

# CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) QUESTIONNAIRES (HOUSING QUESTIONS)

Revised 2007\*

1996-1998 QUESTION WORDING	1999-2002 QUESTION WORDING	2003 - 2007* QUESTION WORDING
<p><b>H1. Which best describes this building?</b> Include all apartments, flats, etc., even if vacant.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A mobile home or trailer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A one-family house detached from any other house</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A one-family house attached to one or more houses</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 2 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 3 or 4 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 5 to 9 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 10 to 19 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 20 to 49 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 50 or more apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Boat, RV, van, etc.</p>	<p><b>1 Which best describes this building?</b> <i>Include all apartments, flats, etc., even if vacant.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A mobile home</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A one-family house detached from any other house</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A one-family house attached to one or more houses</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 2 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 3 or 4 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 5 to 9 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 10 to 19 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 20 to 49 apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A building with 50 or more apartments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Boat, RV, van, etc.</p> <p>In the first answer category, the words “or trailer” were deleted to match the Census 2000 item.</p> <p>Two response categories differ from the 1990 census item. The first response category was “A mobile home or trailer.” The last response category was “Other.”</p> <p>The words “or trailer” were deleted at the recommendation of the Manufactured Housing Institute.</p> <p>The last category was modified because evaluation of the 1990 census data indicated that respondents indicated “Other” when they were uncertain about the structure classification of their unit. This design resulted in the proportion of units classified as “Other” to be far larger than the number of units that were classified as “Boat, tent, van, etc.” in 1980.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>

<p><b>H2. About when was this building first built?</b> If you do not know the exact year, give your best estimate.</p> <p>____ (Year)</p>	<p><b>2 About when was this building first built?</b></p> <p>___ 1999 or later  ___ 1995 to 1998  ___ 1990 to 1994  ___ 1980 to 1989  ___ 1970 to 1979  ___ 1960 to 1969  ___ 1950 to 1959  ___ 1940 to 1949  ___ 1939 or earlier</p> <p>The response area was changed from a write-in space to response categories.</p> <p>The italicized instructions were dropped.</p> <p>Except for the first response category, where the ACS uses “1999 or later” and the Census 2000 category is “1999 to 2000,” the ACS item matches the Census 2000 item. Research showed higher item response rates when categories were used rather than write-ins.</p>	<p><b>2 About when was this building first built?</b></p> <p>___ 2000 or later  ___ 1995 to 1999  ___ 1990 to 1994  ___ 1980 to 1989  ___ 1970 to 1979  ___ 1960 to 1969  ___ 1950 to 1959  ___ 1940 to 1949  ___ 1939 or earlier</p> <p>In 2003, the response categories were updated to include housing units built in 2000 or later.</p> <p>In 2005, the response categories were again updated, as follows:</p> <p><b>2 About when was this building first built?</b></p> <p>___ 2005 or later  ___ 2000 to 2004  ___ 1990 to 1999  ___ 1980 to 1989  ___ 1970 to 1979  ___ 1960 to 1969  ___ 1950 to 1959  ___ 1940 to 1949  ___ 1939 or earlier</p>
<p><b>H3. When did PERSON 1 (listed in the List of Residents on page 2) move into this house or apartment?</b></p> <p>__ (Month) ____ (Year)</p>	<p><b>3 When did PERSON 1 (listed in the List of Residents on page 2) move into this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b></p> <p>____ (Month) ____ (Year)</p> <p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type. The question matches the Census 2000 question.</p> <p>The ACS response area includes “Month” to observe recent movers.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>

**H4a. Do all persons staying in this house or apartment usually spend more than two consecutive months of the year at another residence?**

- No
- Yes

**b. Where is that residence located?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**c. How long does this household usually spend at that residence?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Months each year

**28a. Do all of the persons listed on pages 2 and 3 live at this address year round?**

- Yes - *SKIP to the questions for Person 1 on the next page*
- No -

**b. Of the persons listed on pages 2 and 3, how many live somewhere else part of the year?**

- All persons listed
- Some persons - **How many?**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Persons - *SKIP to the questions for Person 1 on the next page.*

**c. Do you consider this house, apartment, or mobile home, that uses the address on the front cover, your -**

- Primary residence?
- Vacation home?
- School residence?
- Work residence?
- Other - *Specify* \_\_\_\_\_

This set of questions about household members' other residence was changed. The revised set of questions asks respondents to classify the sample residence when all of the household members live somewhere else part of the year.

