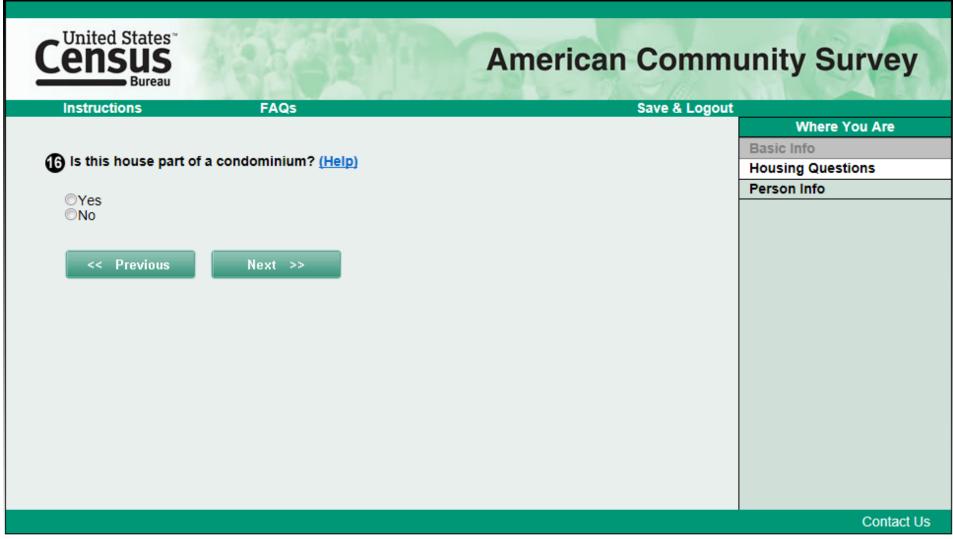


foodstamps help

Help

- On October 1, 2008, the federal Food Stamp Program was renamed SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).
 - Some states may have their own specific name for this program.
- If you or anyone in this household received benefits from the government to buy food for your family using a benefit card → select "Yes"

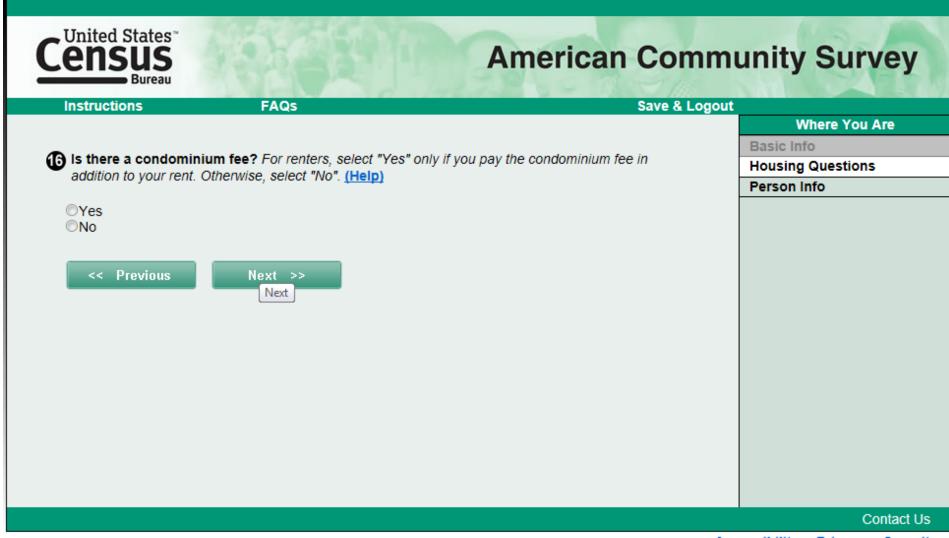
condo



condo help

Help	
lf:	Then select:
Unit is individually owned in a building or development with jointly owned common areas (lobbies or hallways)	Yes
Cooperative	No

condofee

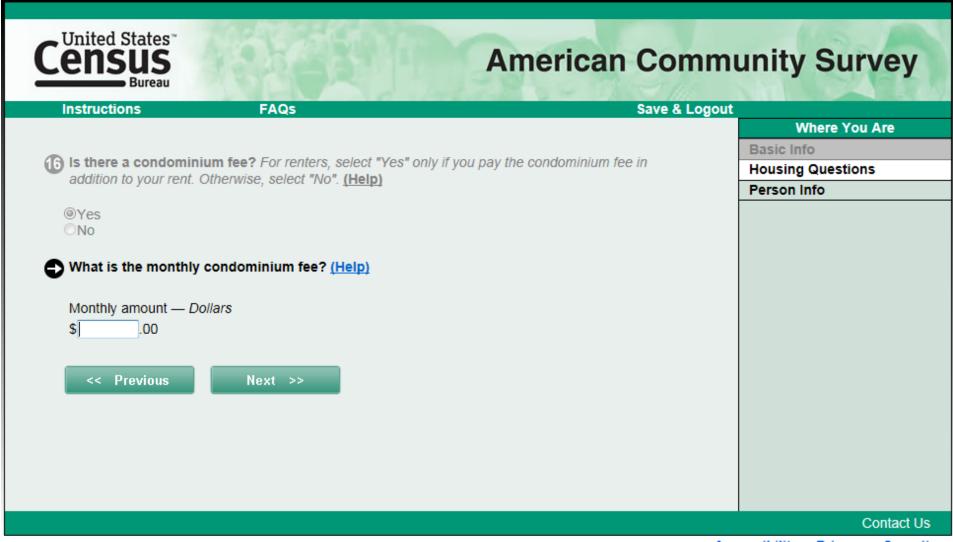


condofee help

Help

- The purpose of a condominium fee is to improve and maintain common areas
- Condo fees are normally assessed by owner's association
- If fee is unpaid or paid by someone else → select "Yes"

condefeeamt

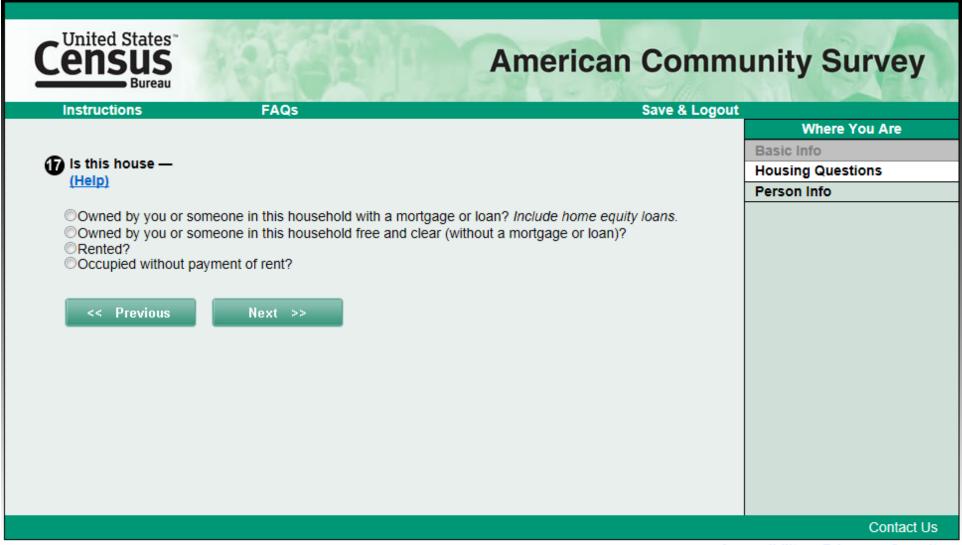


condofeeamt help

Help

If condo fee is paid:	To convert to monthly amount:
By day	Multiply amount by 30
By week	Multiply amount by 4
Every other week	Multiply amount by 2
4 times a year	Divide amount by 3
2 times a year	Divide amount by 6
Once a year	Divide amount by 12

tenure



tenure help

Why We Ask?

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Help

Housing is owned if the owner or co-owner lives in it.

lf:	Then select:
Mortgage on house/apartment/mobile home	Owned by you or someone in this household with a
	mortgage or loan. Include home equity loans
Contract to purchase on house/apartment/mobile home	Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan. Include home equity loans
No mortgage or other debt on house/apartment/mobile home	Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)
Land rented and mortgage on house/apartment/mobile home	Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan. Include home equity loans
Land rented and no mortgage or other debt on house/apartment/mobile home	Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)
Mortgage on land with no installment loan on mobile	Owned by you or someone in this household with a
home	mortgage or loan. Include home equity loans
Rent paid by people not living in unit	Rented
Rent paid by federal, state or local government	Rented
Owned by people not living in unit but who allow other people to occupy it without charge	Occupied without payment of rent
House/apartment provided as part of wages or salary	Occupied without payment of rent
Caretaker's or janitor's house/apartment for which no rent is paid	Occupied without payment of rent
Parsonage for which no rent is paid	Occupied without payment of rent
Tenant farmer or sharecropper house/apartment for which no rent is paid	Occupied without payment of rent
Military housing	Occupied without payment of rent

monthrent



monthrent help

Why We Ask?

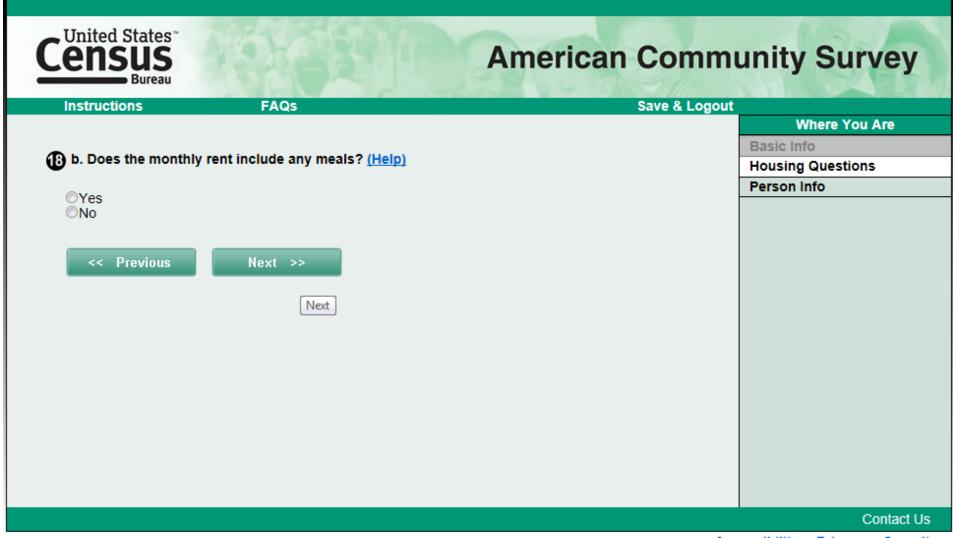
We ask this question about rent because it is an essential measure of housing affordability and shelter costs. This information is used to assist low-income families in locating affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

Help

- · Report rent agreed to or contracted for
- Report amount even if unpaid or paid by someone else

If rent is paid:	To convert to monthly amount:
By day	Multiply amount by 30
By week	Multiply amount by 4
Every other week	Multiply amount by 2
4 times a year	Divide amount by 3
2 times a year	Divide amount by 6
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meals



meals help

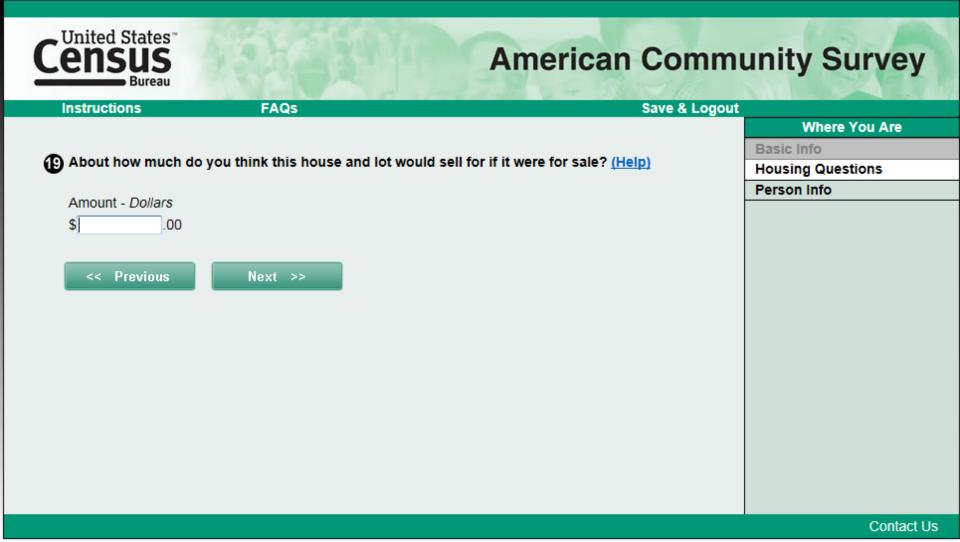
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Help

lf:	Then select:
Meals are included in monthly rent payment	Yes
Meals or meal plan are contracted in order to live in house, apartment, or mobile home	Yes

propvalue



propvalue help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions about home value to understand local housing markets. These statistics are used to analyze whether communities are affordable for residents, where new development could thrive, how to combat vacant and abandoned properties, and a number of other issues.

