



Questions Planned for the 2020 Census and the American Community Survey Process Overview

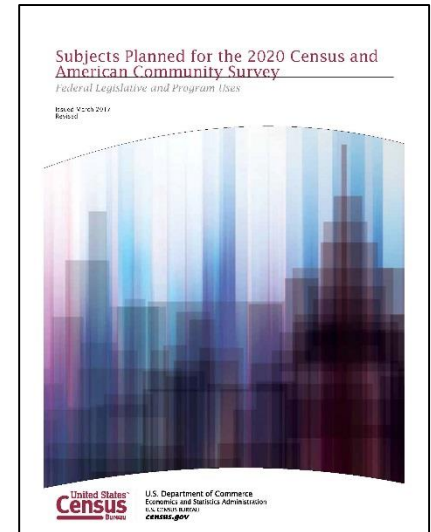
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2020 Census and American Community Survey Subjects and Questions Requirements

- Section 141(f) of the Census Act requires that the **subjects** included in the next census be submitted to Congress no later than 3 years before the census date.
 - ✓ This document was issued on **March 28, 2017**.
- The Census Act also requires that the **questions** included in the next census be submitted to Congress no later than 2 years before the census date.
 - A document that meets this requirement for the 2020 Census and the ACS will be submitted to Congress by **March 31, 2018**.



Questions Planned for the 2020 Census and American Community Survey

Document Outline

Contents:

- Introduction
- Questions Planned for the 2020 Census
- Questions Planned for the ACS
- Year First Included in a Decennial Census or on the ACS

Structure:

- Question image (paper form)
- Statement about why the question is asked (relationship to published data)
- Paragraph summarizing federal government use of data derived from the question
- Select summaries of types of community-level uses

How a Question Becomes Part of the Census or American Community Survey

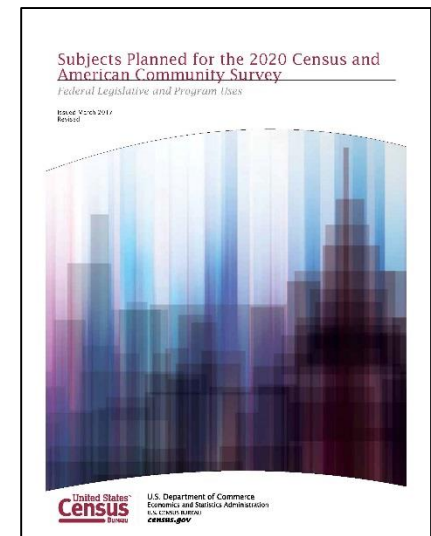
Standard Considerations

- The **determination of content** for the Decennial Census Program rests with the Secretary of Commerce.
- Requests undergo **legal, technical, and policy review** to determine whether the question should be included.
- If the question is not currently used in an ongoing survey, it is the Census Bureau standard **develop and test the wording** of the new question.
- The Census Bureau must **submit to Congress** the planned questions for the 2020 Census and American Community Survey by March 31, 2018.
- In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Census Bureau will **publish a Federal Register Notice**.

Questions Planned for the 2020 Census

- **Age** – asked since 1790
- **Citizenship** – asked since 1820*
- **Hispanic origin** – asked since 1970
- **Race** – asked since 1790
- **Relationship** – asked since 1880
- **Sex** – asked since 1790
- **Tenure** (owner/renter) – asked since 1890
- **Operational** (e.g., name) – asked since 1790

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Age

Asked since 1790

Answers to the age and date of birth question provide the data that help us understand the size of different age groups and how other characteristics may vary by age.

What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? *For babies less than 1 year old, do not write the age in months. Write 0 as the age.*

Print numbers in boxes.

Age on April 1, 2020

Month

Day

Year of birth


years

Citizenship*

Asked since 1820

A question about a person's citizenship is used to create statistics about citizen and noncitizen populations.

Is this person a citizen of the United States?

- ☐ Yes, born in the United States
- ☐ Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas
- ☐ Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents
- ☐ Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization – *Print year of naturalization* 
- ☐ No, not a U.S. citizen

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Hispanic Origin*

Asked since 1970

A question about whether a person is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin is used to create statistics about this ethnic group.

Is this person 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, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, etc.* ➤

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* This Hispanic origin question will be implemented on the ACS in 2020.

Race*

Asked since 1790

A question about a person's race to create statistics about race and to present other estimates by race groups.

* This race question will be implemented on the ACS in 2020.

What is Person 1's race?

Mark ☒ one or more boxes **AND** print origins.

☐ White – *Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.* ↴

☐ Black or African Am. – *Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.* ↴

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native – *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.* ↴

☐ Chinese

☐ Vietnamese

☐ Native Hawaiian

☐ Filipino

☐ Korean

☐ Samoan

☐ Asian Indian

☐ Japanese

☐ Chamorro

☐ Other Asian –
*Print, for example,
Pakistani, Cambodian,
Hmong, etc.* ↴

☐ Other Pacific Islander –
*Print, for example,
Tongan, Fijian,
Marshallese, etc.* ↴

☐ Some other race – *Print race or origin.* ↴

Note: Hispanic origin and race are asked separately in accordance with the 1997 OMB standards on race and ethnicity.

Relationship*

Asked since 1880

A question about the relationship of each person in a household to one central person is used to create estimates about families, households, and other groups, and to present other data at a household level.