**25a. Do you or any member of this household live or stay at this address year round?**

- Yes - *SKIP to the questions for Person 1 on the next page*
- No -

**b. How many months a year do members of this household stay at this address?**

Months

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**c. What is the main reason members of this household are staying at this address?**

- This is their permanent address
- This is their seasonal or vacation address
- To be close to work
- To attend school or college
- Looking for permanent housing
- Other reason(s) - *Specify*  
\_\_\_\_\_

Question number changed

In part **a**, the text "all of the persons listed on pages 2 and 3" is replaced with "you or any member of this household".

In part **b**, the question was changed entirely.

In part **c**, the question and all answer categories were revised. In addition, the answer category "Looking for permanent housing" was added.

<p><b>H5. Is this house or mobile home on --</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 acre --<i>SKIP to question H7</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 to less than 10 acres</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more acres</p>	<p><b>4 How many acres is this house or mobile home on?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 acre --<i>SKIP to question 6</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 9.9 acres</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more acres</p> <p>The question wording was changed, and the second response category was modified to match the Census 2000 item.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>
<p><b>H6. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, were the sales of all agricultural products from this property \$1,000 or more?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>5 IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what were the actual sales of all agricultural products from this property?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$1 to \$999</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 to \$2,499</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 to \$4,999</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 to \$9,999</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more</p> <p>The question wording and response categories were changed to match the 1990 census item and the Census 2000 item. This design is used primarily to identify farm residences, and allows us to adapt to changes in the farm definition.</p> <p>The ACS monthly data collection necessitates that the reference period be “In the past 12 months” rather than “In 1999” for the Census 2000.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>
<p><b>H7. Is there a business such as a store or barber shop or a medical office on this property?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>6 Is there a business (such as a store or barber shop) or a medical office on this property?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>With the addition of parentheses, the 1999 - 2002 ACS item matches the 1990 census item and the Census 2000 item.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>

<p><b>H8. How many rooms are in this house or apartment?</b> Do NOT count bathrooms, porches, balconies, foyers, halls, half-rooms, or utility rooms.</p> <p>___ Room(s)</p>	<p><b>7 How many rooms are in this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b> <i>Do NOT count bathrooms, porches, balconies, foyers, halls, or half-rooms.</i></p> <p>___ 1 room  ___ 2 rooms  ___ 3 rooms  ___ 4 rooms  ___ 5 rooms  ___ 6 rooms  ___ 7 rooms  ___ 8 rooms  ___ 9 or more rooms</p> <p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The response area was changed from a write-in space to response categories to match the Census 2000 item. Research showed that there was no significant difference in the item response rates when categories were compared with write-in entries for number of bedrooms.</p> <p>The ACS question uses the phrase “are in” rather than the phrase “do you have” in the Census 2000 item.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>
<p><b>H9. How many bedrooms are in this house or apartment?</b> Count the number of bedrooms that you would list if this house or apartment were for sale or for rent.</p> <p>___ Bedroom(s)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>___ None</p>	<p><b>8 How many bedrooms are in this house, apartment, or mobile home; that is, how many bedrooms would you list if this house, apartment, or mobile home were on the market for sale or rent?</b></p> <p>___ No bedroom  ___ 1 bedroom  ___ 2 bedrooms  ___ 3 bedrooms  ___ 4 bedrooms  ___ 5 or more bedrooms</p> <p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The italicized instructions were incorporated into the question.</p> <p>The response area was changed from a write-in space to response categories.</p> <p>The ACS question uses the phrase “are in” rather than the phrase “do you have” in the Census 2000 item.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>

<p><b>H10. Does this house or apartment have complete plumbing facilities; that is 1) hot and cold piped water, 2) a flush toilet, and 3) a bathtub or shower?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, has all three facilities  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>9 Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have COMPLETE plumbing facilities; that is, 1) hot and cold piped water, 2) a flush toilet, and 3) a bathtub or shower?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, has all three facilities  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The word “COMPLETE” was capitalized for emphasis.</p> <p>The ACS question uses the phrase “Does this ... have” rather than the phrase “do you have” in the Census 2000 item.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>
<p><b>H11. Does this house or apartment have complete kitchen facilities; that is 1) a sink with piped water, 2) a stove or range, and 3) a refrigerator?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, has all three facilities  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>10 Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have COMPLETE kitchen facilities; that is, 1) a sink with piped water, 2) a stove or range, and 3) a refrigerator?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, has all three facilities  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The word “COMPLETE” was capitalized for emphasis.</p> <p>The term “stove” replaced the term “Cookstove” used in the 1990 census item.</p> <p>The ACS question uses the phrase “Does this ... have” rather than the phrase “do you have” in the Census 2000 item.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>