Help

Enter best estimate of how much the property would sell for if it was on the market

lf:	Then include:
House	 Value of house AND Value of land it is on AND Value of any other structure on same property
House on rented land	Combined value of house and land
Condominium unit or cooperative	Value of condominium AND Value of share of common elements
Mobile home	Value of mobile home AND Value of land
Mobile home on rented land	Value of mobile home

taxes



taxes help

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Help

- · Report taxes for all taxing jurisdictions, including:
 - · City or town
 - County
 - State
 - · School district
- · Report taxes even if:
 - · Included in mortgage payments
 - · Not yet paid
 - · Paid by someone else
 - Delinquent
- Do NOT report taxes:
 - · Past due from previous years
 - · Not deductible as a real estate tax for income tax purposes

propinsurance



propinsurance help

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Help

- Premiums paid other than yearly → convert to yearly basis
- Even if no payment made during past year → enter yearly amount

mortgage



mortgage help

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Help

Mortgage indicates all types of loans secured by real estate, including reverse mortgages

mortgageamt



mortgageamt help

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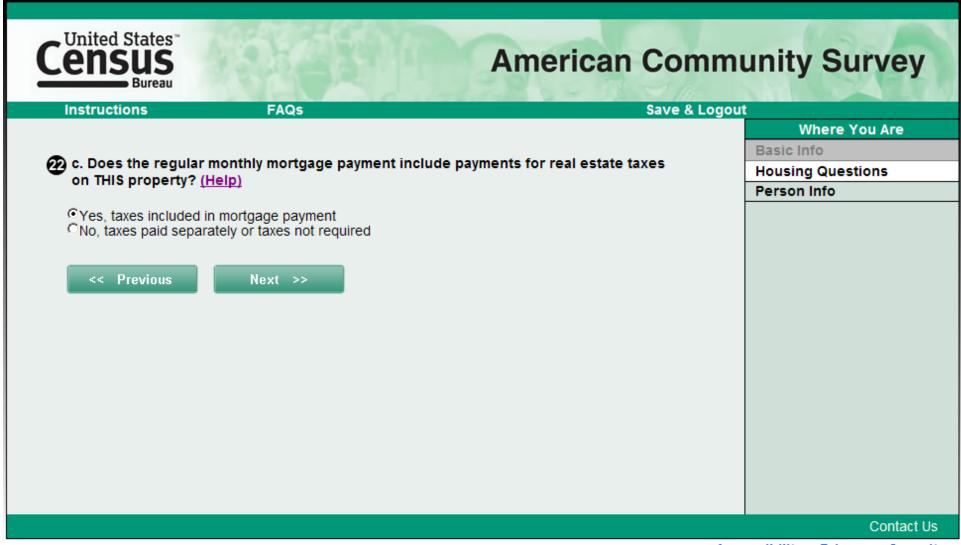
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Help

- Enter monthly amount even if unpaid, or paid by someone else
- Enter zero for no regular payment required or for reverse mortgages
- · Include payments on:
 - · First mortgage
 - · Contracts to purchase
 - · Mobile home Installment loans
- · Do NOT include payments on:
 - Second mortgages
 - · Junior mortgages
 - · Home equity loans
 - Mobile home Personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees, or license fees on mobile home and site

If mortgage is paid:	To convert to monthly amount:
By week	Multiply amount by 4
Every other week	Multiply amount by 2
4 times a year	Divide amount by 3
2 times a year	Divide amount by 6

mortgagetax



mortgagetax help

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mortgageinsurance

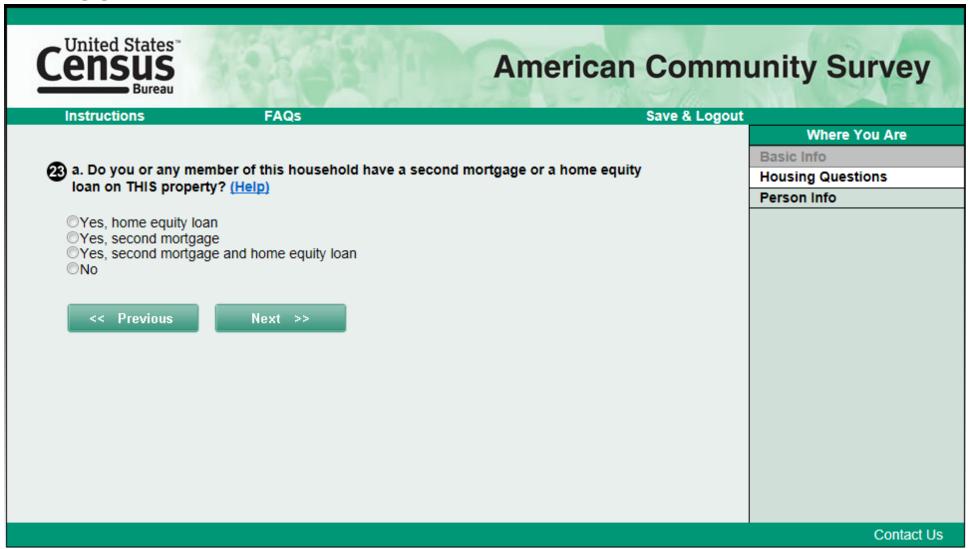


mortgageinsurance help

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2ndmortgage



2ndmortgage help

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Help

- Second Mortgage or home equity loan → indicates all loans secured by real estate
- To have a second mortgage, a person must have a first mortgage
- To have a home equity loan a person may or may not have another mortgage

2ndmortgageamt



2ndmortgageamt help

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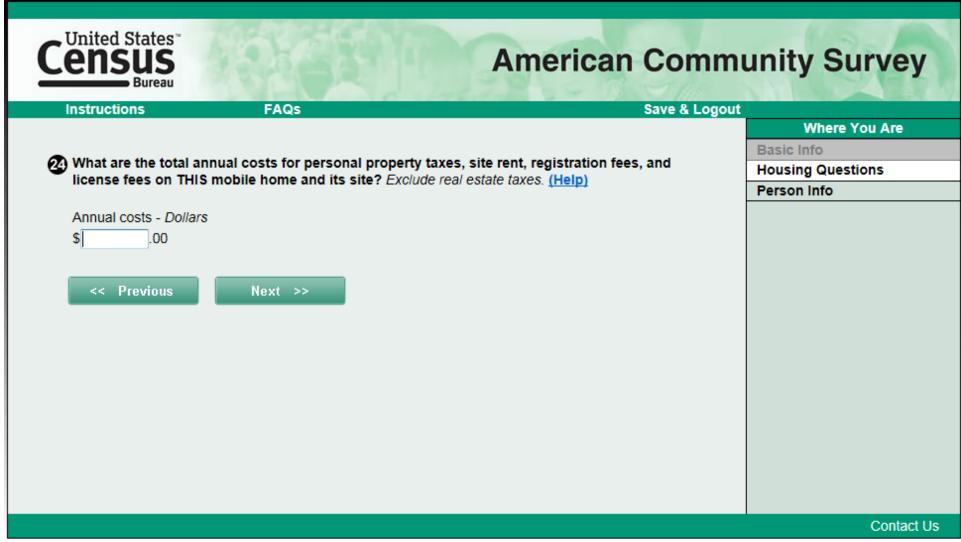
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Help

- Enter monthly amount even if it is unpaid, or paid by someone else
- Include payments on second mortgages, junior mortgages, and home equity loans

If mortgage is paid:	To convert to monthly amount:
By week	Multiply amount by 4
Every other week	Multiply amount by 2
4 times a year	Divide amount by 3
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mobilehometax



mobilehometax help

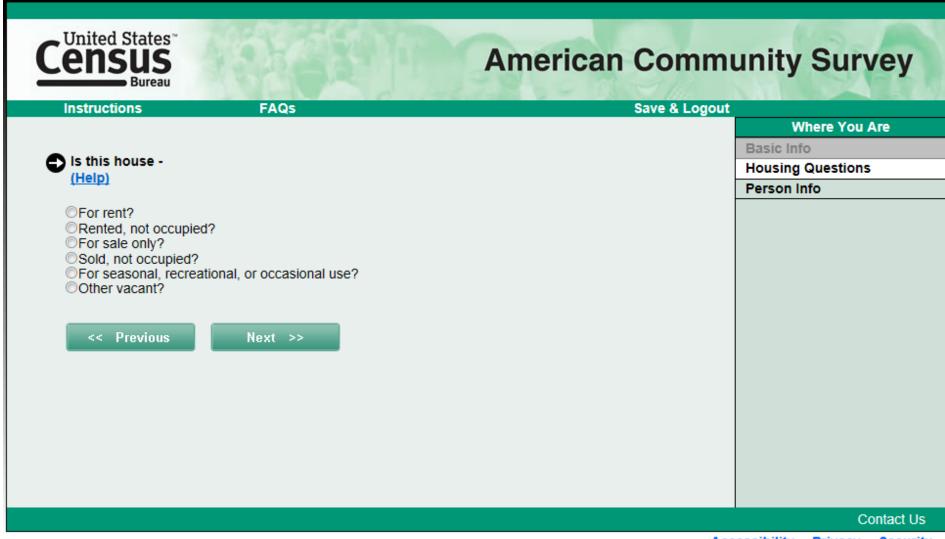
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Help

- Enter total annual amount even if it is unpaid, or paid by someone else
- Report total amount even if paid in two or more installments
- If you do not know the exact cost → estimate
- Include:
 - · Personal property taxes
 - · Land or site rent
 - · Registration fees
 - · License fees
- · Do NOT include:
 - · Real estate taxes

hunitstatus (if vacant)



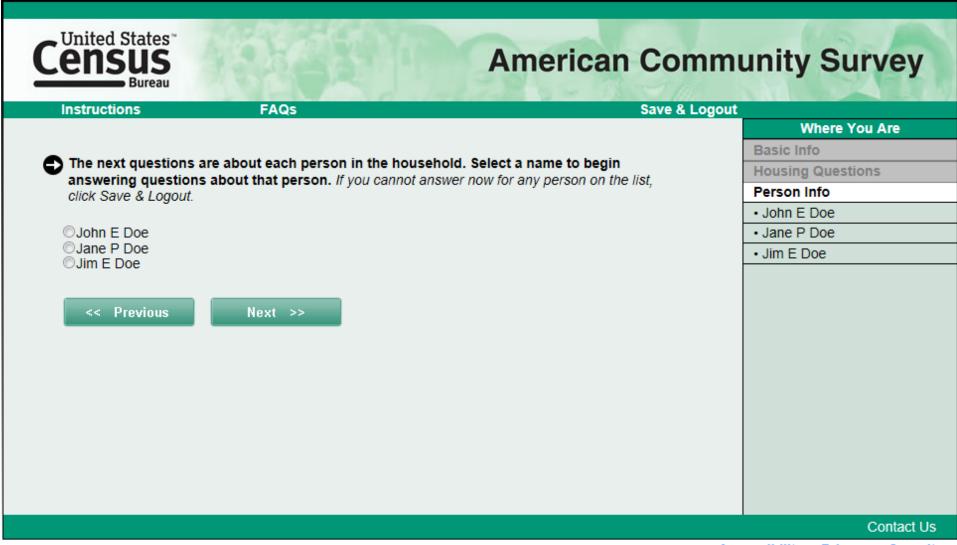
hunitstatus help

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Help	
If unit is:	Then select:
For rent OR for sale at the same time	For rent
Paid or agreed upon, BUT the renter has not yet moved in	Rented, not occupied
In cooperatives AND the individual units are offered "For sale only"	For sale only
In condominium projects AND the individual units are offered "For sale only"	
Recently sold, BUT new owner has not yet moved in	Sold, not occupied
Used OR intended for use in certain seasons or for weekend or other occasional use throughout the year, including: Units used for summer or winter sports or recreation, such as beach cottages and hunting cabins Quarters for such workers as herders and loggers. An interval ownership units, sometimes called shared ownership or time-sharing condominiums	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use
Intended for occupancy by migratory workers employed in farm work during the crop season Held for settlement of an estate Held off market for personal reasons, such as: The owner has not yet decided whether or not the unit will be torn down The owner is remodeling or repairing the unit AND will not make it available for rent or sale until the work is completed Held for the occupancy of a caretaker or janitor Temporarily used for storage of excess house furniture Has renters who moved during the month although rent has been paid to the end of the month	Other vacant

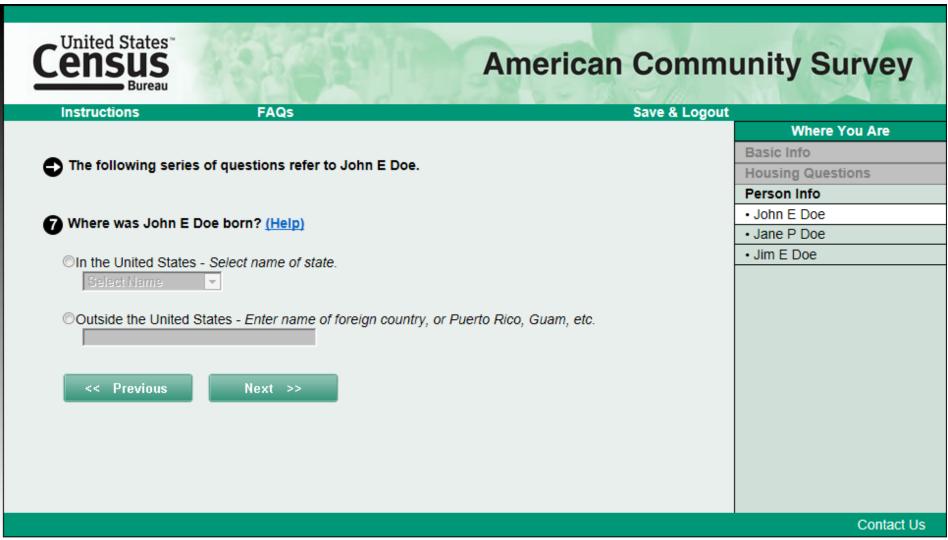
pselect



pselect (one person left on roster)



placeofbirth



placeofbirth help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions about place of birth, citizenship, and year of entry to provide essential information for setting and evaluating immigration policies and laws. Knowing the characteristics of immigrants helps legislators and others understand how different immigrant groups are assimilated. These statistics are used to determine eligibility for programs and to allocate funds to states.

