## CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) QUESTIONNAIRES (PERSON QUESTIONS) Revised 2007\*

1996-1998 QUESTION WORDING	1999-2002 QUESTION WORDING	2003-2007* QUESTION WORDING
1. What is this person's sex?  Male Female	1 What is this person's sex?  Male Female  The 1999 - 2002 ACS question matches the Census 2000 item, except that the census item includes the instruction, "Mark (X) ONE box."  The 1990 census item had a label and an instruction for filling the item.	Unchanged
2. What is this person's date of birth and what is this person's age?  Month Day Year of Birth  Age (in years)	2 What is this person's date of birth and what is this person's age?  Print numbers in boxes.  Month Day Year of Birth  Age (in years)   The italicized instruction was added for 1999.  The 1999 - 2002 ACS differs from the Census 2000 question only in the ordering of age and date of birth.  The 1990 census item had a label and an instruction for filling the item.	2. What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth?  Print numbers in boxes.  Age (in years)   Month Day Year of Birth   The order in which we ask for date of birth and age was reversed to be consistent with the Census 2000 item.

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3.	How is this person related to Person 1?  Husband or wife Other relative Son or daughter Roomer, boarder Brother or sister Housemate, roommate Father or mother Unmarried partner Grandchild Foster child In-law Other nonrelative	Husband or wife Roomer, boarder Son or daughter Housemate, Brother or sister roommate Father or mother Unmarried partner Grandchild Foster child In-law Other nonrelative Other relative  The Census 2000 item includes separate response categories for "Natural-born son/daughter," "Adopted son/daughter," "Stepson/stepdaughter," "Son-in-law/daughter-in-law," and "Parent-in-law". In addition, the "Other relative" line includes a write-in response. The sample size of the ACS did not justify the addition of these separate categories.  The response categories in the Census 2000 item use a slash, whereas the ACS uses the word "or" (for example: husband/wife vs. husband or wife) because of spacing constraints.  The 1990 and Census 2000 response categories differ. In 1990, natural born and adopted son/daughter were combined, in-laws were included in "other relatives," and "foster child" was combined with "roomer, boarder."	Unchanged
4.	What is this person's current marital status?  Now married Widowed Divorced Separated Never Married	4 What is this person's marital status?  Now married Widowed Divorced Divorced Separated Never Married  The word "current" was dropped to match the Census 2000 item.  The 1990 census item had a label and an instruction for filling the item.	Unchanged

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5. Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?	NOTE: Please answer BOTH Questions 5 and 6.	Unchanged
No, not Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino Yes, Mexican, Mexican-Am., Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, Cuban Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino – Print group>	5 Is this person Spanish/ Hispanic/Latino?  Mark (X) the "No" box if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.  No, not Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, Cuban Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino - Print group>  The ACS item, including the addition of the italicized instruction, was changed to match the Census 2000 item.  The 1990 census item differs from the Census 2000 item in the following ways: (a) in 1990, the item did not include the term "Latino" in the question nor in the response options; (b) in 1990, no specific instruction was provided for non-Hispanics; (c) in 1990, the first response option was "No (not Spanish/Hispanic);" (d) in 1990, the second response option included a hyphen in "Mexican-Am.;" and (e) in 1990, the "Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic" category provided examples of six Hispanic origin	
6. What is this person's race? Mark [X] one box for the race that the person considers himself/herself to be.	<ul> <li>groups and instructed respondents to print one group.</li> <li>What is this person's race? Mark (X) one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be.</li> </ul>	6 What is this person's race? Mark (X) one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be.
White	WhiteAsian IndianNative HawaiianBlack, African Am., or NegroChineseGuamanian or ChamorroAmerican Indian or AlaskaFilipinoSamoan Native - Print name of enrolledJapaneseOther Pacific Islander - Print race below or principal tribe	