<p><b>H12. Does this house or apartment building get water from -</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A public system such as a city water department or private company?  <input type="checkbox"/> An individual drilled well?  <input type="checkbox"/> An individual dug well?  <input type="checkbox"/> Some other source, such as a spring, creek, river , cistern, etc.</p>	<p><b>Deleted for 1999</b>  This item was deleted starting with the 1999 ACS because it is not a Census 2000 item.</p>	
<p><b>H13. Is this house or apartment building connected to a public sewer?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, connected to a public sewer  <input type="checkbox"/> No, connected to septic tank or cesspool  <input type="checkbox"/> No, uses other means</p>	<p><b>Deleted for 1999</b>  This item was deleted starting with the 1999 ACS because it is not a Census 2000 item.</p>	
<p><b>H14. Does this house or apartment have air conditioning?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a central air conditioning system  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, one or more individual room units  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>Deleted for 1999</b>  This item was deleted starting with the 1999 ACS because it is not a Census 2000 item.</p>	
<p><b>H15. Does this house or apartment have a central heating system; that is, one system that heats all or most of the rooms?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>Deleted for 1999</b>  This item was deleted starting with the 1999 ACS because it is not a Census 2000 item.</p>	
<p><b>H16. Is there a telephone in this house or apartment?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>11 Is there telephone service available in this house, apartment, or mobile home from which you can both make and receive calls?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The 1999 - 2002 ACS item matches the Census 2000 item. On previous ACS questionnaires, the question adopted the focus of the 1990 Census question that asked a respondent to report if a telephone was in the unit. The Federal Communications Commission recommended the change to telephone service availability because it is a better measure of households that have service available to initiate and receive calls.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>

<p><b>H17. How many automobiles, vans, and trucks of one-ton capacity or less are kept at home for use by members of this household?</b></p> <p>_____ Vehicle(s)  <b>OR</b>  ___ None</p>	<p><b>12 How many automobiles, vans, and trucks of one-ton capacity or less are kept at home for use by members of this household?</b></p> <p>___ None  ___ 1  ___ 2  ___ 3  ___ 4  ___ 5  ___ 6 or more</p> <p>With the change in the response area from a write-in space to response categories, the 1999 - 2002 ACS item matches the 1990 census item and the Census 2000 item. The 1990 census item had a response category of "7 or more". The Department of Transportation and the Census Bureau agreed that the response category of "6 or more" is sufficient.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>
<p><b>H18. Which FUEL is used MOST for heating this house or apartment?</b></p> <p>___ Gas: from underground pipes serving the neighborhood  ___ Gas: bottled, tank, or LP  ___ Electricity  ___ Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.  ___ Coal or coke  ___ Wood  ___ Solar energy  ___ Other fuel  ___ No fuel used</p>	<p><b>13 Which FUEL is used MOST for heating this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b></p> <p>___ Gas: from underground pipes serving the neighborhood  ___ Gas: bottled, tank, or LP  ___ Electricity  ___ Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.  ___ Coal or coke  ___ Wood  ___ Solar energy  ___ Other fuel  ___ No fuel used</p> <p>The words "or mobile home" were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The 1999 - 2002 ACS item matches the Census 2000 item.</p>	<p>Unchanged</p>



**H19a. LAST MONTH, what was the cost of electricity for this house or apartment?**

\$\_\_\_\_.00 (Last month)

**OR**

- Included in rent or in condominium fee  
 No charge or electricity not used

**b. LAST MONTH, what was the cost of gas for this house or apartment?**

\$\_\_\_\_.00 (Last month)

**OR**

- Included in rent or in condominium fee  
 No charge or gas not used

**c. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what was the cost of water and sewer for this house or apartment?** If you have lived here less than 12 months, estimate the cost.