Help

If:	Then:
Born in Washington, DC	Select "In the United States" AND Enter "District of Columbia"
Country boundaries at time of birth different than country boundaries now	Enter name of country using current country boundaries. For example, specify: Czech Republic or Slovakia North or South Korea
Born on Caribbean island	Specify particular country or island in the Caribbean. For example, specify: • Jamaica not West Indies

citizenship



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Help

lf:	Then select:
Born in United States (50 states and District of Columbia)	Yes, born in the United States
Born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Northern Marianas, or American Samoa	Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas
Born outside United States, AND Had at least one parent who was U.S. citizen at time of person's birth	Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents
Born at sea, AND Had at least one parent who was U.S. citizen at time of person's birth	Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents
Born outside United States, AND Completed naturalization process, AND Now United States citizen	Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization, AND enter year naturalization was completed
Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) "Green card" holders Other non-naturalized immigrants Visitors to U.S.	No, not a U.S. citizen

yearofentry



yearofentry help

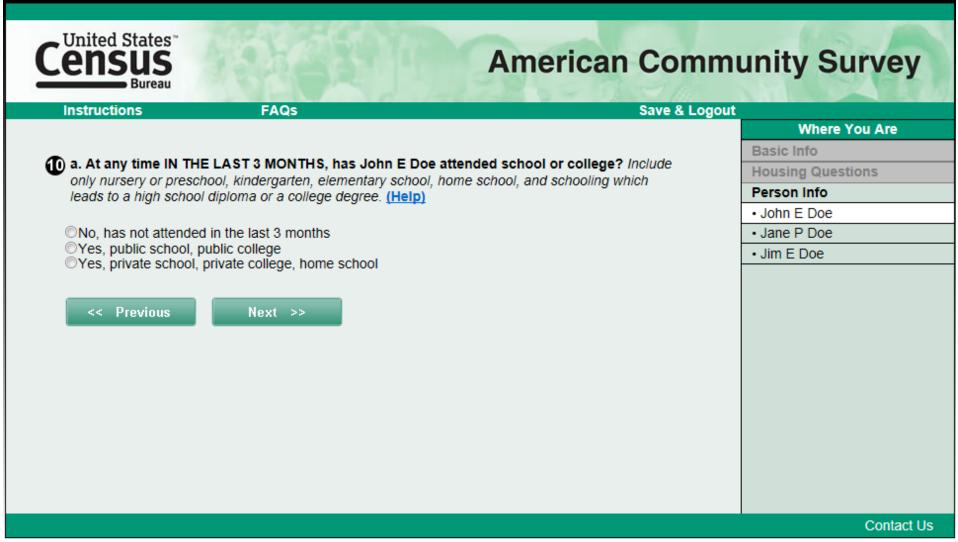
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Help

If person came to live in U.S. (50 states and District of Columbia) more than once \rightarrow enter latest year he or she came to live in U.S.

attendschool



attendschool help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions about school enrollment to measure in which types of schools students are enrolled and their potential for educational advancement. This information is used to promote the well-being of families and children by identifying high-need areas and to develop and evaluate program strategies to strengthen and improve elementary and secondary schools.

Help

Category:	Definition:
Public	Supported and controlled primarily by local,
School	county, state or federal government
Private	Supported and controlled primarily by
school	religious organization or other private group
Home	Parental guided education outside of public
school	or private school for grades 1-12

whatgrade



whatgrade help

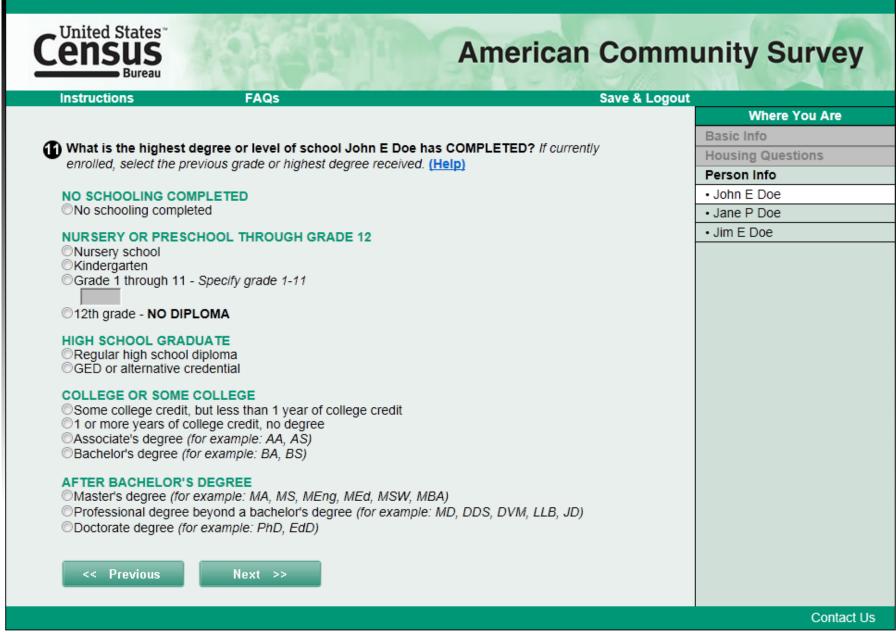
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Help

- Only record grades that the person attended in the LAST 3 months
- If this is currently a summer month → do NOT record grades the person will attend in the future

highestlevel



highestlevel help

Why We Ask?

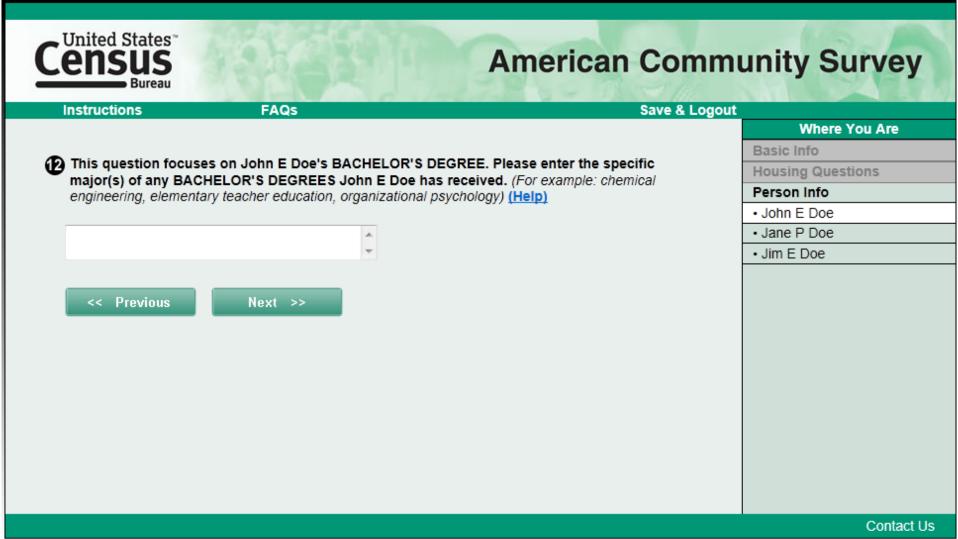
We ask this question to measure changes in education over time, to evaluate the educational attainment of the workforce and to identify the educational and training needs of adults. This information is used to analyze career trends, earnings, and to evaluate nondiscrimination in education.

Help

- Select highest grade or level of schooling person has COMPLETED or highest degree received
- School completed in foreign or ungraded school → report equivalent level of schooling in regular American school system
- No college courses completed for credit → select highest level completed below college level

Category:	Definition:
General Education Development (GED) or alternative credential	The person did not receive a regular high school diploma, BUT Completed high school by receiving a GED or other formal recognition of high school completion from a school or government authority
Some college credit, but less than 1 year of college credit	The person has NOT completed enough college credit to be counted as a sophomore
Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree	Do NOT include: Certificates or diplomas for training in specific trades or occupations, such as computer and electronics technology, medical assistant, or cosmetology Post-bachelor's certificates that are related to occupational training, such as teaching, accounting, or engineering

fieldofdegree



fieldofdegree help

Why We Ask?

We ask this question to understand the U.S. collegeeducated population. These estimates are used to analyze the effect of certain degrees on earnings and employment, and to examine the supply of highlyskilled workers in a variety of fields.

Help

More than one bachelor's degree or major → enter names of specific majors for all bachelor's degrees

ancestry



ancestry help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions about ancestry to identify the ethnic origins of the population. These statistics are needed to measure the characteristics of ethnic groups and to tailor services to accommodate language and cultural differences within communities.

Help

- Ancestry refers to the person's ethnic origin or descent, "roots," or heritage
- Ancestry may also refer to the country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the U.S.
- Do NOT report a religious group as person's ancestry
- A person may report two ancestry groups (for example: German, Irish)
- Answer for ALL persons, regardless of citizenship status

language



language help

Help

lf:	Then select:
 The person sometimes or always speaks language other than English at home 	Yes
 The person speaks a non-English language only at school, OR Non-English is limited to a few expressions or slang 	No

whatlanguage



whatlanguage help

Help		
lf:	Then:	
The person speaks more than one non-English language, AND Cannot determine which is spoken more often	Report language first learned to speak	

englishprof



residencelastyear

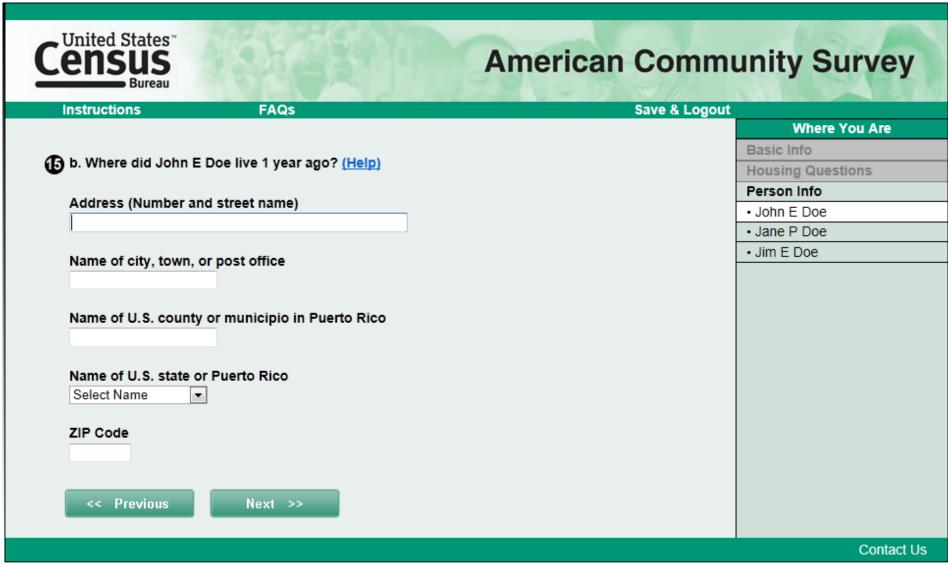


residencelastyear help

Help

If the person:	Then:
Did not live in United States or Puerto Rico one year ago	Select "No, outside the United States and Puerto Rico" AND Enter the name of the foreign country, or U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, etc., where the person lived Be specific when entering name of foreign country. For example: Czech Republic or Slovakia (not Czechoslovakia) North or South Korea (not Korea) Specify particular country or island in Caribbean. For example, Jamaica (not West Indies)

address last year



addresslastyear help

Help

Include:

- · House or structure number;
- · Street name;
- · Street type (for example, St., Road, Ave.);
- · Street direction (if a direction such as "North" is part of the address).
 - For example, enter 1239 Main St. or 1239 Main St., N.W., not just 1239 Main.