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7. In what U.S. State, territory, commonwealth or foreign country was this person born?	7 Where was this person born?  In the United States – Print name of state	Unchanged
8. Is this person a CITIZEN of the United States?  Yes, born in the United States Skip to question 10  Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S.     Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas     Yes, born abroad of American parent(s)     Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization     No, not a citizen of the United States	8 Is this person a CITIZEN of the United States?  Yes, born in the United States> Skip to 10a Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas Yes, born abroad of American parent or parents Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization No, not a citizen of the United States  The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item. The wording of the third response option was changed from " of American parent(s)" to " of American parent or parents."	Unchanged
9. When did this person come to live in the United States?	9 When did this person come to live in the United States? Print numbers in boxes.	Unchanged
(Year)	Year   The ACS item added the italicized instruction to match the Census 2000 item.  The 1990 census item was worded "When did this person come to the United States to stay?" Also, the 1990 item had ten response intervals while the 2000 item has space to write in the year.	

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10. At any time IN THE PAST 3 MONTHS, was this person attending a school or college? Include nursery or preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, and schooling that leads to a high school diploma, college degree, or vocational certificate.  Yes, public school or public college Yes, private school or private college Yes, vocational, technical, or business school No, has not attended in the last 3 months.	10a.At any time IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS, has this person attended regular school or college? Include only nursery or preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, and schooling which leads to a high school diploma or a college degree.  No, has not attended in the last 3 months ->SKIP to question 11 Yes, public school, public college Yes, private school, private college  b. What grade or level was this person attending? Mark (X) ONE box.  Nursery school, preschool Kindergarten Grade 1 to grade 4 Grade 5 to grade 8 Grade 9 to grade 12 College undergraduate years (freshman to senior) Graduate or professional school       (for example: medical, dental, or law school)  Except for the reference period, the ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item. Monthly interviewing on the ACS requires a moving reference period.  Neither the 1990 census nor the 1996-1998 ACS included part b. of this item. Results from the 1990 census indicated that a question on grade or level attending was necessary.	Unchanged

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11. What is the highest degree or level of school this person has COMPLETED? Mark [X] ONE box for the highest grade completed or degree received.  None, no schooling completed Nursery or preschool Kindergarten Grade (Write grade 1-11) 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, NO DIPLOMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE— high school DIPLOMA             or the equivalent (GED) Some college but no degree Vocational, technical, or business school degree Associate degree in college Bachelor's degree (BA, AB, BS) Master's degree (MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA) Professional school degree (MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD) Doctorate degree (PhD, EdD)	11 What is the highest degree or level of school this person has COMPLETED? Mark (X) ONE box. If currently enrolled, mark the previous grade or highest degree received.	Unchanged
12. What is this person's ancestry? For example: Italian, African Am., Cape Verdean, Ecuadorian, Haitian, Irish, Jamaican, Korean, Lebanese, Mexican, Nigerian, Polish, Taiwanese, Ukrainian, or any other ancestry.	12 What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?  ———————————————————————————————————	Unchanged

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13a.Did this person live in this house or apartment 5 years ago?	13a. Did this person live in this house or apartment 1 year ago?	14a. Did this person live in this house or apartment 1 year ago?
Yes– SKIP to question 14a No	Person is under 1 year old> SKIP to the questions for Person 2 on page 10 Yes, this house> SKIP to <b>F</b> in the next	Person is under 1 year old> SKIP to the questions for Person 2 on page 10 Yes, this house> SKIP to F
b. Where did this person live 5 years ago?	column  No, outside the United States – Print name of	No, outside the United States – Print name of foreign country, or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc.,
(1) Name of U.S. State, territory, commonwealth or foreign country	foreign country, or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc., below; then SKIP to <b>F</b> in next column.  No, different house in the United States	below; then SKIP to F No, different house in the United States
If outside U.S., print answer above and SKIP to question 14a.	b. Where did this person live 1 year ago?	b. Where did this person live 1 year ago?  Name of city, town, or post office
(2) Name of city or town	Name of city, town, or post office	
	c. Did this person live inside the limits of the city or town?	c. Did this person live inside the limits of the city or town?
(3) Name of county (4) ZIP Code	Yes No, outside the city/town limits	Yes No, outside the city/town limits
c.Did this person live inside the city or town limits?	Name of county	Name of county
Yes No, lived outside city/town limits	Name of state ZIP Code	Name of state ZIP Code
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item, except for the time reference. The ACS time period of one year reflects the ongoing data collection on the ACS, and allows for annual estimates of migration.	The numerical order of questions 13 and 14 were reversed so that part ${\bf c}$ of this question would not be displayed in a separate column of the questionnaire
	The Census 2000 item differs from the 1990 census item with the addition of a separate write-in line and skip instruction for a foreign country response, and the reordering of the city, county, and state response areas.	

