

How the American Community Survey Works for Your Community

Collection

About 1 in 38 U.S. households per year receives an invitation to participate in the American Community Survey (ACS). (Graphic showing a house highlighted that received an American Community Survey form in a group of houses in your community).

Individual can complete the questionnaire for their household either online or on a paper form (Graphic showing how a respondent can provide data to the Census Bureau through online or paper formats).

Option 1: Respondent – Online – Internet – U.S. Census Bureau

Option 2: Respondent – Paper – Mail – U.S. Census Bureau

Those who don't complete the survey receive a call or personal visit from the Census staff.

Processing and Dissemination

The U.S. Census Bureau uses the data combined into statistics (Personal information removed and kept confidential) to publish reports, tables, and applications.

The Census Bureau publishes statistics as reports, tables, and other products through its web sites, American FactFinder, and QuickFacts.

Data-Driven Decisions

Government agencies use these statistics to help with decision-making and to allocate over \$400 billion each year back to your community. (Graphic showing Federal Government Agencies, States, and Local Communities providing \$400 billion per year to Schools, Roads, and Hospitals – Part of your community)

Civic & academic institutions, and businesses use the ACS for a variety of purposes for your community (Graphic of Your Community)

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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.