

United States
Census
2000

G. Where We Move

Residence 5 Years Ago

REQUIRED NEED

RESIDENCE 5 YEARS AGO (Migration) asked since 1940

HOW WE ASK IT
[Sample item]

<p>15 a. Did this person live in this house or apartment 5 years ago (on April 1, 1995)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Person is under 5 years old → Skip to 33</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, this house → Skip to 16</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, outside the United States — Print name of foreign country, or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc., below; then skip to 16.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, different house in the United States</p>	<p>b. Where did this person live 5 years ago?</p> <p>Name of city, town, or post office</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p> <p>Did this person live inside the limits of the city or town?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, outside the city/town limits</p> <p>Name of county</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p> <p>Name of state</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p> <p>ZIP Code</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p>
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WHAT IT MEANS FOR EVERYONE

Federal Uses (also see the selected statutory uses on the opposite page):

- Provides the number and characteristics of movers, essential information for Federal programs that deal with employment, housing, education, and the elderly
- Used to develop the Dept. of Veterans Affairs' projections of the need for hospitals and other veteran benefits for each state based on migration data about veterans
- Used by the Census Bureau to create state age and sex estimates and small-area population projections

Community Impact:

- Used by state and local agencies to develop health care and other services for the elderly, especially since changes in the location of seniors may affect the need for future services
- Used by local governments to forecast the demand for new public facilities such as schools, hospitals, libraries, and fire and police stations
- Helps planners and policy makers to estimate state and county population growth between censuses by using data about in-migration and out-migration
- Used by government agencies for program planning, especially for rural parts of the country
- Used to target areas with high levels of transience for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program
- Used to assess residential stability and the effects of migration in urban and rural areas

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The first part of the question reduces respondent burden by screening out children under five years old and people who lived in the same house five years ago. Persons who lived outside the United States are asked only the name of the country. In the second part of the question, the name of the city, town, or post office is needed to determine if the individual moved within the same city/town or is a new resident of that area. The question asking if an individual lives inside the city limits is needed to identify people who do not live inside a city or town, but whose mailing address contains that city's or town's name. It is important to know the names of the county, state, and country to help prevent confusion because a name may be common to more than one geographic area.

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AGENCIES

SELECTED STATUTORY USES

- COMMERCE National Population Estimates and Projections--P
[13 U.S.C. 141],
Intercensal Estimates of Population Characteristics--P
[13 U.S.C. 181]

- HHS Older Americans Act--P
[42 U.S.C. 3002, 3026(a)(1), 3027(a)(8)],
Refugee Education Assistance Act--P
[8 U.S.C. 1521-1523]

- HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Evaluation--P
[42 U.S.C. 12701]

- LABOR Immigration Act of 1990--P
[8 U.S.C. 1182 note & 1182(a)(5)(A)],
Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986--P
[8 U.S.C.1364]

- NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION National Science Foundation Act of 1950--P
[42 U.S.C. 1862],
National Science Foundation Biennial Report--P
[42 U.S.C. 1885d]

- VA State Projections of Veteran Population--R
[38 U.S.C. 8131]