

Help Our Community: Fill Out the American Community Survey

The American Community Survey (ACS) (shown below) collects information throughout the decade that:

- Provides up-to-date information for the nation, states, cities, counties, metropolitan areas, and communities
- Establishes goals, identifies problems and solutions and measures the performance of programs
- Provides data about the well-being of children, families and the elderly to provide services to them
- Provides information for the location of new schools, hospitals and community centers
- Makes data available to businesses for workforce employment and customers

The image displays several components of the American Community Survey process:

- Title Page:** Features the U.S. Department of Commerce logo and the title "THE American Community Survey".
- Mailing Label:** A white label with a grey background containing the address: "Current Resident, 1234 Main Street, Anytown USA 12345-6789".
- Form Instructions:** A section titled "Start Here" with instructions: "Please print today's date." (with fields for Month, Day, Year) and "Please print the name and telephone number filling out this form." (with fields for Last Name, First Name, and a telephone number field).
- Form Question 13:** A detailed view of question 13, "What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?", which is highlighted with a red box. The question includes a list of examples: "(For example: Italian, Jamaican, African Am., Cambodian, Cape Verdean, Norwegian, Dominican, French Canadian, Haitian, Korean, Lebanese, Polish, Nigerian, Mexican, Taiwanese, Ukrainian, and so on.)".

On page 8 in the survey, question 13 offers the opportunity to enter a person's ancestry or ethnic origin. This data will influence decisions that identify community needs. The Census Bureau can use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and cannot publish or release information that would identify you or your household.