\$\_\_\_\_.00 (Past 12 months)

**OR**

- Included in rent or in condominium fee  
 No charge

**d. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what was the cost of fuel oil, wood, kerosene, coal, etc. for this house or apartment?** If you have lived here less than 12 months, estimate the cost.

\$\_\_\_\_.00 (Past 12 months)

**OR**

- Included in rent or in condominium fee  
 No charge or these fuels not used

**14a. LAST MONTH, what was the cost of electricity for this house, apartment, or mobile home?**

Last month's cost - *Dollars*

\$\_\_\_\_.00 **OR**

- Included in rent or in condominium fee  
 No charge or electricity not used

**b. LAST MONTH, what was the cost of gas for this house, apartment, or mobile home?**

Last month's costs - *Dollars*

\$\_\_\_\_.00 **OR**

- Included in rent or in condominium fee  
 Included in electricity payment entered above  
 No charge or gas not used

**c. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what was the cost of water and sewer for this house, apartment, or mobile home?** *If you have lived here less than 12 months, estimate the cost.*

Past 12 months' cost - *Dollars*

\$\_\_\_\_.00 **OR**

- Included in rent or in condominium fee  
 No charge

**d. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what was the cost of oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc., for this house, apartment or mobile home?** *If you have lived here less than 12 months, estimate the cost.*

Past 12 months' cost - *Dollars*

\$\_\_\_\_.00 **OR**

- Included in rent or in condominium fee  
 No charge or these fuels not used

The words "or mobile home" were added to each part to be more inclusive of the structure type.

The ACS differs from the census item. The ACS asks for monthly costs of electricity and gas, while the census asks for annual costs. In both the ACS and census, we ultimately produce average monthly costs. There is evidence to imply that we can do this better in the census by asking for annual costs. We do not want last month's costs in April 2000 (March) since it may not be representative of the entire year. Since ACS data are gathered all year long, the best estimate of average monthly costs will result from an average of these monthly estimates. The approaches followed in the ACS and the decennial are appropriate for their respective data collection environments.

In part **b.** the response category "Included in electricity payment entered above" was added for respondents who receive one bill for both costs.

The 1990 census item for the cost of water did not include sewage fees.

Unchanged

<p><b>H20. At any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, were you or any member of this household enrolled in or receiving benefits from:</b></p> <p><b>a. free or reduced-price meals at school through the Federal School Lunch Program or the Federal School Breakfast Program?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>b. the Federal home heating and cooling assistance program?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>15 At any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, were you or any member of this household enrolled in or receiving benefits from:</b></p> <p><b>a. free or reduced-price meals at school through the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>b. the Federal home heating and cooling assistance program?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>In part <b>a</b> of the item, the names of the programs were corrected.</p>	<p>Deleted for 2003</p>
<p><b>H21. At any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, did anyone in this household receive Food Stamps?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - What was the value of the food stamps? \$____.00 (12 month amount)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>16 At any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, did anyone in this household receive Food Stamps?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - What was the value of the Food Stamps? Past 12 months' value - Dollars \$____.00 (12 month amount)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The words "Food Stamps" were capitalized in the question following the Yes response category.</p>	<p><b>15 At any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, did anyone in this household receive Food Stamps?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - What was the value of the Food Stamps received during the past 12 months? Past 12 months' value - Dollars \$____.00 (12 month amount)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Question number changed The words "during the past 12 months" were added to the explanation following the "Yes" response category.</p>
<p><b>H22. Is this house or apartment part of a condominium?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - What is the monthly condominium fee? \$____.00 (Monthly) <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>17 Is this house, apartment, or mobile home part of a condominium?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes -What is the monthly condominium fee? <i>For renters, answer only if you pay the condominium fee in addition to your rent; otherwise, mark the "None" box.</i></p> <p>Monthly amount - Dollars \$____.00 <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The words "or mobile home" were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>An instruction, which had been tested, was added to clarify the follow-up question for renters.</p>	<p><b>16 Is this house, apartment, or mobile home part of a condominium?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes -What is the monthly condominium fee? For renters, answer only if you pay the condominium fee in addition to your rent; otherwise, mark the "None" box.</p> <p>Monthly amount - Dollars \$____.00 <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Question number changed</p>

**H23. Is this house or apartment --**

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan?
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented for cash rent?
- Occupied without payment of cash rent? -- *Skip to question H27*

**18 Is this house, apartment, or mobile home --**

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan?
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented for cash rent?
- Occupied without payment of cash rent? -- *Skip to question 21*

The words "or mobile home" were added to each question to be more inclusive of the structure type.