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14a.Does this person speak a language other than English at home?	14a.Does this person speak a language other than English at home?	13a.Does this person speak a language other than English at home?
Yes No, only English> SKIP to question 15	Yes No> Skip to question 15	Yes No> Skip to question 14
<b>b.What is this language?</b> For example: Korean, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese	b.What is this language?	b.What is this language?
	For example: Korean, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese	For example: Korean, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese
c.How well does this person speak English?	c.How well does this person speak English?	c.How well does this person speak English?
Very well Not well Well Not at all	Very well Not well Well Not at all	Very well Not well
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item. The only change was to drop the term "only English" after the "No" response in item 14a.	Well Not at all  The numerical order of questions 13 and 14 were reversed so that part c of the previous question
	Compared to the 1990 census item, the Census 2000 item has different examples of languages.	would not be displayed in a separate column of the questionnaire
15. If this person has difficulty seeing, hearing, or walking, mark [X] the appropriate boxes. If this person has no difficulty with these activities, mark "None of the above."  Difficulty seeing (even with glasses) Difficulty hearing (even with a hearing aid) Difficulty walking, or None of the above	15 Does this person have any of the following long-lasting conditions:  a. Blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment: Yes No  b. A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying? Yes No	Unchanged
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item.	

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16. Does this person have a long-lasting physical or mental condition that —  a. Makes it difficult to go outside the home alone, for example, to shop or visit a doctor's office?  Yes No  b. Prevents this person from working at a job or business?  Yes No	16 Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:  a. Learning, remembering, or concentrating? Yes No  b. Dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home? Yes No  c. (Answer only if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER.) Going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office? Yes No  d. (Answer only if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER) Working at a job or business? Yes No  The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item.	16 Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:  a. Learning, remembering, or concentrating? Yes No  b. Dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home? Yes No  Yes No  Parts c and d were removed/separated from this question in order to establish a new question immediately following this one, for persons 15 years old or older.
	The ACS hell was changed to materiale census 2000 term.	<ul> <li>17 Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:</li> <li>a. Going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office? Yes No</li> <li>b. Working at a job or business? Yes No</li> <li>This question was established as a result of the removal/separation of parts c and d in question 16, preceding this one, to limit this question to persons 15 years old or older.</li> </ul>
17. How many babies has this person ever had, not counting stillbirths?	17 Has this person given birth to any children in the past 12 months?	18 Has this person given birth to any children in the past 12 months?
Babies [] None	YesNo The ACS item was changed to provide a more meaningful description of current and local area fertility patterns than the previous question. This item is not part of the Census 2000 items because there were no required needs for these data.	Yes No Question number changed

