

Acs marital history

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Hello,

Thank you for including marital history history questions on the acs.

This is the ONLY way we know how many first or remarriages occurred in the U.S. Did you know remarriage rates are declining? Or one in three marriages were remarriages? The only way is through ACS data.

Most Americans remarry after divorce or widowhood and ACS is the only way to know about it. Marriage is key for adult and child wellbeing and we need to track marriage.

This item needs to be asked every year so data can be pooled to assess rates at the state level.

The process of evaluating the value of questions needs to consider the value of marriage as the primary way we care for children and elderly in this nation.

Thank you,
Wendy