The 1999 - 2002 ACS item matches the Census 2000 item.

**17 Is this house, apartment, or mobile home --**

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan?
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented for cash rent?
- Occupied without payment of cash rent? -- *Skip to C*

Question number changed

The skip instruction was modified because some of the subsequent questions were deleted for 2003.

<p><b>H24. What is the monthly rent for this house or apartment?</b></p> <p>\$____.00 (Monthly)</p> <p><b>H25. Does the monthly rent include any meals?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>19a. What is the monthly rent for this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b></p> <p>Monthly amount -- Dollars \$____.00</p> <p><b>b. Does the monthly rent include any meals?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The words "or mobile home" were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>Although there is a difference in the lead in to the question, the 1999 - 2002 ACS question essentially matches the 1990 census item and the Census 2000 item.</p>	<p><b>18a. What is the monthly rent for this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b></p> <p>Monthly amount -- Dollars \$____.00</p> <p><b>b. Does the monthly rent include any meals?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Question number changed</p>
<p><b>H26. Is the rent on this house or apartment reduced because the Federal, state, or local government is paying part of the cost?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>20a. Is the rent on this house, apartment, or mobile home reduced because the Federal, state, or local government is paying part of the cost?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - <i>Skip to question 21</i></p> <p><b>b. What government program provides this reduced rent?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Section "8" program <input type="checkbox"/> Some other government program <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure</p> <p>The words "or mobile home" were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The follow-up question was added in response to welfare reform programs.</p>	<p><b>Deleted for 2003</b></p>

<p><b>H27. Is this house or apartment in a public housing project; that is, is it part of a government housing project for persons with low income?</b></p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p>	<p><b>21 Is this house, apartment, or mobile home in a public housing project; that is, is it part of a government housing project for persons with low income?</b></p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p> <p>The words "or mobile home" were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p>	<p>Deleted for 2003</p>
<p><b>H28. What is the value of this property; that is, how much would this house or mobile home and lot, or condominium unit sell for if it were for sale?</b></p> <p>\$ _____.00 (Value)</p>	<p><b>22 What is the value of this property; that is, how much do you think this house and lot, apartment, or mobile home and lot, would sell for if it were for sale?</b></p> <p>___ Less than \$10,000 ___ \$10,000 to \$14,999 ___ \$15,000 to \$19,999 ___ \$20,000 to \$24,999 ___ \$25,000 to \$29,999 ___ \$30,000 to \$34,999 ___ \$35,000 to \$39,999 ___ \$40,000 to \$49,999 ___ \$50,000 to \$59,999 ___ \$60,000 to \$69,999 ___ \$70,000 to \$79,999 ___ \$80,000 to \$89,999 ___ \$90,000 to \$99,999 ___ \$100,000 tp \$124,999 ___ \$125,000 to \$149,999 ___ \$150,000 to \$199,999 ___ \$200,000 to \$249,999 ___ \$250,000 or more -- Specify - \$ _____ .00</p> <p>Responses were changed to listed categories instead of a write-in box. Also, the 1998 question included "condominium unit" rather than "apartment." The 1999 version is better because it is all inclusive. (A "condominium unit" could be a house or mobile home)</p> <p>The question wording was modified slightly.</p> <p>The 1999 - 2002 ACS question matches the Census 2000 question. The ACS response area was changed from a write-in space to categories because research showed a consistently higher non-response rate for write-in values.</p> <p>The ACS item has 19 response categories, and a write-in space for homes valued at 250,000 or more. The Census 2000 item has 24 response categories, with the last category being "\$1,000,000 or more." There are no write-ins for high valued homes.</p>	<p><b>19 What is the value of this property; that is, how much do you think this house and lot, apartment, or mobile home and lot, would sell for if it were for sale?</b></p> <p>___ Less than \$10,000 ___ \$10,000 to \$14,999 ___ \$15,000 to \$19,999 ___ \$20,000 to \$24,999 ___ \$25,000 to \$29,999 ___ \$30,000 to \$34,999 ___ \$35,000 to \$39,999 ___ \$40,000 to \$49,999 ___ \$50,000 to \$59,999 ___ \$60,000 to \$69,999 ___ \$70,000 to \$79,999 ___ \$80,000 to \$89,999 ___ \$90,000 to \$99,999 ___ \$100,000 tp \$124,999 ___ \$125,000 to \$149,999 ___ \$150,000 to \$199,999 ___ \$200,000 to \$249,999 ___ \$250,000 or more -- Specify - \$ _____ .00</p> <p>Question number changed</p>