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n/a	18a.Does this person have any of his/her own grandchildren under the age of 18 living in this house or apartment?	19a Does this person have any of his/her own grandchildren under the age of 18 living in this house or apartment?
	Yes No ->SKIP to question 19	Yes No ->SKIP to question 20
	b. Is this grandparent currently responsible for most of the basic needs of any grandchild(ren) under the age of 18 who live(s) in this house or apartment?	b.Is this grandparent currently responsible for most of the basic needs of any grandchild(ren) under the age of 18 who live(s) in this house or apartment?
	Yes No -> SKIP to question 19	Yes No -> SKIP to question 20
	c. How long has this grandparent been responsible for the(se) grandchild(ren)? If the grandparent is financially responsible for more than one grandchild, answer the question for the grandchild for whom the grandparent has been responsible for the longest period of time.	c.How long has this grandparent been responsible for the(se) grandchild(ren)? If the grandparent is financially responsible for more than one grandchild, answer the question for the grandchild for whom the grandparent has been responsible for the longest period of
	Less than 1 month 1 to 6 months 7 to 12 months More than 12 months	time.  Less than 6 months 6 to 11months 1 or 2 years
	The ACS added this set of questions to match the set for the Census 2000, except for the response categories in part c. Results from the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal, which were not available in time for the 1999 ACS, indicated that the response categories for part c. should be as follows:	3 or 4 years 5 or more years
	Less than 6 months 6 to 11 months 1 or 2 years 3 or 4 years 5 years or more.	Question number changed
	These response categories were adopted in 2000.	
	The Census 2000 item will use these response categories.	

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18. Has this person ever served on ACTIVE DUTY in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? Include activation during Operation Desert Shield/Storm and service in the Merchant Marine during World War II. Do NOT include training for the Reserves or National Guard.	19 Has this person ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? Active duty does not include training for the Reserves or National Guard, but DOES include activation, for example, for the Persian Gulf War.	20. Has this person ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? Active duty does not include training for the Reserves or National Guard, but DOES include activation, for example, for the Persian Gulf War.
Yes, now on active duty Yes, on active duty in past, but not now No active duty service - SKIP to question 21	Yes, now on active dutyYes, on active duty in past, but not nowNo, training for Reserves or National Guard only - SKIP to question 22No, never served in the military - SKIP to question 22  The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item.  The item is essentially a simplified and updated version of the 1990 census item. The "No active duty service" answer category was expanded to distinguish persons whose only military service was for training in the Reserves or National Guard, from persons with no military experience whatsoever.	Yes, now on active duty Yes, on active duty during the last 12 months, but not now Yes, on active duty in past, but not during the last 12 months No, training for Reserves or National Guard only - SKIP to question 23 No, never served in the military - SKIP to question 23  Question number changed

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19. When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? Mark (X) a box for EACH period in which this person served.  August 1990 or later (including Persian Gulf War) September 1980 to July 1990 May 1975 to August 1980 Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975) February 1955 to July 1964 Korean conflict (June 1950 to January 1955) World War II (September 1940 to July 1947) Some other time	1999-2000 only When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? Mark (X) a box for EACH period in which this person served.  April 1995 or later August 1990 to March 1995 (including Persian Gulf War) September 1980 to July 1990 May 1975 to August 1980 Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975) February 1955 to July 1964 Korean conflict (June 1950 to January 1955) World War II (September 1940 to July 1947) Some other time  The Census 2000 question is different from the 1990 census question ("Was active-duty military service during").  The Census 2000 response categories are different from those used in 1990, as follows: the 1990 category "September 1980 or later" was expanded; the 1990 category "World War I" was dropped; and the 1990 category "Any other time" was replaced with "Some other time".  2001-2002 only 20 When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? Mark (X) a box for EACH period in which this person served.  April 1995 or later August 1990 to March 1995 (including Persian Gulf War) September 1980 to July 1990 May 1975 to August 1980 Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975) February 1955 to July 1964 Korean War (June 1950 to January 1955) World War II (September 1940 to July 1947) Some other time  The ACS modified the response categories by changing "Korean conflict" to "Korean War."	21 When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? Mark (X) a box for EACH period in which this person served.  September 2001 or later August 1990 to August 2001 (including Persian Gulf War) September 1980 to July 1990 May 1975 to August 1980 Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975) March 1961 to July 1964 February 1955 to February 1961 Korean War (June 1950 to January 1955) January 1947 to June 1950 World War II (December 1941 to December 1946) November 1941 or earlier  Question number changed. Response categories modified
20. In total, how much time has this person spent on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?	21 In total, how many years of active-duty military service has this person had?	22 In total, how many years of active-duty military service has this person had?
Years and Months	Less than 2 years 2 years or more	Less than 2 years 2 years or more
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item.  The 1990 census question was the same, but the response area required the respondent to write down the number of years.	Question number changed