Address:

If:	Then:
Lived in Puerto Rico	Address should also include name of development or condominium
Only known address is a post office box	Do NOT give a post office box number
	Give description of residence location. For example, enter:
	 Name of the building where the person lived
	Nearest intersection
	 Name of military base or installation
	Nearest street where residence located

Name of U.S. county or municipio in Puerto Rico:

lf:	Then:
Lived in Louisiana	Enter parish name
Lived in Alaska Enter borough or census area name, if	
Lived in New York City AND county name is not known	Enter borough name
Lived in independent city (not in any county)	Leave blank
Lived in Washington, D.C.	Leave blank

insurance

nstructions FAQs		Save & Logo	out
Is John E Doe CURRENTLY covered by any of the following types of health coverage plans? Select "Yes" or "No" for EACH type of coverage in items a - h. (Help)	th insurance		Where You Ar Basic Info Housing Questions Person Info John E Doe Jane P Doe
	Yes	No	• Jim E Doe
a. Insurance through a current or former employer or union (of John E Doe or another family member)	0	0	
b. Insurance purchased directly from an insurance company (by John E Doe or another family member)	0	©	
c. Medicare, for people 65 and older, or people with certain disabilities	0	0	
d. Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or any kind of government-assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability	0	0	
e. TRICARE or other military health care	0	0	
f. VA (including those who have ever used or enrolled for VA health care)	0	0	
g. Indian Health Service	0	0	
h. Any other type of health insurance or health coverage plan - Specify	0	0	

insurance help

Why We Ask?

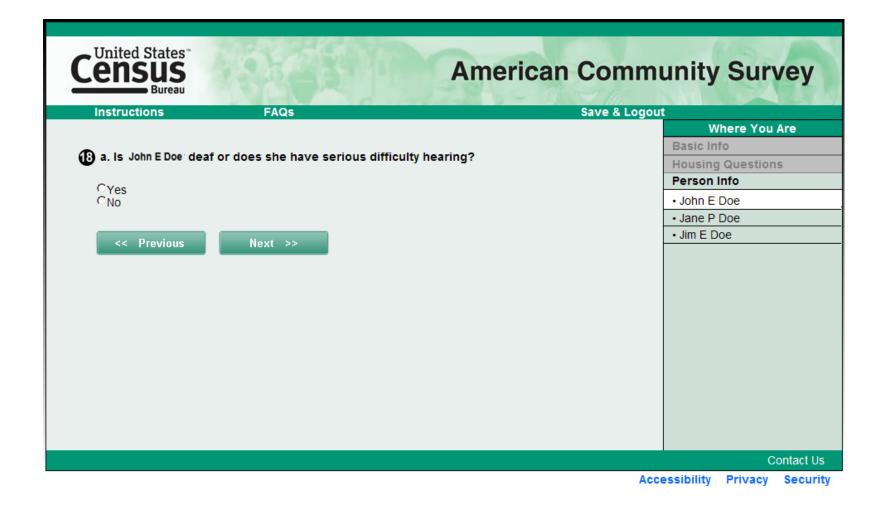
We ask questions about health insurance to better understand state and local health insurance needs, and to help federal agencies and others more accurately distribute resources. This information is used to identify segments of the population in need of health services.

Help

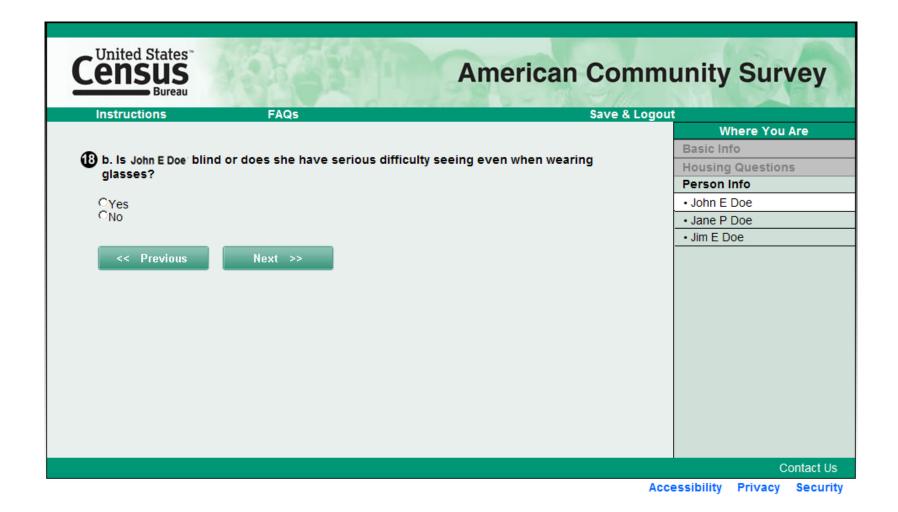
Do NOT include:

- Plans that cover only one type of health care (such as dental plans)
- Plans that only cover a person in case of an accident or disability

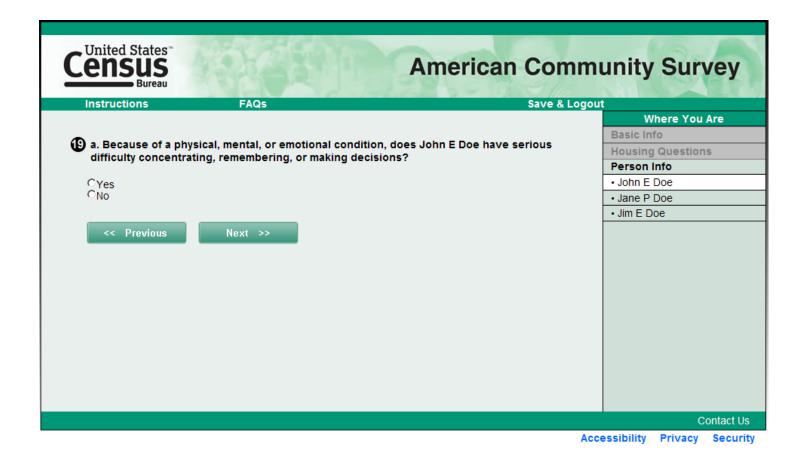
deaf



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marriedstatus



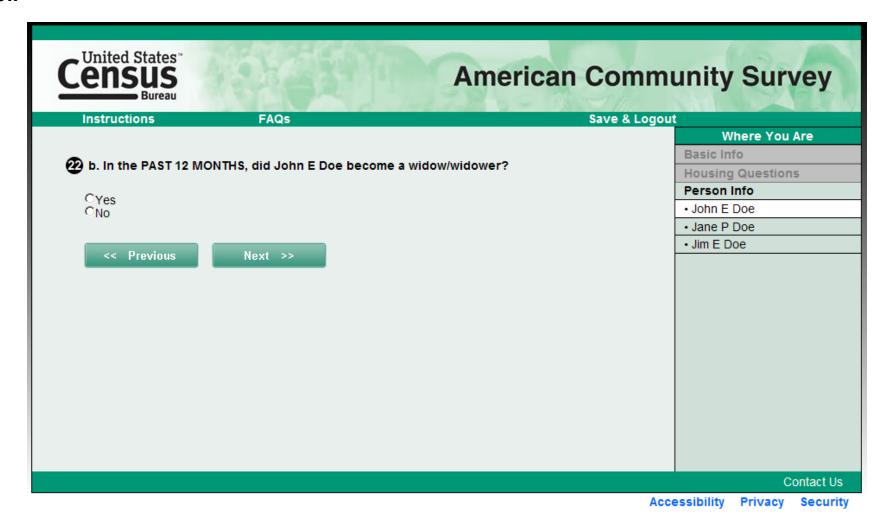
marriedstatus help

Help	
lf:	Then select:
Spouse not living in the household, AND Still married	Now married
Spouse not living in the household, AND Legally separated	Separated
Only marriage was annulled	Never married

pmarried



widow



divorce



yearofmarriage



yearofmarriage help

Help

Even if widowed, divorced, or separated → enter year last got married.

birth



birth

Why We Ask?

We ask this question about fertility to project the future size of the population, a basic planning tool for many programs and policies. These data are used to allocate funds to states as well as providing information to local governments and social service providers about child well-being, fertility, health, and the need for child care services and maternity benefits.

Help

- Select "Yes" if the person has given birth to at least one child born alive in the past 12 months, even if the child died or no longer lives with the mother
- Do not consider miscarriages, or stillborn children, or any adopted, foster, or stepchildren

grandchildrenhome



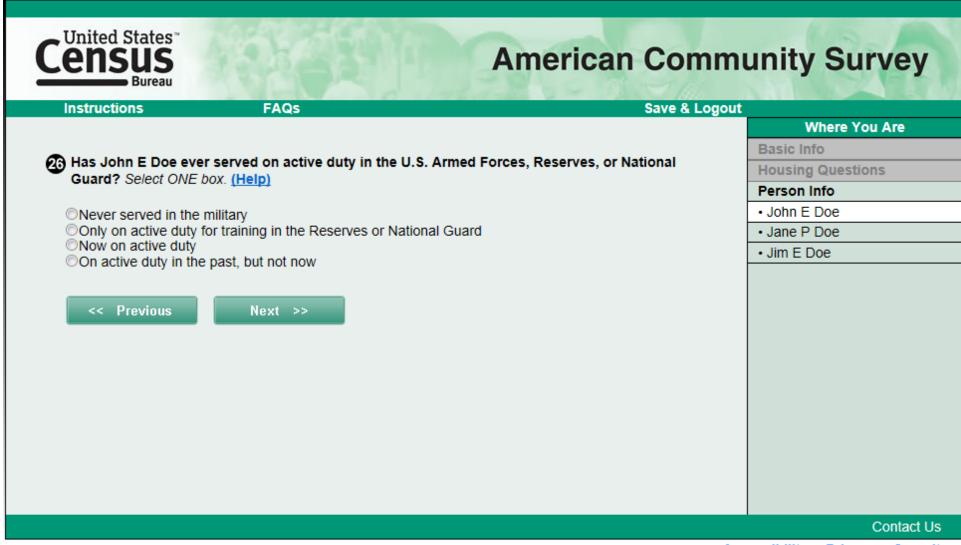
grandparentsresp



lengthofresp



veteranstat



veteranstat help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions about military service to measure the needs of veterans at the community level. Veteran status statistics are used to budget and plan programs affecting education, employment, job training, and medical care.

Help

lf:	Then select:
Served in the military Reserves, or National Guard, AND called up for active duty other than for training Served as a commissioned officer of the:	"Now on active duty." OR "On active duty in the past, but not now."
Civilian employee or volunteer for: Red Cross USO Public Health Service War or Defense Department	"Never served in the military."
World War II Merchant Marine service	"On active duty in the past, but not now."
Merchant Marine service other than World War	"Never served in the military" OR "Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard."

periodofservice

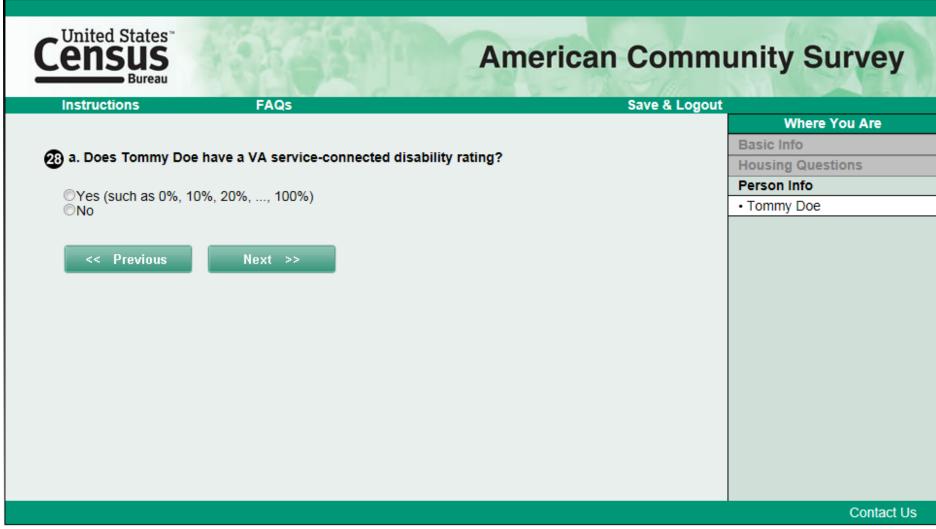


periodofservice help

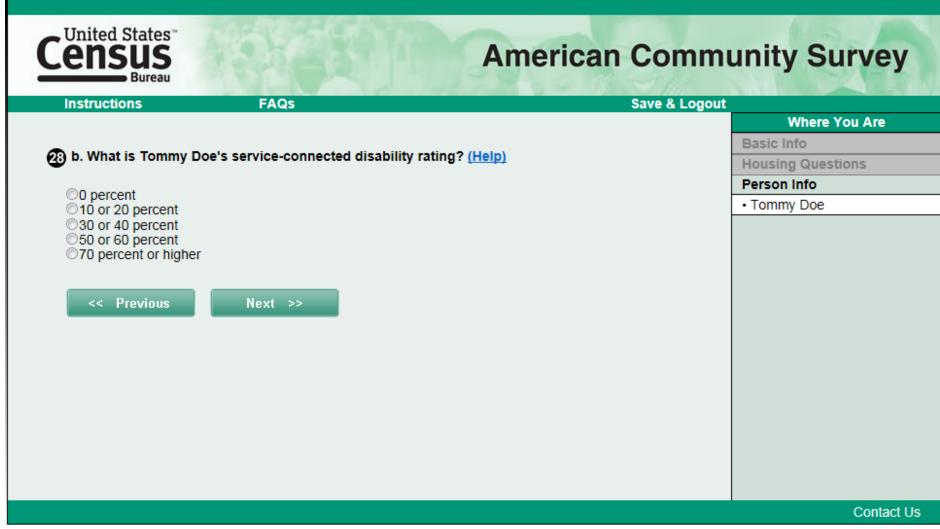
Why We Ask?

