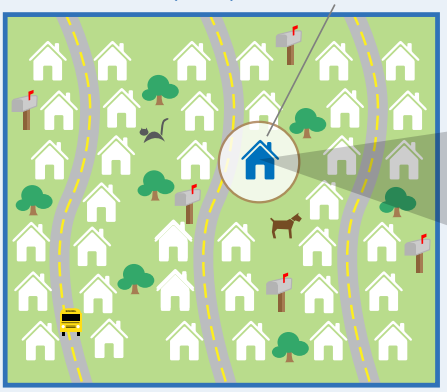
American Community Survey

How It Works for Your Community

The ACS is an official Census Bureau survey that is part of the Decennial Census Program. It is sent to a small percentage of U.S. households monthly.

COLLECTION

About 1 in 38 U.S. households per year receives an invitation to participate in the American Community Survey (ACS).



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RESPONDENT

ONLINE

INTERNET

Those who do not complete the survey may receive a personal visit from Census Bureau staff.

PAPER

MAIL

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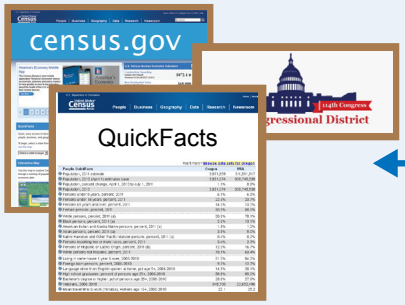
Individuals can complete the questionnaire for their household either online or on a paper form.

PROCESSING & DISSEMINATION



CENSUS BUREAU WEB SITE

REPORTS, TABLES, AND APPLICATIONS

DATA COMBINED INTO STATISTICS

Personal information removed and kept confidential

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The Census Bureau publishes statistics as reports, tables, and other products through its Web site.

DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS

Government agencies use these statistics to help with decision-making and to allocate over $675 billion each year back to your community.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, STATES, TRIBAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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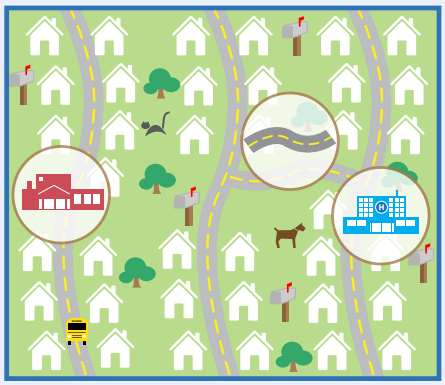
Civic and academic institutions, and businesses use the ACS for a variety of purposes.

$675 BILLION PER YEAR

SCHOOLS

ROADS

HOSPITALS



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