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21. LAST WEEK, did this person do ANY work for pay or profit?  Yes No - SKIP to question 28a	<ul> <li>22 LAST WEEK, did this person do ANY work for either pay or profit? Mark (X) the "Yes" box even if the person worked only 1 hour, or helped without pay in a family business or farm for 15 hours or more, or was on active duty in the Armed Forces.</li> <li>Yes No - SKIP to question 28</li> <li>The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item.</li> <li>This question is the key question in the set of questions that collect employment status. The Census 2000 questions replace the somewhat different set from the 1990 census.</li> </ul>	23 LAST WEEK, did this person do ANY work for either pay or profit? Mark (X) the "Yes" box even if the person worked only 1 hour, or helped without pay in a family business or farm for 15 hours or more, or was on active duty in the Armed Forces.  Yes No - SKIP to question 29  Question number changed
<ul> <li>22. LAST WEEK, how many hours did this person actually work at all jobs? Subtract any time off; add overtime or extra hours worked.</li> <li> Actual Hours worked LAST WEEK</li> <li>This item was deleted starting with the 1999 ACS because it is not a Census 2000 item.</li> </ul>	Deleted 1999	Deleted 1999

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<ul><li>23. LAST WEEK, at what address or location did this person work? If this person worked at more than one address or location, print where he or she worked most last week.</li><li>a. Address (Number and street)</li></ul>	23 At what location did this person work LAST WEEK?  If this person worked at more than one location, print where he or she worked most last week.  a. Address (Number and street name)	24 At what location did this person work LAST WEEK?  If this person worked at more than one location, print where he or she worked most last week.  a. Address (Number and street name)
If the exact address is unknown, give a description of the location such as the building name or the nearest street or intersection. For example: Town Center Mall, 1st National Bank Building, Reno Airport, 2nd Ave. and 4th St.	If the exact address is not know, give a description of the location such as the building name or the nearest street or intersection.  b. Name of city, town, or post office	If the exact address is not know, give a description of the location such as the building name or the nearest street or intersection.  b. Name of city, town, or post office
b. Name of city, town, or post office	c. Is the work location inside the limits of that city or town?	c. Is the work location inside the limits of that city or town?
c. Is the work location inside the limits of the city or town?  Yes No	Yes No, outside the city/town limits  d. Name of county	Yes No, outside the city/town limits d. Name of county
d. Name of county	e. Name of U.S. state or foreign country	e. Name of U.S. state or foreign country
e. Name of state f. ZIP Code	f. ZIP Code	f. ZIP Code
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item.  This item is basically the same as the 1990 census item. Labels on the write-in spaces were modified to provide clarifications.	Question number changed

