

American Community Survey (ACS)

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Key Dates

August 28, 2007

Release of ACS income, earnings and poverty data

September 12, 2007

Release of ACS social, economic and housing characteristics, demographic and housing estimates, and Public Use Microdata Samples (PUMS) data

September 27, 2007

Release of ACS group quarters and selected population profiles/tables by race, Hispanic origin and ancestry

August 28, 2007

[Federal Register](#) Notice for the 2007 Data Products.

April 1, 2010

2010 Census Day

ACS Alerts

Alert 54 - released 9/27/2007

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Contact Us

Contact the American Community Survey Office by [email](#) or by phone at **1-888-456-7215**, or visit ask.census.gov for further information on the American Community Survey.

WHAT IS IT?

America is changing, and so is the census. The American Community Survey lets communities see how they are changing - filling in the gaps between each 10-year census.

The ACS:

- is sent to a small percentage of our population on a rotating basis;
- helps determine how more than \$300 billion per year is distributed;
- informs decisions on policies, programs, and services for communities;
- is also conducted in Puerto Rico, where it is called the Puerto Rico Community Survey.

HIGHLIGHTS

2006 ACS Data Products

- [American FactFinder](#) - Data Available Starting August 28th
- [FTP](#) - Access our FTP site for table shells and data
- [2006 Guide to the Data Products](#) - Detailed Tables with table shells
- [Guidance on Comparing 2006 ACS Data to other Data Sources](#)
- [Questions and Answers about the 2006 ACS](#) [PDF]

What's Different for 2006

- [Many 2006 Data Products are now available for the Total Population](#)
- [Changes to the 2006 ACS Data Profiles and Ranking Tables](#)
- [Changes to the 2006 Data Products - Complete lists of New, Removed, and Modified Tables](#) [xls]

Looking Ahead

- [2010 Census](#)
- [2008 Questionnaire](#)
- [Multiyear estimate products](#)

Technical Products

- [Quality Measures](#) - Information on steps taken to ensure that ACS survey data are accurate and reliable.
- [Errata](#) - Updates made to the data due to found errors.
- [2006 ACS Data User's Handbook](#) - Information covering a broad set of topics relating directly to the ACS. [PDF 1.4Mb]
- [Subject Definitions](#) - Definitions on population and housing variables to help you understand the results of the ACS.
- [ACS Design and Methodology Paper](#) [PDF 7.4Mb] - A comprehensive description of the methods and procedures currently used in the survey.

News Releases

- [September 27th, 2007 Census Bureau Releases New Data on Residents of Adult Correctional Facilities, Nursing Homes and Other Group Quarters](#)
- [September 27th, 2007 Spanish Version -- Census Bureau Releases New Data on Residents of Adult Correctional Facilities, Nursing Homes and Other Group Quarters](#)
- [September 24th, 2007 Media Advisory -- An In-Depth Look at the Maricopa Region's Fast Growing and Changing Population](#)

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Questionnaire

The [survey questionnaires](#) are examples of the forms that we send to sample addresses.



Language Brochures


Information about the American Community Survey is available in the following languages [PDF]:

- [English](#) (en)
- [中文](#) (zh)
- [한국어](#) (ko)
- [русский](#) (ru)
- [En español](#) (es)
- [Việt Ngữ](#) (vi)

Tool Kits

- [News Media Tool Kit](#)
- [Congressional Tool Kit - under revision](#)

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