We ask questions about military service to measure the needs of veterans at the community level. Period of military service statistics are used to determine the needs of different groups of veterans.

vadisability



disabilityrate



disabilityrate help

Help

- Received service-connected disability rating of zero → select "0 percent"
- Do NOT select "0 percent" to indicate no rating

worklastweek

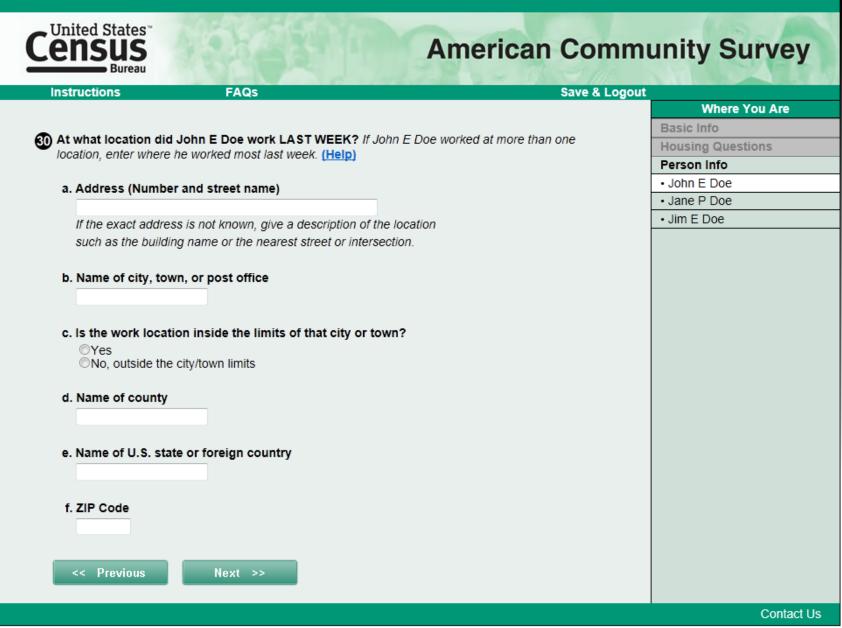


worklastweek help

Help

- Count as work → Select "Yes" if this person performed:
 - Work for someone else for wages, salary, piece rate, commission, tips, or payments "in kind" (for example, food or lodging received as payment for work performed)
 - · Work in own business, professional practice, or farm
 - · Any work in a family business or farm, paid or not
 - · Any part-time work including babysitting, paper routes, etc.
 - · Active duty in the Armed Forces
- Do not count as work → Select "No" if this person's activities were limited to the following:
 - · Housework or yard work at home
 - · Unpaid volunteer work
 - · School work done as a student
 - · Work done as a resident or inmate of an institution

worklocal



worklocal help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions about place of work and journey to work because information about commuting patterns is crucial to planning highway improvements, developing public transportation services, creating emergency response strategies, and allocating federal funds.

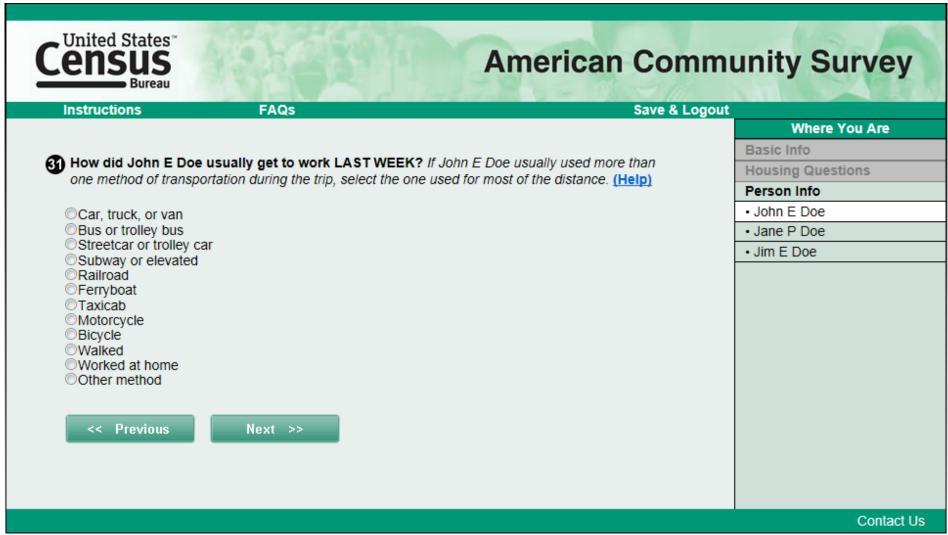
Help

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- · Street type (for example, St., Road, Ave.);
- · Street direction (if direction such as "North" is part of the address);
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If:	Then:
Only known address is post office box	Do NOT give a post office box number Enter description of work location, such as name of building or shopping center, nearest intersection, or nearest street
Worked at military installation or military base that has no street address	Enter name of military installation or base, AND enter description of work location, such as building number, building name, nearest street or intersection
Worked at several locations, but reported to same location each day to begin work	Enter street address of location reported
Worked at several locations, but did NOT report to same location each day to begin work	Enter address of location worked most of the time last week
Employer operates in more than one location, such as: • Grocery store chain • Public school system	Enter street address of location or branch where worked If street address of a school is not known, enter name of school, AND description of location, such as nearest street or intersection
Person worked on a college or university campus AND street address of the workplace is not known	Enter name of building where worked, AND description of location, such as nearest street or intersection

transporttowork



transporttowork help

Why We Ask?

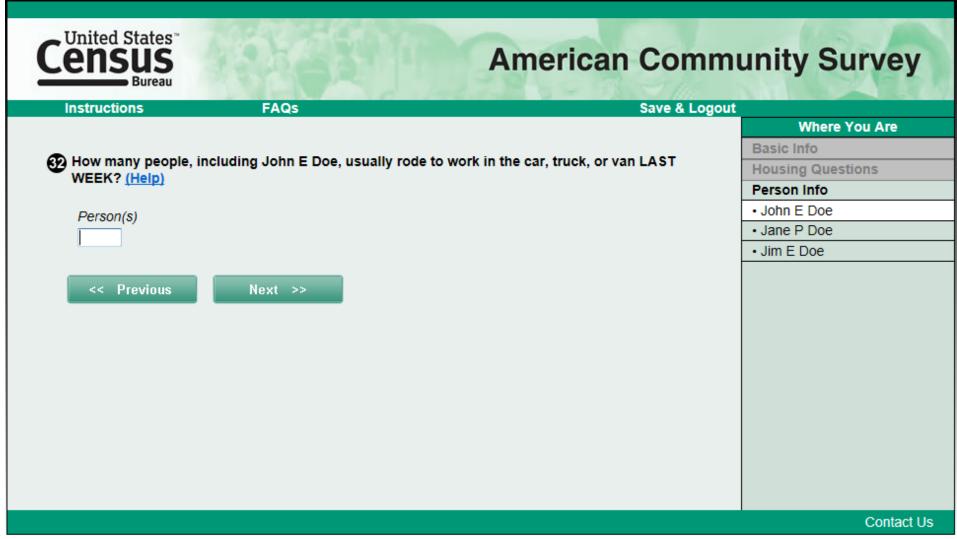
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Help

- Worked on a farm where he or she lives → select "Worked at home"
- Worked in an office or shop in the person's own home \rightarrow select "Worked at home"
- If different modes are used on different days \rightarrow select mode used on most of the days

If person rode:	Then select:
Company car Limousine (private) Mini-bus Station wagon Truck cab Truck (light) of 1-ton capacity or less	Car, truck, or van
Light rail Vehicles that operate on tracks or rails with overhead electrical wires	Streetcar or trolley car
Commuter train	Railroad
Cab Limousines for which fare is charged (airport limousines)	Taxicab
Moped Motor scooter Similar motor-driven vehicle	Motorcycle
Bicycle or other vehicle that is pedaled	Bicycle
Airplane All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Boat (other than public ferry) Dogsled Helicopter Horse (with or without buggy) Inline skates Limousine (for hire) Motor home (large) Motorized chair Self-balancing electric vehicle Skateboard Snow machine/snowmobile Truck (large) or truck rig	Other method

numberofriders



numberofriders help

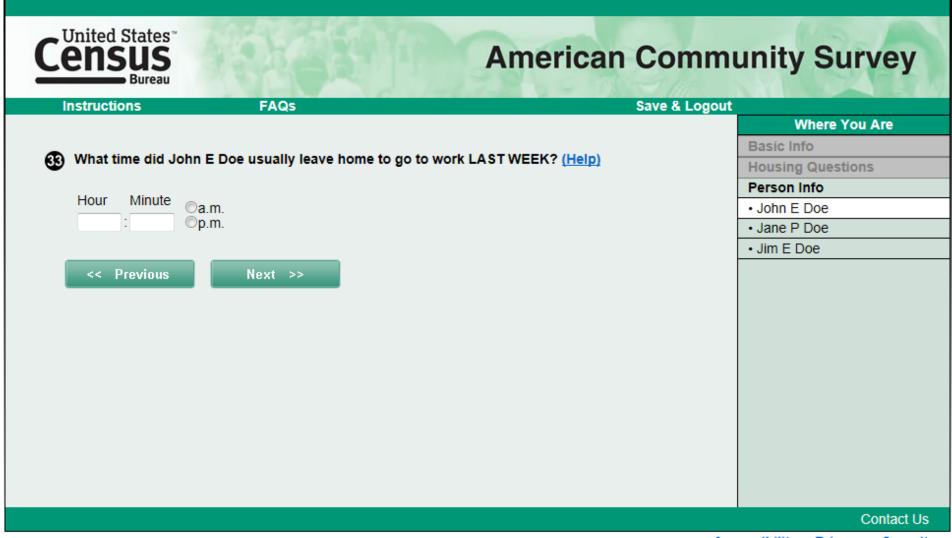
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Help

- If driven to work by someone who then drove back home or to a non-work destination → enter "1"
- Do NOT include persons who rode to school or some other non-work destination

timeleftforwork



timeleftforwork help

Why We Ask?

We ask about time left for work to help plan emergency response in areas of high concentrations of traffic. Additionally, this information is used to analyze congestion trends and provide improvement strategies.

Help

- Between 12:00 o'clock midnight and 12:00 o'clock noon → select "a.m."
- Between 12:00 o'clock noon and 12:00 o'clock midnight → select "p.m."

mintowork



mintowork help

Why We Ask?

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Help

- · Travel time is from door to door
- Enter one-way commute time for this person's usual daily commute
- Include time waiting for public transportation or picking up passengers in a carpool

fiftymoreweeks



fiftymoreweeks help

Help

- Count every week in which the person did any work at all, even for an hour
- Count weeks this person was on paid vacation, paid sick leave, or military service
- · Count weeks if this person performed:
 - Work for someone else for wages, salary, piece rate, commission, tips, or payments "in kind" (for example, food or lodging received as payment for work performed)
 - Work in own business, professional practice, or farm
 - Any work in a family business or farm, paid or not
 - Any part-time work including babysitting, paper routes, etc.
 - · Active duty in the Armed Forces
- Do NOT count weeks in which this person's activities were limited to the following:
 - · Housework or yard work at home
 - Unpaid volunteer work
 - . School work done as a student
 - Work done as a resident or inmate of an institution

weeksworked



hoursworked



hoursworked help

Help

If hours worked each week varied considerably → enter approximate average number of hours worked each week

anywork



anywork help

Help

- · Count as work Select "Yes" if this person performed:
 - Work for someone else for wages, salary, piece rate, commission, tips, or payments "in kind" (for example, food or lodging received as payment for work performed)
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layoff



layoff help

Help

 Waiting to be recalled to a job from which the person was temporarily separated for business-related reasons → select "Yes"

tempabsent



tempabsent help

Help

Select "No" if the person:

- · Works only during certain seasons
- Works only on a day-by-day basis when work is available

recalltowork



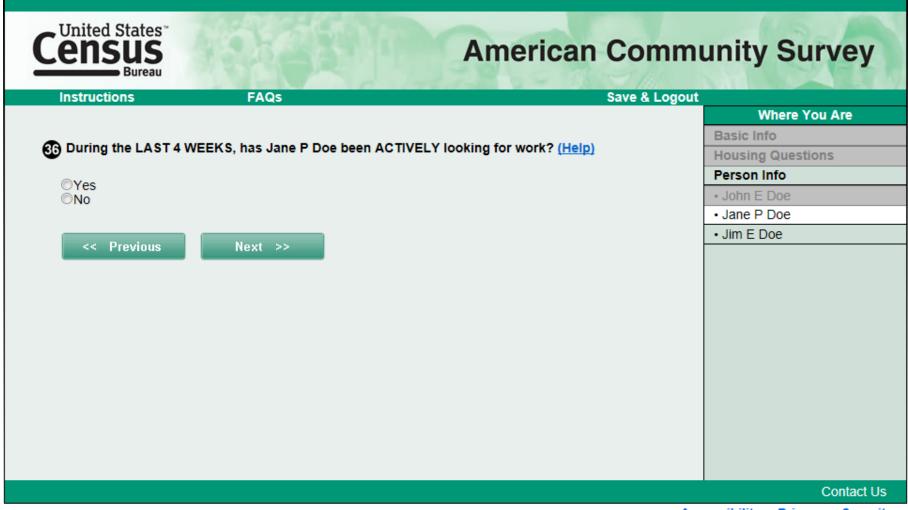
recalltowork help

Help

Select "Yes" if the person was:

