

# American Community Survey (ACS)

## Why is my participation important?

By filling out the ACS, you represent your community.

Your information helps:

- Provide government, community, and business leaders with critical information about your community.
- Local and state agencies plan for community growth and services, such as hospitals, transportation needs, emergency services, and much more.

The image shows a thumbnail of the American Community Survey questionnaire booklet. At the top, it says 'The American Community Survey' and '13190012'. A green box contains the text: 'This booklet shows the content of the American Community Survey questionnaire.' Below this, there is a 'Start Here' section with instructions on how to respond (online or by mail) and a 'Your response is required by law' section. There are also sections for 'If you need help or have questions about completing this form' and 'How many people are living or staying at this address?'. The form includes fields for 'Last Name', 'First Name', 'MI', and 'Area Code + Number'. It also has checkboxes for 'Number of people' and 'Fill out pages 2 - 7 for everyone, including yourself, who is living or staying at this address for more than 2 months. Then complete the rest of the form.' At the bottom, it says 'FORM ACS-1(INFO)(2020)' and 'OMB No. 0607-0810'.

## How is my information collected?

You can respond to the ACS by Internet, mail, a personal visit, or a phone call from a U.S. Census Bureau interviewer.



You may have received a letter that provides instructions to access and complete the survey online.



If you do not complete the survey online, we will send a paper questionnaire about two weeks later.



If we receive an incomplete survey or no response is received, a Census Bureau interviewer may contact you by personal visit or phone.

## Why does the ACS ask for detailed information?

- The ACS is the most reliable and diverse public source of data on your community—big or small.
- Federal agencies have statutory and regulatory needs to use ACS data for planning purposes.
- Detailed information helps to determine how more than \$675 billion in federal and state funds are distributed each year.

## Can I get help completing the ACS?

- We can answer your questions or assist you in completing the survey.
- A trusted individual, such as a relative, can help you answer the survey questions.

## Is my information safe?

- Your information is protected from disclosure by law.
- The law requires that we keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics.
- We cannot publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you.

## Need more information about the ACS?



### ACS Telephone Helpline:

1-800-354-7271

1-877-833-5625 (Español)



### Web site:

#### More information:

[www.census.gov/acs](http://www.census.gov/acs)

#### Respond to the ACS:

<https://respond.census.gov/acs>

#### Verify a Census Bureau Interviewer:

[www.census.gov/staffsearch](http://www.census.gov/staffsearch)



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