<p><b>H29. What are the annual real estate taxes on this property?</b></p> <p>\$____.00 (Annual)  <b>OR</b>  ___ None</p>	<p><b>23 What are the annual real estate taxes on THIS property?</b></p> <p>Annual amount - <i>Dollars</i>  \$____.00  <b>OR</b>  ___ None</p> <p>The word “THIS” was capitalized for emphasis.</p> <p>The Census 2000 item also uses this format; however, the reference period is “last year.” Since the ACS is conducted every month, a reference to something other than “last year” is more appropriate for the ACS.</p>	<p><b>20 What are the annual real estate taxes on THIS property?</b></p> <p>Annual amount - <i>Dollars</i>  \$____.00  <b>OR</b>  ___ None</p> <p>Question number changed</p>
<p><b>H30. What is the annual payment for fire, hazard, and flood insurance on this property?</b></p> <p>\$____.00 (Annual)  <b>OR</b>  ___ None</p>	<p><b>24 What is the annual payment for fire, hazard, and flood insurance on THIS property?</b></p> <p>Annual amount - <i>Dollars</i>  \$____.00  <b>OR</b>  ___ None</p> <p>The word “THIS” was capitalized for emphasis.</p> <p>The Census 2000 item also uses this format; however, the reference period is “last year.” Since the ACS is conducted every month, a reference to something other than “last year” is more appropriate for the ACS.</p>	<p><b>21 What is the annual payment for fire, hazard, and flood insurance on THIS property?</b></p> <p>Annual amount - <i>Dollars</i>  \$____.00  <b>OR</b>  ___ None</p> <p>Question number changed</p>

**H31. Do you or any member of this household have a mortgage, deed of trust, contract to purchase, or similar debt on this property?**

- Yes, mortgage, deed of trust, or similar debt
- Yes, contract to purchase
- No -- SKIP to question H35

**H32. How much is the regular monthly mortgage payment on this property?** Include payments only on FIRST mortgage or contract to purchase

\$\_\_\_\_.00 (Monthly)

**OR**

- No regular payment required -- SKIP to question H35

**H33. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for real estate taxes on this property?**

- Yes, taxes included in payment
- No, taxes paid separately or taxes not required

**H34. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for fire, hazard, or flood insurance on this property?**

- Yes, insurance included in payment
- No, insurance paid separately or no insurance

**25a. Do you or any member of this household have a mortgage, deed of trust, contract to purchase, or similar debt on THIS property?**

- Yes, mortgage, deed of trust, or similar debt
- Yes, contract to purchase
- No -- SKIP to question 26a

**b. How much is the regular monthly mortgage payment on THIS property?**

*Include payments only on FIRST mortgage or contract to purchase.*

Monthly amount - Dollars

\$\_\_\_\_.00

**OR**

- No regular payment required -- SKIP to question 26a

**c. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for real estate taxes on THIS property?**

- Yes, taxes included in mortgage payment
- No, taxes paid separately or taxes not required

**d. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for fire, hazard, or flood insurance on THIS property?**

- Yes, insurance included in mortgage payment
- No, insurance paid separately or no insurance

The word "THIS" was capitalized for emphasis in all four questions.

The word "mortgage" was added for clarification in the response categories in parts **c** and **d** of the item.

In part **a** of this item the ACS has the phrase "or any member of this household" which is not part of the Census 2000 item.

In parts **b**, **c**, and **d** of this item, the ACS uses the word "the" while the Census 2000 item uses the word "your."

