

The American Community Survey and the 2010 Census

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 of 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.

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.

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).

Why was I chosen for the American Community Survey?

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

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.



Census 2010 Form

Every household receives this form

United States
Census 2010

This is the official form for all the people at this address.
It is quick and easy, and your answers are protected by law.

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Use a blue or black pen.
Start here

The Census must count every person living in the United States on April 1, 2010.
Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010.
- Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

The Census must also include people without a permanent place to stay, so:

- If someone who has no permanent place to stay is staying here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or she may be missed in the census.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?

Number of people =

2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1? Mark all that apply.

- 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
- People staying here temporarily
- No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark ONE box.

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? *Include home equity loans.*
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented?
- Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number? We may call if we don't understand an answer.
Area Code + Number
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5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1.
What is Person 1's name? *Print name below.*

Last Name

First Name MI

6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark ONE box.
 Male Female

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.
Print numbers in boxes.

Age on April 1, 2010 Month Day Year of birth

→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — *Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.*

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark one or more boxes.

- White
- Black, African Am., or Negro
- American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.*
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Other Asian — *Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.*
- Japanese
- Korean
- Vietnamese
- Native Hawaiian
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Samoan
- Other Pacific Islander — *Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.*

10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

- No
- Yes — Mark all that apply.
 - In college housing
 - In the military
 - At a seasonal or second residence
 - For child custody
 - In jail or prison
 - In a nursing home or another reason

→ If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2.

American Community Survey Form

A random sample of households also receive this form

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Please complete this form and return it as soon as possible after receiving it in the mail.

This form asks for information about the people who are living or staying at the address on the mailing label and about the house, apartment, or mobile home located at the address on the mailing label.

If you need help or have questions about completing this form, please call 1-800-354-7271. The telephone call is free.

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

¿NECESITA AYUDA? Si usted habla español y necesita ayuda para completar su cuestionario, llame sin cargo alguno al 1-877-833-5625. Usted también puede pedir un cuestionario en español o completar su entrevista por teléfono con un entrevistador que habla español.

For more information about the American Community Survey, visit our web site at: <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

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Start Here

→ Please print today's date.
Month Day Year

→ Please print the name and telephone number of the person who is filling out this form. We may contact you if there is a question.
Last Name

First Name MI

Area Code + Number -

→ How many people are living or staying at this address?

- INCLUDE everyone who is living or staying here for more than 2 months.
- INCLUDE yourself if you are living here for more than 2 months.
- INCLUDE anyone else staying here who does not have another place to stay, even if they are here for 2 months or less.
- DO NOT INCLUDE anyone who is living somewhere else for more than 2 months, such as a college student living away or someone in the Armed Forces on deployment.

Number of people

→ Fill out pages 2, 3, and 4 for everyone, including yourself, who is living or staying at this address for more than 2 months. Then complete the rest of the form.

The 2010 Census asks questions on: age, sex, Hispanic origin, race, relationship, home: owned or rented.

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