

American Community Survey (ACS)

What is it?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing sample survey that provides vital information on a yearly basis about our nation and its people. Information from the survey generates data that help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal and state funds are distributed each year. This U.S. Census Bureau survey samples about 295,000 addresses each month for an estimated 3.5 million households each year. For more information, go to <www.census.gov/acs>.

How does this survey help me?

Through the ACS, we know more about jobs and occupations, educational attainment, veterans, whether people own or rent their home, and other topics. Public officials, planners, and entrepreneurs use this information to assess the past and plan the future. When you respond to the ACS, you are doing your part to help your community plan hospitals and schools, support school lunch programs, improve emergency services, build bridges, and inform businesses looking to add jobs and expand to new markets, and more.

Is my information confidential?

Participating in U.S. Census Bureau censuses and surveys is safe. The Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information and keep your responses strictly confidential. It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you, your household, or your organization.

To protect your privacy, the American Community Survey NEVER asks for:

- Your social security number
- Your personal information via e-mail
- Money or donations
- Credit card information

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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 1-800-526-8530. 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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➔ 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.

How am I notified to participate?

You will receive a letter, signed by the Census Bureau director, informing you that your address was selected to be included in the American Community Survey. If you are notified, you will:

- Receive a letter and instruction card explaining how to complete the survey online, and/or receive a paper copy of the survey to complete and return to Jeffersonville, IN.

If you do not complete the survey you may:

- Receive a visit from one of our field representatives to complete the survey with you.

How often is the data released?

New data are available each year.

What products are available from the data?

- ACS 1-year estimates—for geographies with 65,000 or more people.
- ACS 1-year supplemental estimates—for geographies with 20,000 or more people.
- ACS 5-year estimates—all geographies.
- Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files—for 1- and 5-year datasets.

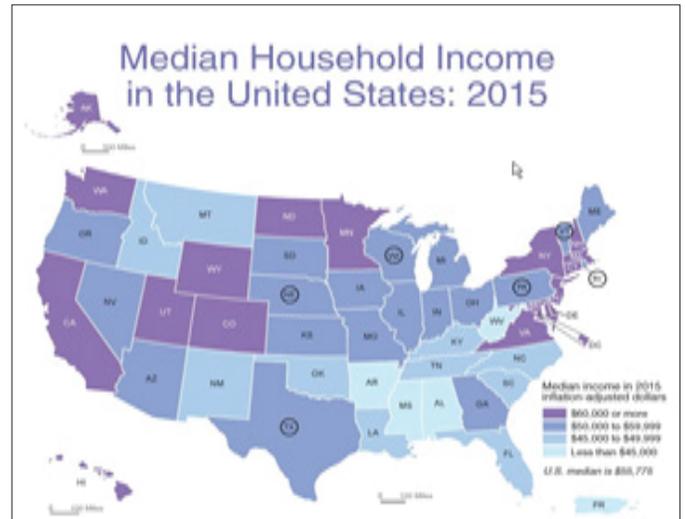
NOTE: The Census Bureau discontinued the ACS 3-year estimates as of 2014, though previous 3-year estimates are available.

How would I use this information?

- Developing business plans
- Completing grants
- Planning for strategic and economic development
- Preparing for emergency management operations

What are some of the topics available in the ACS?

Demographic	Social	Economic	Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Population • Group Quarters Population • Hispanic or Latino Origin • Race • Relationship • Age • Sex • Demographic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancestry • Citizenship Status • Disability Status • Educational Attainment • Fertility • Field of Degree • Grandparents as Caregivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class of Worker • Commuting to Work/Journey to Work • Employment Status • Food Stamps/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) • Health Insurance Coverage • Income and Earnings • Industry and Occupation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Ownership & Internet Access • House Heating Fuel • Kitchen Facilities • Occupancy/Vacancy Status • Occupants per Room • Owner Monthly Costs • Plumbing Facilities



Where can I access the data?

We release the data in various data tools for your convenience. To access the “Data Tools and Apps” Web page, go to <www.census.gov/data/data-tools.html>.