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The American Community Survey (ACS) is a new nationwide survey designed to provide communities a fresh look at how they are changing by collecting detailed information on the characteristics of population and housing on an on going basis. The ACS is part of the 2010 Decennial Census Program and is sent to a small percentage of our population on a rotating basis. Since the ACS is conducted every year, rather than once every 10 years, it will provide more current data throughout the decade. The ACS is also conducted in Puerto Rico, where it is called the Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS).

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