- Informed by employer, either formally or informally, that they will be recalled within next 6 months
- Given, formally or informally, specific date to return to work, even if that date is more than 6 months away

activelookforwork



activelookforwork help

Help

Select "Yes" if the person tried to get a job or start a business or professional practice at any time in the last 4 weeks. For example:

- Registered at a public or private employment office
- · Went to a job interview
- · Placed or answered employment ads
- Did anything toward starting a business or professional practice

couldwork

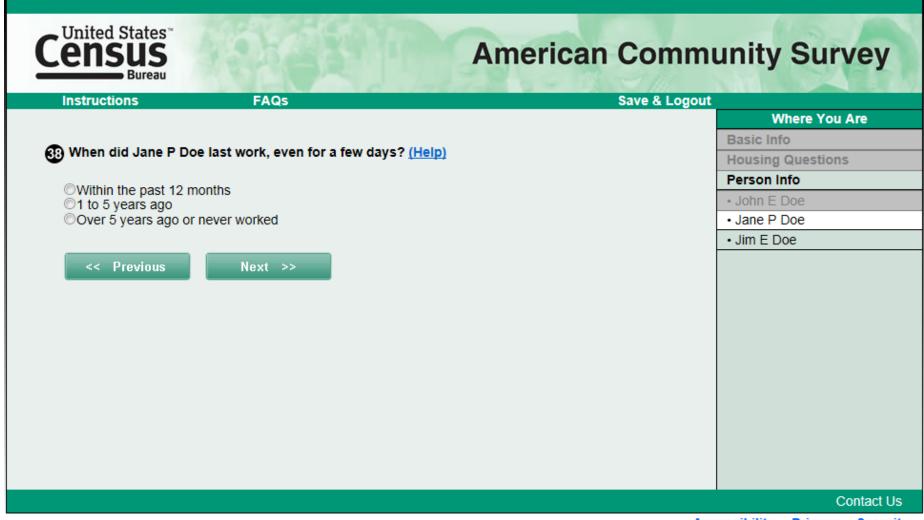


couldwork help

Help

- If the person was expecting to report to a job within 30 days → select "Yes, could have gone to work"
- Select "No, because of own temporary illness" only if the person expects to be able to work within 30 days
- If the person could not have gone to work because he or she was going to school, taking care of children, etc. → select "No, because of all other reasons (in school, etc.)"

lastworked



lastworked help

Help

- · Count as work if this person performed:
 - Work for someone else for wages, salary, piece rate, commission, tips, or payments "in kind" (for example, food or lodging received as payment for work performed)
 - · Work in own business, professional practice, or farm
 - · Any work in a family business or farm, paid or not
 - · Any part-time work including babysitting, paper routes, etc.
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 - · Housework or yard work at home
 - · Unpaid volunteer work
 - · School work done as a student
 - · Work done as a resident or inmate of an institution
- Select "Over 5 years ago or never worked" if the person:
 - · Never worked at any kind of job or business, either full or part time, AND
 - · Never worked, with or without pay, in a family business or farm, AND
 - · Never served on active duty in Armed Forces

Employeetype



American Community Survey

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The next series of questions are about the type of business John E Doe worked for and the type of work that he did. Describe clearly John E Doe's chief job activity or business last week. If John E Doe had more than one job, describe the one at which he worked the most hours. If John E Doe had no job or business last week, give information for his last job or business.

Was John E Doe — (Help)

- Oan employee of a PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT company or business, or of an individual, for wages, salary, or commissions?
- Oan employee of a PRIVATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT, tax-exempt, or charitable organization?
- Oa local GOVERNMENT employee (city, county, etc.)?
- ©a state GOVERNMENT employee?
- Oan ACTIVE DUTY U.S. Armed Forces member?
- ©a Federal GOVERNMENT employee (excluding active duty military)?
- ©SELF-EMPLOYED in own NOT INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?
- ©SELF-EMPLOYED in own INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?
- Oworking WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?

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Where You Are

Basic Info

Housing Questions

Person Info

- John E Doe
- Jane P Doe
- Jim E Doe

Contact Us

employeetype help

Why We Ask?

We ask questions about class of worker to understand more about the labor force. These statistics are used to plan and measure education, economic growth, career development and job training programs, and to measure compliance with antidiscrimination policies.

Help

If worked for:	Then select:
Cooperative Credit union Mutual insurance company	An employee of a PRIVATE NOT-FOR- PROFIT, tax exempt, or charitable organization
Elected federal officials Foreign government United Nations Civilian employees of the Armed Forces Other international organization	A Federal GOVERNMENT employee
Armed Forces, regular service Military Reserves AND called to service by military order (not weekend training)	An active duty U.S. Armed Forces member
State university	A state GOVERNMENT employee
County-run community college City-run public school	A local GOVERNMENT employee (city, county, etc.)
Worked on a farm or in a business operated by a relative for 15 hours or more AND did not receive money which is considered wages	An employee WITHOUT PAY in a family business or farm

employer



employer help

Help	
If worked for:	Then enter:
Company Business Government agency	Name of company, NOT name of person's supervisor
Individual or business that had no company name	Name of individual this person worked for
His or her own un- named business	"Self-employed"

militaryemployer



militaryemployer help

Help

- · Do NOT include:
 - · Persons elected to federal offices
 - · Civilian employees of the Armed Forces
- · Include ACTIVE DUTY members of:
 - US Army
 - US Navy
 - · US Air Force
 - · US Marine Corps
 - · US Coast Guard

typeofbusiness



typeofbusiness help

Help

- Clearly and specifically describe what the business, industry, or individual employer does at the location where the person worked
- More than one activity → describe only major activity
- Enter what is made, what is sold, or what service is given
- · Enter descriptions like the following:
 - Hospital
 - · Newspaper publishing
 - · Auto engine manufacturing
 - Bank
 - · Retail grocery store
 - · Cattle ranch

businessclass

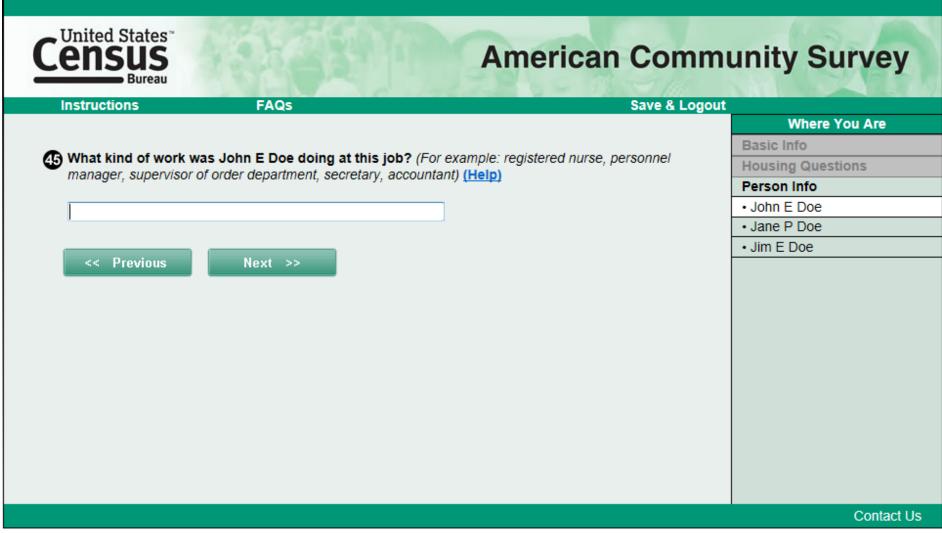


businessclass help

Help

If main industry activity was:	Then select:
 Making and processing of products, OR Making, processing, and selling of products in large lots to other manufacturers, wholesalers, or retailers 	Manufacturing
Buying of goods in large quantities from the manufacturer and selling the goods, usually in large volume, to other wholesalers or retailers, or industrial users	Wholesale trade
Selling of products to individual consumers or users	Retail trade
Other kinds of industries not previously mentioned, such as farms, construction firms, government offices, and services	Other (agriculture, construction, service, government, etc.)

typeofwork



typeofwork help

Help

- Provide clearly and specifically a description of the kind of work the person does
- · Enter descriptions like the following:
 - · Registered nurse
 - · Personnel manager
 - · Supervisor of order department
 - Secretary
 - Accountant
 - · High school teacher
- If trainee, apprentice, or helper → include in description

duties



duties help

Help

- Provide clearly and specifically a description of the most important activities or duties performed
- · Enter descriptions like the following:
 - · Patient care
 - · Directing hiring policies
 - · Supervising order clerks
 - · Typing and filing
 - · Reconciling financial records

wages



wages help

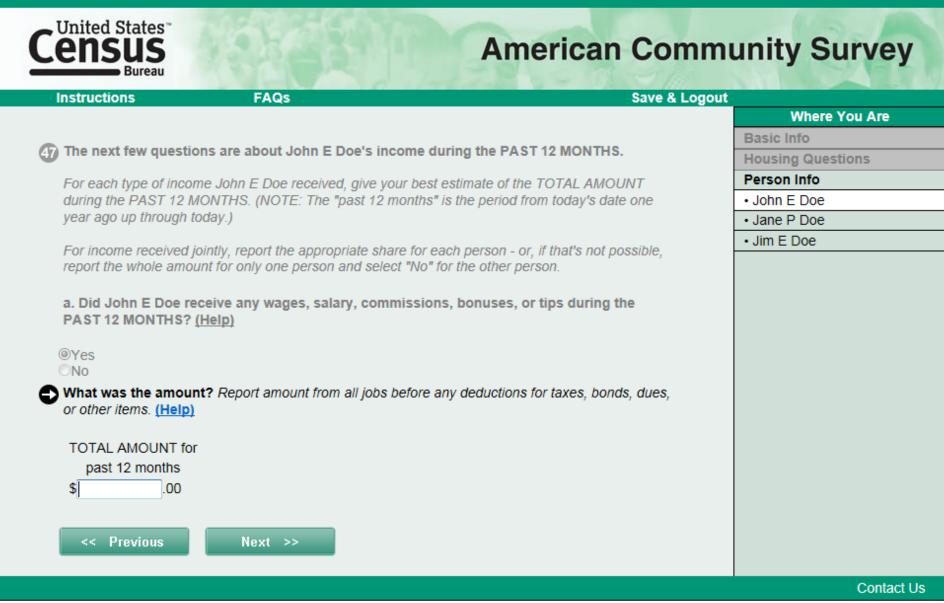
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Help

Wages and salaries before deductions from ALL jobs Tips Commissions	
 Bonuses Salary from incorporated businesses Sick leave pay Vacation pay Director fees Severance pay Assistantships and teaching fellowships Piece-rate Military personnel: Base pay Cash housing and/or subsistence allowance Flight pay Uniform allotments Reenlistment bonuses Armed forces or national guard pay 	

wagesamt



wagesamt help

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Refunds or rebates of any kind Withdrawals from savings of any kind Capital gains or losses from the sale of homes, shares of stock, etc. Inheritances or insurance settlements Any type of loan Pay in-kind such as food, free rent Lottery winnings taken in lump sum	Do NOT include in amount

selfemp



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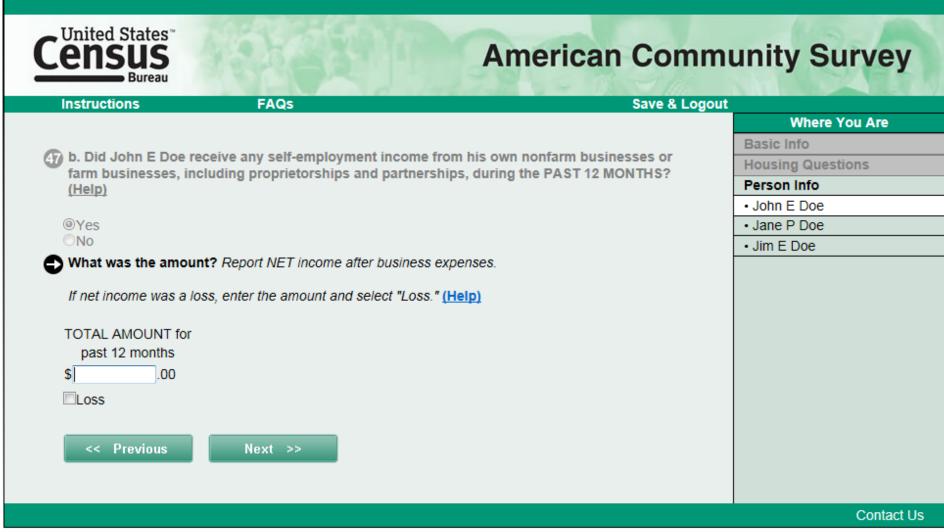
Help

