



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

10 Questions – 10 Minutes continued:

In previous censuses, most addresses received one of two forms: either the short form, which focused on the population count and demographics; or the long form, which included additional questions on socioeconomic and housing characteristics. Nationwide, about one-in-six addresses in 2000 received the long form. The 2010 Census will be different in that the majority of the population will receive the 10 Question – 10 Minute form in March to be counted on April 1st, Census Day.

Some residents will receive or have already received a lengthier type of questionnaire, which is the American Community Survey (ACS). It is a survey that is sent to a small percentage of our population, but rather than once a decade, the ACS is sent to a rolling sample of addresses every month, every year, throughout the nation. By 2010, the new survey will yield current annual data for all geographic areas of the country. This Census is not to be confused with the 10 question – 10 minute census form you will receive in March.

The ACS covers additional topics not found on the 10 question – 10 minute Census Form. Response to this survey is required by law (Section 221 of Title 13). Respondents are required to answer all questions on the ACS to the best of their ability. Additionally Title 13 requires the Census Bureau to keep all information about you, and all other respondents, strictly confidential for both the American Community Survey and the Census survey conducted on April 1st.

Your answers are very important because they represent the answers of many other similar households in your community. The data that you and others provide is used to manage and evaluate federal and state government programs. If you submit an incomplete form or provide data that are unclear, you may be contacted by phone or in person to obtain or clarify the missing information.

Additional Topics covered in the lengthier form include:

Social Characteristics: Marital Status | Marital History | Fertility | Grandparents as Caregivers | Ancestry | Place of Birth, U.S. Citizenship and Year of Entry | Language Spoken at Home | Educational Attainment and School Enrollment | Residence 1-Year Ago | Veteran Status: Disability Rating and Period of Service

Economic Characteristics: Income | Food Stamps Benefit | Labor Force Status | Industry, Occupation, and Class of Worker | Place of Work and Journey to Work | Work Status Last Year | Vehicles Available | Health Insurance Coverage

Housing Characteristics: Year Structure Built | Units in Structure | Year Moved into Unit | Rooms | Bedrooms | Plumbing | Kitchen Facilities | House Heating Fuel | Telephone Service Available | Home Value | Rent | Mortgage Status | Selected Monthly Owner Costs