**22a. Do you or any member of this household have a mortgage, deed of trust, contract to purchase, or similar debt on THIS property?**

- Yes, mortgage, deed of trust, or similar debt
- Yes, contract to purchase
- No -- SKIP to question 23a

**b. How much is the regular monthly mortgage payment on THIS property?**

*Include payments only on FIRST mortgage or contract to purchase.*

Monthly amount - Dollars

\$\_\_\_\_.00

**OR**

- No regular payment required -- SKIP to question 23a

**c. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for real estate taxes on THIS property?**

- Yes, taxes included in mortgage payment
- No, taxes paid separately or taxes not required

**d. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for fire, hazard, or flood insurance on THIS property?**

- Yes, insurance included in mortgage payment
- No, insurance paid separately or no insurance

Question number changed

In parts **a** and **b**, the SKIP to question number was changed, from 26a to 23a, to accommodate the deleted questions in 2003.

**H35. Do you or any member of this household have a second mortgage or a home equity loan on this property?**

- Yes, home equity loan
- Yes, second mortgage
- Yes, second mortgage and home equity loan
- No -- SKIP to H37

**H36. How much is the regular monthly payment on ALL second and third mortgages and home equity loans?**

- \$\_\_\_\_.00 (Monthly)
- OR**
- No regular payment required

**26a. Do you or any member of this household have a second mortgage or a home equity loan on THIS property?**

- Yes, home equity loan
- Yes, second mortgage
- Yes, second mortgage and home equity loan
- No - *SKIP to D*

**b. How much is the regular monthly payment on all second or junior mortgages and all home equity loans on THIS property?**

- Monthly Amount - *Dollars*
- \$\_\_\_\_.00
- OR**
- No regular payment required

In part **a**, the word "THIS" was capitalized for emphasis. The question matches the Census 2000 question, except that the it contains the additional phrase "...or any member of this household..." as well as the additional answer category "Yes, second mortgage and home equity loan".

In part **b** of this item, the question wording was changed from "second and third mortgages" to "second or junior mortgages," and the phrase "on THIS property" was added. This question matches the Census 2000 question, except that the ACS question uses the word "the" rather than "your."

In the response area, the Census 2000 item does not have the third ACS response category ("Yes, second mortgage and home equity loan."), but does have an instruction to "Mark (X) all boxes that apply."

**23a. Do you or any member of this household have a second mortgage or a home equity loan on THIS property?**

- Yes, home equity loan
- Yes, second mortgage
- Yes, second mortgage and home equity loan
- No - *SKIP to D*

**b. How much is the regular monthly payment on all second or junior mortgages and all home equity loans on THIS property?**

- Monthly Amount - *Dollars*
- \$\_\_\_\_.00
- OR**
- No regular payment required

Question number changed



**H37. What are the total annual costs for personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees, and license fees on this mobile home and its site?**

Do not include real estate taxes.

\$\_\_\_\_\_.00 (Annual)

**27a. Do you or any member of this household have an installment loan or contract on THIS mobile home?**

Yes

No

**b. What are the total annual costs for installment loan payments, personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees, and license fees on THIS mobile home and its site? Exclude real estate taxes.**

Annual costs -- Dollars

\$\_\_\_\_\_.00

Part a of this item was added to clarify the mobile home households that have an installment loan or contract.

Part b of this item specifies that installment loan payments should be included in the annual costs. The revised question more clearly identifies the mobile home fees that account for the majority of the shelter costs of households residing in these types of units.

In part b of this item, the word "THIS" was capitalized for emphasis. The term "Installment loan payments" was added to this question.

The Census 2000 item uses the reference period "last year." Since the ACS is conducted every month, a reference to something other than "last year" is more appropriate for the ACS.

**Part a. deleted for 2003**

**24** What are the total annual costs for personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees, and license fees on THIS mobile home and its site?  
*Exclude real estate taxes.*

Annual costs -- Dollars

\$\_\_\_\_\_.00

Question number changed

Part a was deleted, in its entirety, making this a one part question.

The words "installment loan payments" were deleted.

\* Panel Year 2007 became the first year the American Community Survey paper questionnaires were designed for use with the Key From Image (KFI) system. The KFI system required the introduction of new visual characteristics on the paper questionnaires. The new questionnaire characteristics are the following: defined shading of ink color, defined page border lines, defined page margins, defined and ruled check boxes, defined white areas around the ruled check boxes, defined and segmented answer cells, ruled write-in areas, page barcodes and corresponding eye-readable page numbers. These new characteristics did not involve any changes to question wording, answer category wording, or other content text.