How the American Community Survey Works for Your Community

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

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

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

Government agencies use these statistics to help with decision-making and to allocate over $400 billion each year back to your community.

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

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.