If income received jointly by household members:

- · If possible, report appropriate share for each person
- If not possible, report whole amount for one person AND select "No" for other person

lf:	Then select:	
Nonfarm	m "Yes" if:	
	Person received profit (or loss) from self-employment in sole proprietorships and partnerships	
	"No" if:	
	Person received profit (or loss) from incorporated business	
Farm	"Yes" if:	
	Person received amounts from land rented for shares	
	Person received profit (or loss) from self-employment in sole proprietorships and partnerships	
	"No" if:	
	Person received amounts from land rented for cash	
	Person received profit (or loss) from incorporated business	

selfempamt



selfempamt help

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lf:	Then:
Nonfarm	
	Profit or Loss (report <i>net</i> money income - gross receipts minus expenses) from self-employment in sole proprietorships and partnerships
	Exclude:
	Profit (or loss) of incorporated businesses the person owns
Farm	Include:
	Profit (or loss) from self-employment in sole proprietorships and partnerships
	Amounts from land rented for shares
	Exclude:
	Profit (or loss) of incorporated farm businesses the person owns Amounts from land rented for cash

interest



interest help

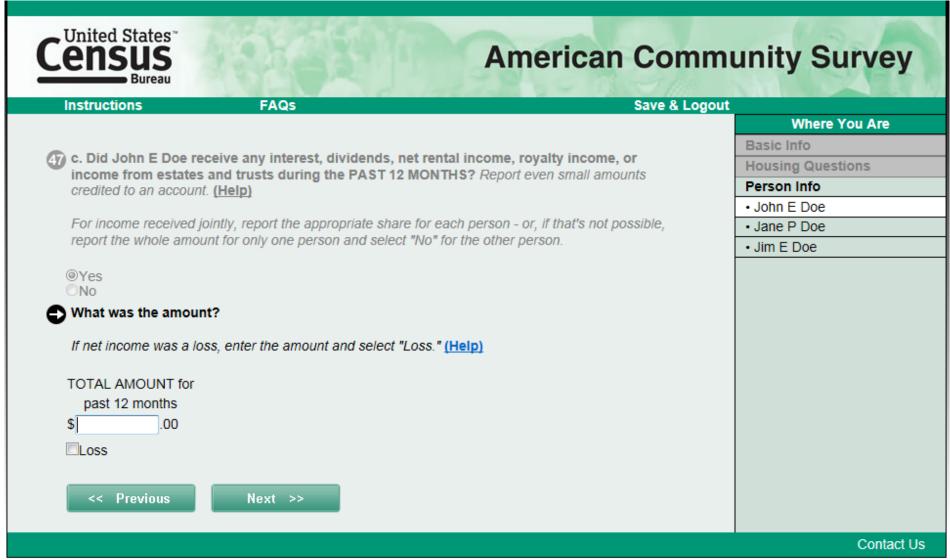
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Help

If person received:	Then select:
Interest received or credited to: Checking and saving accounts Money market funds Certificates of deposit (CDs) Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) KEOGHs Government bonds	Yes
Dividends received, credited, or reinvested from ownership of stocks or mutual funds Profit (or loss) from:	
Regular payments from estate or trust fund	

interestamt



interestamt help

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socialsecurity



socialsecurity help

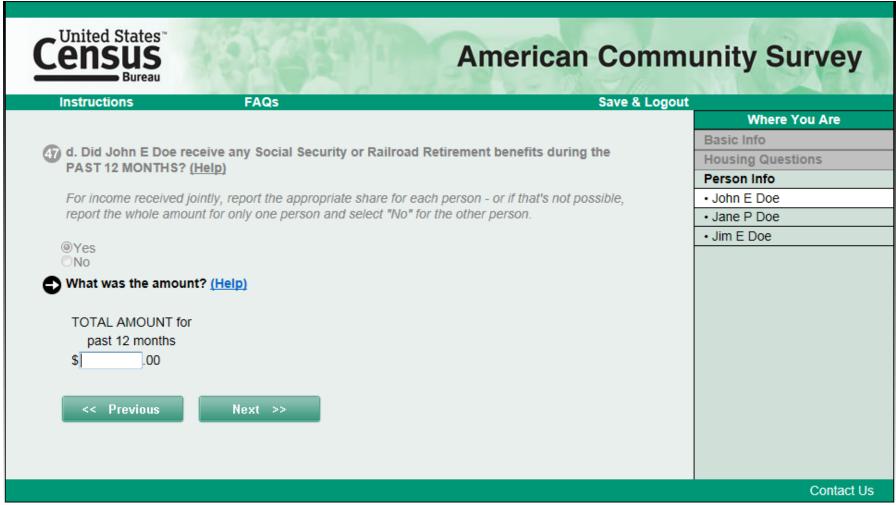
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Help

If person received:	Then select:
Before Medicare deductions:	Yes
 Social Security 	
 Railroad Retirement payments 	
 Payments to retired persons 	
 Payments to dependents of deceased 	
insured workers	
Payments to disabled workers	

socialsecurityamt



socialsecurityamt help

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Withdrawals from savings of any kind	amount
Capital gains or losses from the sale of homes,	
shares of stock, etc.	
Inheritances or insurance settlements	
Any type of loan	
Pay in-kind such as food, free rent	

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ssi help

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Supplemental Security Income (SSI) provided to: Elderly Blind Disabled persons	Yes

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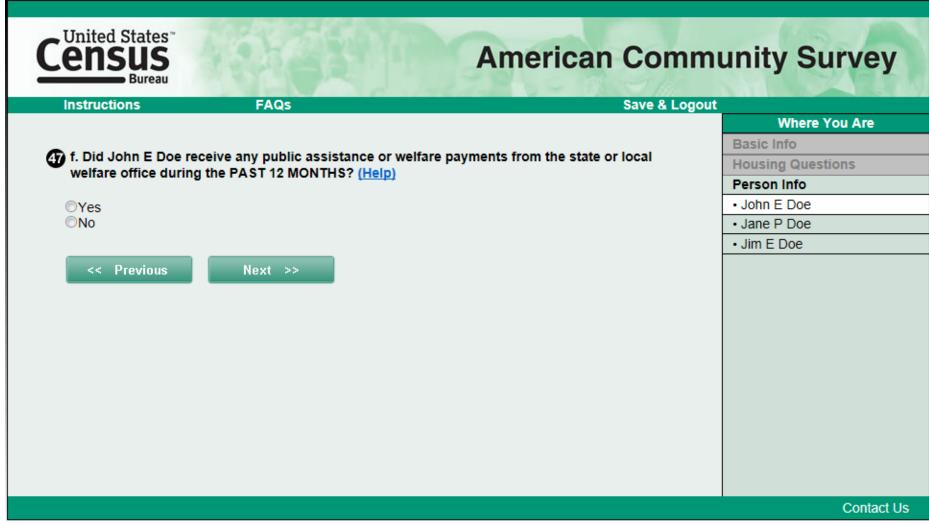
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Withdrawals from savings of any kind	amount
Capital gains or losses from the sale of homes,	
shares of stock, etc.	
Inheritances or insurance settlements	
Any type of loan	
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 Assistance received from private charities Assistance to pay heating or cooling costs Refunds or rebates of any kind Withdrawals from savings of any kind Capital gains or losses from the sale of homes, shares of stock, etc. Inheritances or insurance settlements Any type of loan Pay in-kind such as food, free rent Supplemental Security Income (SSI) 	Do NOT include in amount

retirement



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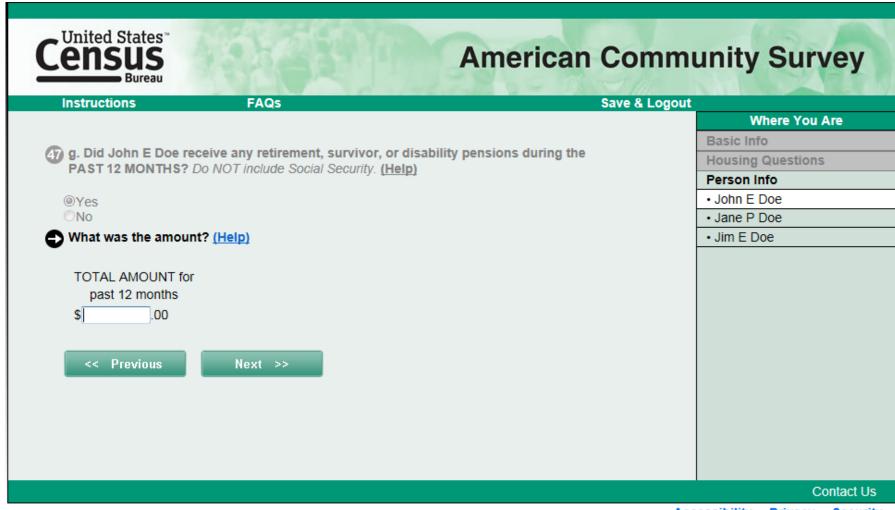
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If person received:	Then select:
Retirement, survivor or disability benefits from: Companies or unions Federal, state or local governments U.S. military Regular income from: Annuities IRA or KEOGH retirement plans	Yes

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otherincome



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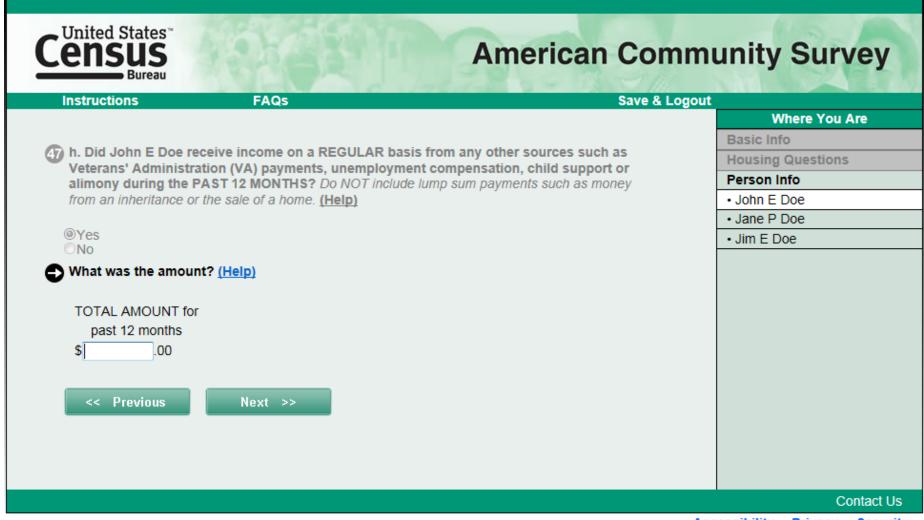
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If person received:	Then select:
 Veterans' (VA) disability compensation Veterans' educational assistance payments (VEAP) Unemployment compensation Child Support Alimony Other regular payments, such as: Armed Forces transfer payments Assistance from private charities Regular contributions from persons not living in the household 	Yes

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vrfyincome



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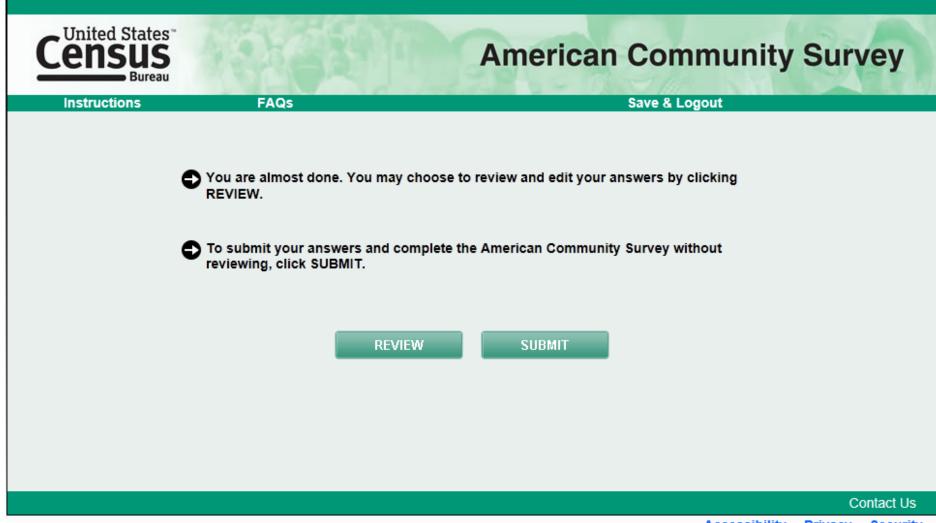
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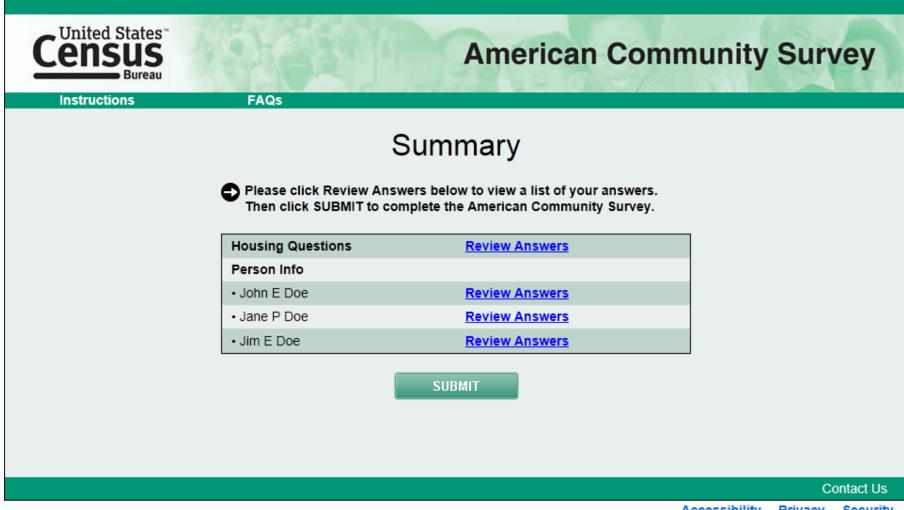
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summary