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24. LAST WEEK, how did this person usually get to work? If more than one method was used during the trip, mark (X) the box for the one used for most of the distance.	24 How did this person usually get to work LAST WEEK? If this person usually used more than one method of transportation during the trip, mark (X) the box of the one used for most of the distance.	25 How did this person usually get to work LAST WEEK? If this person usually used more than one method of transportation during the trip, mark (X) the box of the one used for most of the distance.
Car, truck, or vanBicyclePublic transportationWalked (bus, trolley, subway,Worked at home or railroad)XIIP to question 32TaxicabOther methodMotorcycle	Car, truck, or van Motorcycle Bus or trolley bus Bicycle Streetcar or trolley car Walked Subway or elevated Worked at home Railroad SKIP to question 32 Ferryboat Other method Taxicab	Car, truck, or van Motorcycle Bus or trolley bus Bicycle Streetcar or trolley car Walked Subway or elevated Worked at home Railroad SKIP to question 33 Ferryboat Other method Taxicab
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item, which is the same as the 1990 census item except for the format of the skip instructions.	Question number changed
25. LAST WEEK, how many people, including this person, usually rode to work in the car, truck, or van?	How many people, including this person, usually rode to work in the car, truck, or van LAST WEEK?	26 How many people, including this person, usually rode to work in the car, truck, or van LAST WEEK?
Person(s)	Person(s)	Person(s)
	The ACS question was changed to match the Census 2000 question which is the same as the 1990 census question.	Question number changed
	In order to save space, the ACS response area allows for a write-in rather than labeled response categories.	
	The Census 2000 response categories differ from 1990 as follows: The two categories "5 people" and "6 people" were collapsed to "5 or 6 people"; and the two categories "7 to 9 people" and "10 or more people" were collapsed to "7 or more people."	
26. LAST WEEK, what time did this person usually leave home to go to work?	26 What time did this person usually leave home to go to work LAST WEEK?	27 What time did this person usually leave home to go to work LAST WEEK?
: a.m. Hour Minute p.m.	Hour Minute a.m p.m.	Hour Minute a.m : p.m.
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item which is the same as the 1990 census item, except that the ACS has "Hour" and "Minute" labels in the answer space.	Question number changed
27. LAST WEEK, how many minutes did it usually take this person to get from home to work?	27 How many minutes did it usually take this person to get from home to work LAST WEEK?	28 How many minutes did it usually take this person to get from home to work LAST WEEK?
Minutes – SKIP to question 32	Minutes	Minutes
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item which is the same as the 1990 census item.	Question number changed

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28a.LAST WEEK, was this person on layoff from a job?	28a LAST WEEK, was this person on layoff from a job?	29a.LAST WEEK, was this person on layoff from a job?
<ul> <li>Yes, on temporary layoff from most recent job - SKIP to question 30</li> <li>Yes, permanently laid off from most recent job - SKIP to question 29</li> <li>No</li> </ul>	Yes -> SKIP to question 28c No  b LAST WEEK, was this person TEMPORARILY absent from a job or business?	Yes -> SKIP to question 29c No  b.LAST WEEK, was this person TEMPORARILY absent from a job or business?
b.LAST WEEK, was this person TEMPORARILY absent from a job or business?  Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc SKIP to question 31 No	Yes, on vacation, temporary illness,     labor dispute, etc> SKIP to question 31    No -> SKIP to question 29  c. Has this person been informed that he or she     will be recalled to work within the next     6 months OR been given a date to return to     work?     Yes -> SKIP to question 30    No  The ACS items were changed to match the Census 2000 items.  These three questions are part of a set of questions that collect employment status. The Census 2000 set of questions replaces a somewhat different set from the 1990 census.	Yes, on vacation, temporary illness,     labor dispute, etc> SKIP to question 32     No -> SKIP to question 30  c. Has this person been informed that he or she will be recalled to work within the next 6 months OR been given a date to return to work?  Yes -> SKIP to question 31 No  Question number changed
29. Has this person been looking for work during the last 4 weeks?	29 Has this person been looking for work during the last 4 weeks?	30 Has this person been looking for work during the last 4 weeks?
Yes No - SKIP to question 31	Yes No -> SKIP to question 31  The ACS item remains the same and matches the Census 2000 item and the 1990 census item.	Yes No -> SKIP to question 32  Question number changed
30. LAST WEEK, could this person have gone to work?	30 LAST WEEK, could this person have started a job if offered one, or returned to work if recalled?	31 LAST WEEK, could this person have started a job if offered one, or returned to work if recalled?
<ul> <li>Yes, if a job had been offered</li> <li>Yes, if recalled from layoff</li> <li>No, because of own temporary illness</li> <li>No, because of all other reasons (in school, etc.)</li> </ul>	Yes, could have gone to work No, because of own temporary illness No, because of all other reasons (in school, etc.)  The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item.	Yes, could have gone to work No, because of own temporary illness No, because of all other reasons (in school, etc.)  Question number changed
	The 1990 census item differed slightly from the Census 2000 item.	