How is this person related to Person 1? Mark ☒ ONE box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Opposite-sex husband/wife/spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Father or mother
<input type="checkbox"/> Opposite-sex unmarried partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild
<input type="checkbox"/> Same-sex husband/wife/spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent-in-law
<input type="checkbox"/> Same-sex unmarried partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Son-in-law or daughter-in-law
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Other relative
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Roommate or housemate
<input type="checkbox"/> Stepson or stepdaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster child
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Other nonrelative

Sex

Asked since 1790

A question about the sex of each person is used to create statistics about males and females and to present other data by sex.

What is Person 1's sex? Mark ☒ ONE box.

☐ Male ☐ Female

Tenure (owner/renter)

Asked since 1890

A question about whether a home is owned or rented is used to create data about tenure, renters, and home ownership.

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?

Operational

Asked since 1790

Some operational questions are asked to better administer the data collection process and to ensure greater accuracy of the data collected. Contact information is not part of published estimates and is carefully protected, as mandated by federal law, to respect the personal information of respondents.

How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Number of people =

Were there any **additional** people staying here on April 1, 2020 that you **did not include** in Question 1?

Mark ☒ all that apply.

- ☐ Children, related or unrelated, such as newborn babies, grandchildren, or foster children
- ☐ Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws
- ☐ Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in babysitters
- ☐ People staying here temporarily
- ☐ No additional people

What is your telephone number?

We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

Telephone Number

 - -

Please provide information for each person living here. If there is someone living here who pays the rent or owns this residence, start by listing him or her as Person 1. If the owner or the person who pays the rent does not live here, start by listing any adult living here as Person 1.

What is Person 1's name? *Print name below.*

First Name

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Last Name(s)

Does this person usually live or stay somewhere else?

Mark ☒ all that apply.

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, for college
- ☐ Yes, for a military assignment
- ☐ Yes, for a job or business
- ☐ Yes, in a nursing home
- ☐ Yes, with a parent or other relative
- ☐ Yes, at a seasonal or second residence
- ☐ Yes, in a jail or prison
- ☐ Yes, for another reason

Questions Planned for the 2020 American Community Survey

(Year first asked in the Decennial Census Program)

2020 Subjects	Social Subjects	Economic Subjects	Housing Subjects
Operational	Ancestry (1980)	Journey to Work/Commuting (1960)	Acreage & Agricultural Sales (1960)
Age	Disability (1830)	Health Insurance (2008)	Computer & Internet Use (2013)
Sex	Fertility (1890)	Income (1940)	Home Heating Fuel (1940)
Race	Grandparent Caregivers (2000)	Industry of Worker (1820)	Home Value & Rent (1940)
Hispanic Origin	Language Spoken at Home (1890)	Occupation of Worker (1850)	Plumbing Facilities (1940)
Relationship	Marital Status (1880)	Class of Worker (1910)	Kitchen Facilities (1940)
Tenure	Marital History (1850)	Labor Force Status (1890)	Telephone Service (1960)
	Migration/Residence One Year Ago (1930)	Work Status Last Year (1880)	Selected Monthly Owner Costs (1940-1990) <i>Utilities, mortgage, etc.</i>
	Place of Birth (1850)		SNAP (2005) <i>Food Stamps</i>
	Citizenship (1820)		Units in Structure (1940)
	Year of Entry (1890)		Rooms (1940)
	School Enrollment (1850)		Bedrooms (1960)
	Educational Attainment (1940)		Vehicles Available (1960)
	Undergraduate Field of Degree (2009)		Year Built (1940)
	Veteran Status (1890)		Year Moved In (1960)
	Veteran Period of Service and VA Service-Connected Disability (2008)		

Note: The 2020 ACS (formerly the long form) will be administered in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The 2020 Island Areas Censuses will use the 2020 ACS as a base, which will be modified to better meet the needs of the Island Areas.

Questions Planned for the 2020 American Community Survey

- Based on results of the 2016 ACS Content Test, changes to the questions about the following topics are planned for implementation on the 2019 ACS (and will be carried forward to the 2020 ACS):
 - Telephone service
 - Journey to work
 - Weeks worked
 - Class of worker
 - Industry and Occupation
 - Retirement income
 - Relationship
 - Health insurance premiums and subsidies (new question)
- The ACS will implement the version of the race and Hispanic origin questions used on the 2020 Census on the 2020 ACS.

Questions Planned for the 2020 Island Areas Censuses

2020 Subjects	Social Subjects	Economic Subjects	Housing Subjects
Operational	Ancestry	Commuting	Acreage & Agricultural Sales
Age	Disability	Health Insurance	Computer & Internet Use
Sex	Fertility	Income	Home Heating Fuel
Race	Grandparent Caregivers	Industry, Occupation, & Class of Worker	Home Value & Rent
Hispanic Origin	Language Spoken at Home	Labor Force Status	Plumbing Facilities, Kitchen Facilities, & Telephone Service**
Relationship	Marital Status & Marital History*	Work Status Last Year	Selected Monthly Owner Costs
Tenure	Migration/Residence Five Years Ago		Sewage Disposal
	Parent's Place of Birth		SNAP*
	Place of Birth, Citizenship, & Year of Entry		Source of Water
	Reason for Migration		Units in Structure, Rooms, & Bedrooms
	School Enrollment, Educational Attainment & Undergraduate Field of Degree***		Vehicles Available
	Veteran Status, Period of Service, & VA Service-Connected Disability Rating		Year Built & Year Moved In
*New for Island Areas Censuses, but an established subject in the ACS.			
**Propose including flush toilet availability.			
***Propose including completion of a vocational program, which was a subject for the 2010 Census.			
Island Areas Censuses Only			