

# Qtax FAQs

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## 1. Why should I complete this form? What is the purpose of this survey?

The Quarterly Survey of Property Tax Collections is one of three parts of the Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue. The U.S. Congress, federal agencies, state and local governments, education and research organizations, and the general public employ results from these surveys. Some major uses include the following:

- a. Development of government component of the gross domestic product estimates
- b. Development of the national income accounts
- c. Tax policy research

For more information, visit the [Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue](#).

## 2. Is this survey mandatory?

This is a voluntary survey. However, the Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the data collected by the Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue to create national estimates of GDP. We estimate that this survey should an average of 15 minutes to complete.

## 3. How do I get taken off of your mailing list?

We cannot remove you from our mailing list.

## 4. Why did I receive this survey?

If you have received the Quarterly Survey of Property Tax Collections, we have determined this government is one of the approximately 90,000 local governments in the United States. Out of the approximately 90,000 local governments, a smaller representative sample is drawn and sent a copy of our survey in order to compile a national estimate of local tax collections every quarter.

## 5. We are not a government. Should I complete the survey?

If you have received a copy of the Quarterly Survey of Property Tax Collections it is because this government is in scope of our definition of a government. We define a government to be “an organized entity which, in addition to having governmental character, has sufficient discretion in the management of its own affairs to distinguish it as separate from the administrative structure of any other governmental unit.”

If you believe this government does not fall within the scope of our definition of a government, please contact a member of the Quarterly Tax Survey team.

For further details on the definition and characteristics of a government entity for Census Bureau reporting, refer to the Government Finance and Employment Classification [Manual](#).

**6. The name of this government is incorrect. How do I get it changed?**

To ensure the name of this government is properly corrected and recorded in our database, contact a member of the Quarterly Tax Survey Team.

**7. How do I correct data after I have already submitted the survey?**

If you have already submitted data for this government and would like to make a correction, please contact a member of the Quarterly Tax Survey team.

**8. Why doesn't my password work?**

For security purposes, a unique password is created. The unique user ID and password is provided on the paper copy of the survey form and both are required to log into the interactive system. If you have difficulty finding your user ID and/or password, or if you are having trouble logging into the web collection system, please contact a member of the Quarterly Tax survey team.

**9. Where can I obtain a paper copy of the form that is usually mailed to me?**

The U.S. Census Bureau is streamlining operations to conserve taxpayer time and money as we measure our nation's economy through surveys such as the Quarterly Survey of Property Tax Collections and Quarterly Survey of Selected Non-Property Taxes. This includes moving from paper-based data collection to online-based data collection operations. If you need a worksheet to compile your data before reporting online, go to [Get Forms](#) and click on the Report Online link of the form you want to report, enter your user ID and password, and select the icon next to "Would you like a blank PDF of the worksheet?" on the main menu page. If you have any problems reporting online, you can contact a member of the Quarterly Tax survey team.

**10. How do I confirm the Census Bureau received my data?**

When you submitted your data through the web application, you received a Submission Confirmation screen that you were able to print. If you did not see this screen, then you have not submitted your data.

If you have submitted your survey on the web, by mail, fax or over the phone you can contact a member of the Quarterly Tax survey team to verify your submission.

**11. Is there a fine if I do not complete this survey?**

Participation in this important survey is voluntary. However, it is very important that we have your cooperation to ensure the quality of our data.