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31. When did this person last work, even for a few days?	31 When did this person last work, even for a few days?	32 When did this person last work, even for a few days?
<ul> <li>Within the past 12 months</li> <li>Between 1 to 5 years ago - SKIP to question 34</li> <li>Over 5 years ago or never worked - SKIP to question 40</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Within the past 12 months</li> <li>1 to 5 years ago - SKIP to question 34</li> <li>Over 5 years ago or never worked - SKIP to Question 40</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Within the past 12 months</li> <li>1 to 5 years ago - SKIP to question 35</li> <li>Over 5 years ago or never worked - SKIP to</li> <li>Question 41</li> </ul>
	The ACS item was changed by deleting the word "between" in the second response category, to clarify the time periods.	Question number changed
	The ACS item differs from the Census 2000 item and the 1990 census item in that this ACS question, and the accompanying two questions on weeks worked and hours worked each week (questions 32 and 33) are used to collect data on work experience over the past 12 months, whereas the census questions are used to collect data for the previous calendar year.	
32. During the PAST 12 MONTHS, in how many WEEKS did this person work, even for a few hours? Include paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service in the total.	32 During the PAST 12 MONTHS, how many WEEKS did this person work? Count paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service.  Weeks	33 During the PAST 12 MONTHS, how many WEEKS did this person work? Count paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service. Weeks
Weeks (Including paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service)	The ACS item was changed to be consistent with the Census 2000 item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item. The primary difference is the reference period, which is the past 12 months for the ACS, and the previous calendar year for the Census 2000 item.	Question number changed
33. During the PAST 12 MONTHS, in the WEEKS WORKED, how many hours did this person usually work each WEEK?	33 During the PAST 12 MONTHS, in the WEEKS WORKED, how many hours did this person usually work each WEEK?	34 During the PAST 12 MONTHS, in the WEEKS WORKED, how many hours did this person usually work each WEEK?
Usual hours worked per WEEK	Usual hours worked each WEEK	Usual hours worked each WEEK
	The ACS item was changed to be consistent with the Census 2000 item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item. The primary difference is the reference period, which is the past 12 months for the ACS, and the previous calendar year for the Census 2000 item.	Question number changed
34 - 39. CURRENT OR MOST RECENT JOB ACTIVITY.  Describe clearly this person's chief job activity or business. If this person had more than one job, describe the one at which this person worked the most hours. If this person had no job or business last week, give information for his/her last job.	34 - 39 CURRENT OR MOST RECENT JOB ACTIVITY.  Describe clearly this person's chief job activity or business last week. If this person had more than one job, describe the one at which this person worked the most hours. If this person had no job or business last week, give information for his/her last job.	35-40 CURRENT OR MOST RECENT JOB ACTIVITY.  Describe clearly this person's chief job activity or business last week. If this person had more than one job, describe the one at which this person worked the most hours. If this person had no job or business last week, give information for his/her last job.  Question number changed