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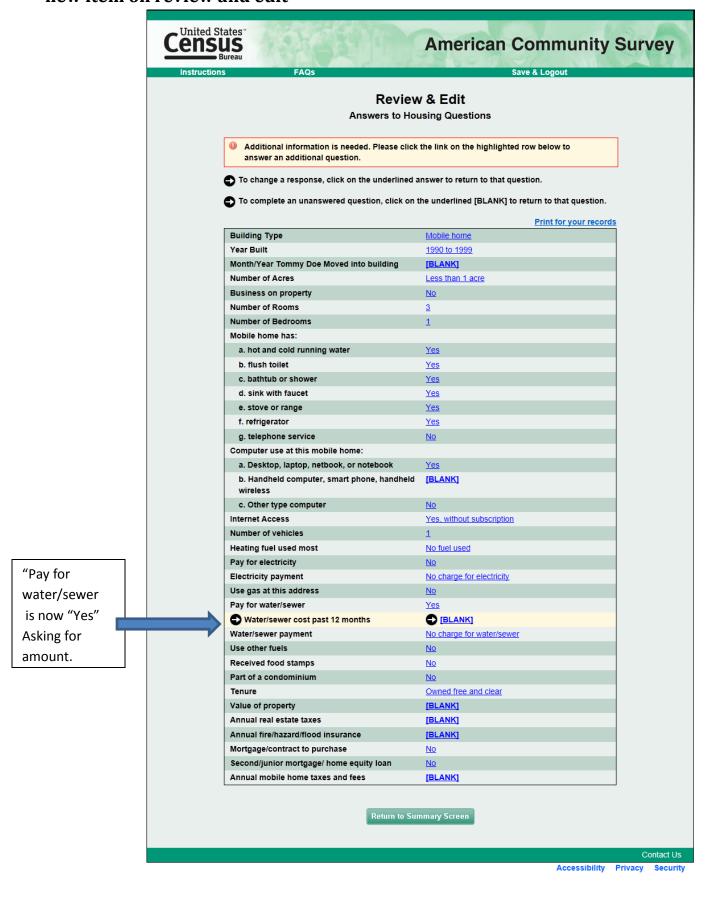
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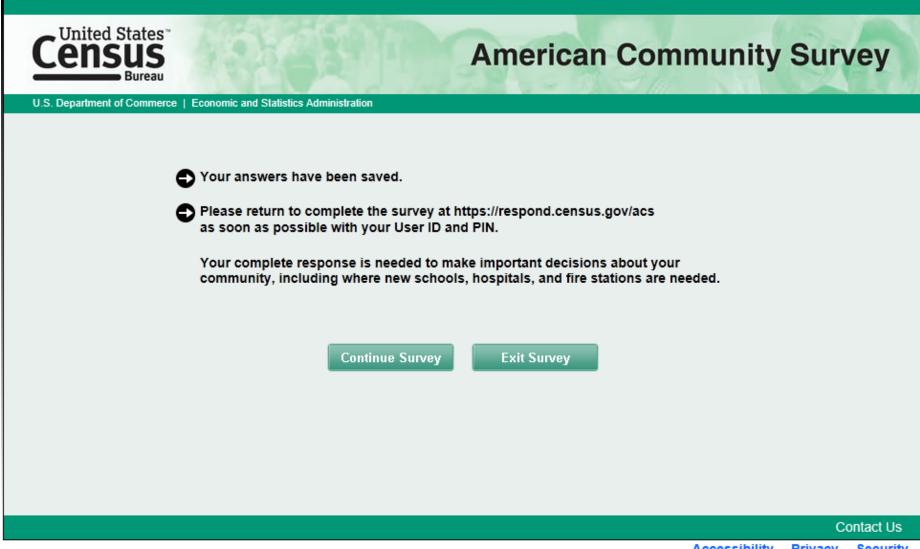
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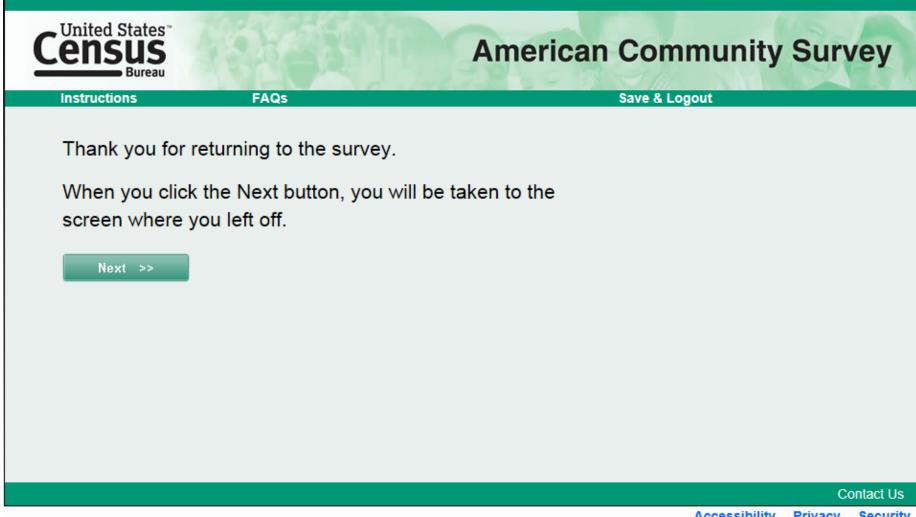
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Data are Encrypted at all Times

Our secure servers use "HTTPS", Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Secure Socket Layer, to ensure the encrypted transmission of data between your browser and the U.S. Census Bureau. This means that instead of sending readable text over the Internet, both your browser and our server encode (scramble) all text using a security key. That way, personal data sent to your browser or data you send back are extremely difficult to decode in the unlikely event it was intercepted by an unauthorized party.

All browsers connecting to our secure server must use a minimum encryption key size of 128 bits. If you cannot connect to our secure server and you are using an older browser, please upgrade to a newer browser capable of using the required encryption key size. In addition to data being encrypted while transmitted, all data are strongly encrypted when stored on our servers (even if stored temporarily).

Third Party Identity Proofing

Our secure server uses a digital certificate (digital ID) issued by a trusted, third party Certificate Authority (CA) as proof of identity. The only way to be sure of a web site's authenticity is to view their digital ID. In this way, you can be assured that you are not being "spoofed" or tricked by an imposter. The digital ID will contain information such as:

The name of the organization that owns the web site (e.g., "U.S. Census Bureau")

The site's registered Internet name/address (e.g., "respond.census.gov")

The name of the Certification Authority under which the digital ID was issued (e.g., "VeriSign Trust Network")

The method for viewing a web site's Digital Certificate/ID varies depending on the web browser. (For example, Mozilla's Firefox will display a clickable locked padlock icon in the lower right corner of your screen when in secure mode, Microsoft Internet Explorer shows a clickable locked padlock icon in the menu bar.) Please see your browser's "help" information for instructions on how to verify a web site's identity.

instructions

Instructions for Completing this Survey

Navigation: Do NOT use the Forward or Back buttons on your browser to navigate from screen to screen. Use only the navigation buttons on the bottom of each screen.

Survey Time out: For your security, this survey will automatically time out after 15 minutes of inactivity. If you need to leave the survey for more than 15 minutes, please click "Save & Logout" on the survey menu bar so you may return to the survey at a later time.

Exiting/Returning to the Survey: If you need to leave the survey before you have fully completed it, you may click "Save & Logout" on the survey menu bar. When you return to the survey, you will begin at the same point where you left.

Saving your Answers: Your answers will be saved as you click "Next" and proceed through the survey.

Help with Survey Questions: If you need assistance on a specific survey question, use the "(Help)" link that appears with that question.

Submitting your Survey: You will be asked to submit your answers when you have completed the survey. If you also received an American Community Survey questionnaire in the mail, there is no need to mail it back once you have submitted your answers online.

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey collects information about population and housing characteristics for the nation, states, cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and communities on a continuous basis. It is a survey that is sent to a small percentage of our population on a rotating basis. Based on the American Community Survey, the Census Bureau can provide up-to-date data about our rapidly changing country more often than once every 10 years when the census is conducted.

Do I have to mail back my questionnaire if I complete the American Community Survey online?

No. Once you submit your completed survey online, the Census Bureau has received your information. You should not mail back the questionnaire.

For this survey, is it safe to provide my information over the Internet?

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How can I be sure my information is really going to the Census Bureau and not some third party?

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Will the Census Bureau keep my information confidential?

Yes. All of the information the Census Bureau collects for this survey about you and your household is confidential by law (Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9). By law, every Census Bureau employee — including the Director as well as every field representative — has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both if he or she discloses ANY information that could identify you or your household.

How was I selected for the survey?

The U.S. Census Bureau chose your address – not you personally – as part of a randomly selected sample. Your address was selected to represent a cross section of other households in your community.

How long will it take to complete the survey?

For the average household, we estimate the American Community Survey will take about 40 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing the instructions and answers. Since this is an estimate, it will not hold true for every household that receives the survey.

Do I have to answer the questions on the American Community Survey?

Yes. Respondents are required to answer all questions on the American Community Survey (ACS) to the best of their ability. Response to the ACS is required by law (Section 221 of Title 13, Chapter 7, United States Code).

Your answers are very important because they represent the answers of many other similar households in your community. The data that you and others provide in response to this survey are required to manage or evaluate federal and state government programs.

How do I benefit by answering the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey provides up-to-date information for the nation, states, cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and communities. By responding to the American Community Survey, you are helping your community to establish goals, identify problems and solutions, and measure the performance of programs.

Communities need data about the well-being of children, families, and the elderly population to provide services to them. The data are also used to decide where to locate new highways, schools, hospitals, and community centers; to determine the goods and services its residents need; to show businesses that a town has the workforce the company needs; and in many other ways.

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

The Census Bureau will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and cannot publish or release information that would identify you or your household. Your information will be used in combination with information from other households to help us assess how questions on the American Community Survey are understood and answered. The Census Bureau will use this information to improve the American Community Survey, ultimately resulting in even better data for your community and the nation.

What do I do if I don't know the answer to a question?

Ask someone else in your household. They might know the answer. If no one knows or there is no one else in your household, give your best estimate.

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

You may visit our Web site www.census.gov/acs/www or call 1-800-369-3602 if you need assistance or more information.

contactus

Contact Us

If you need help or have questions, please call **1-800-354-7271** to speak with a Census Bureau representative. The telephone call is free. Representatives are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

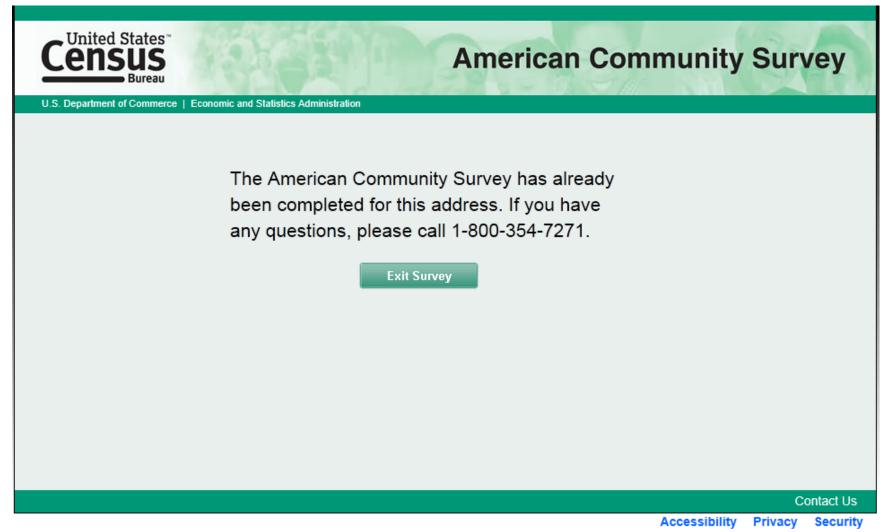
Telephone Device for the Deaf: Call 1-800-582-8330. The telephone call is free.

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