



American Housing Survey

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- *What* is the American Housing Survey?
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What is the American Housing Survey?

Survey of the housing units in the United States

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What is the American Housing Survey?

- Sponsored by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Conducted by U.S. Census Bureau



Why do we conduct the survey?

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American Housing Survey Mission Statement:
To supply the public with detailed and timely information about...

- housing quality,
- housing costs, and
- neighborhood assets,

...in support of effective housing policy, programs, and markets.

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Quality

- Adequate
- Healthy
- Safe

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Resiliency

Why do we conduct the survey?

Cost and Affordability

- Rent
- Mortgage payments
- Utilities
- Maintenance
- Taxes
- Fees
- Insurance
- Can the family budget stretch to cover the costs?

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Neighborhood Assets

- Physical
 - Access to public transportation
 - Walkability
 - Other amenities
- Social
 - Cohesiveness
 - Safety

When do we conduct the survey?

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- Survey began in 1973
- Every other year, in odd years (2013, 2015, 2017...)
- Data collection is typically conducted during summer

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How do we collect data?

- Census Bureau Field Representatives conduct interviews, aided by laptop computers (computer assisted personal interviewing)
- Telephone or in person
- Participation is voluntary



Where do we collect data?

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- Integrated National Sample: 86,000 housing units
 - 15 largest metro areas
- Metropolitan Area Samples
 - 3,000 housing units per area
 - 20 metropolitan areas total
 - Visited every 4 years (10 per survey)

Where do we collect data?

- Returns to the *same housing units* as in previous surveys (“longitudinal”)
- New units added to the sample, to keep coverage current

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Who do we interview?

- Housing unit residents
 - Owners
 - Renters
 - Other adult residents
- “Knowledgeable person” for vacant units
 - Owner
 - Rental Manager
 - Neighbor

What geography do we report?

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- Nation
- Census division
- CBSA code (metro survey areas)

What questions do we ask?

Core data (every survey)

- The outside of the home
- The inside of the home
- Who lives in the home
- How recent movers came to live there
- How the unit has been changed

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What questions do we ask?

Here's Evan...

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What does HUD do with the data?

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- Worst Case Needs Report
- Components of Inventory Change
- Rental Dynamics
- Specialized Research Reports
- Custom tabulations

How can I learn more?

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- American Housing Survey Mailing List
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