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34. Was this person –	34 Was this person –	35 Was this person –
<ul> <li>An employee of a PRIVATE FOR PROFIT company or business, or of an individual, for wages, salary, or commissions?</li> <li>An employee of a PRIVATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT, tax-exempt, or charitable organization?</li> <li>A local GOVERNMENT employee (city, county, etc)?</li> <li>A state GOVERNMENT employee?</li> <li>An active duty U.S. Armed Forces member?</li> <li>A federal GOVERNMENT employee (excluding active duty military)?</li> <li>SELF-EMPLOYED in own NOT INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li>SELF-EMPLOYED in own INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li>Working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mark (X) ONE box.</li> <li>an employee of a PRIVATE FOR PROFIT company or business, or of an individual, for wages, salary, or commissions?</li> <li>an employee of a PRIVATE NOT FOR PROFIT, tax-exempt, or charitable organization?</li> <li>a local GOVERNMENT employee (city, county, etc.)?</li> <li>a state GOVERNMENT employee?</li> <li>a Federal GOVERNMENT employee</li> <li>SELF-EMPLOYED in own NOT INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li>SELF-EMPLOYED in own INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li>Working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?</li> <li>The ACS item was changed to be consistent with the Census 2000 item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item.</li> <li>The ACS continued to use "a" or "an" at the beginning of the response categories (where appropriate) to emphasize that each response category is an extension of the first three words of the question.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mark (X) ONE box.</li> <li>an employee of a PRIVATE FOR PROFIT company or business, or of an individual, for wages, salary, or commissions?</li> <li>an employee of a PRIVATE NOT FOR PROFIT, tax-exempt, or charitable organization?</li> <li>a local GOVERNMENT employee (city, county, etc.)?</li> <li>a state GOVERNMENT employee?</li> <li>a Federal GOVERNMENT employee</li> <li>SELF-EMPLOYED in own NOT INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li>SELF-EMPLOYED in own INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li>Working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?</li> </ul> Question number changed
35. For whom did this person work?	35 For whom did this person work?	36 For whom did this person work?
Name of company, business, branch of the Armed Forces or other employer	If now on active duty in the Armed Forces, mark (X) this box -> [] and print the branch of the Armed Forces.  Name of company, business, or other employer	If now on active duty in the Armed Forces, mark (X) this box -> [] and print the branch of the Armed Forces.  Name of company, business, or other employer
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item.	Question number changed
36. What kind of business or industry was this?  Describe the activity at the location where employed.  For example: hospital, newspaper publishing, public high school.	36 What kind of business or industry was this?  Describe the activity at the location where employed.  (For example: hospital, newspaper publishing, mail order house, auto engine manufacturing, bank)	37 What kind of business or industry was this?  Describe the activity at the location where employed.  (For example: hospital, newspaper publishing, mail order house, auto engine manufacturing, bank)
	The ACS was changed to match the Census 2000 item, except for a minor difference in one of the examples.	Question number changed
	The Census 2000 item is basically the same as the 1990 census item except for changes to the list of examples.	

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37. Is this mainly-	37 Is this mainly – Mark (X) one box.	38 Is this mainly – Mark (X) one box.
Manufacturing? Retail Trade Wholesale trade? Other (agriculture,	manufacturing? wholesale trade? retail trade? other (agriculture, construction, service, government, etc.)?	manufacturing? wholesale trade? retail trade? other (agriculture, construction, service,
	The ACS item was changed to be consistent with the Census 2000 item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item.	Question number changed
	The first letter of the first word of each ACS response category was changed to lower case to emphasize that each response category is an extension of the first three words of the question.	
38. What kind of work was this person doing?  For example: registered nurse, personnel manager, high school teacher	38 What kind of work was this person doing? (For example: registered nurse, personnel manager, supervisor of order department, secretary, accountant)	39 What kind of work was this person doing? (For example: registered nurse, personnel manager, supervisor of order department, secretary, accountant)
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item except for the examples.	Question number changed
39. What were this person's most important activities or duties? For example: patient care, directing hiring policies, teaching 9 <sup>th</sup> grade biology	39 What were this person's most important activities or duties? (For example: patient care, directing hiring policies, supervising order clerks, typing and filing, reconciling financial records)	40 What were this person's most important activities or duties? (For example: patient care, directing hiring policies, supervising order clerks, typing and filing, reconciling financial records)
	The ACS item was changed to match the Census 2000 item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item except for the examples.	Question number changed
40. INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.	40 INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.	41 INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.
Indicate the types of income this person received during the PAST 12 MONTHS and enter the amounts received. If you do not know the exact amount, please give an estimate. For income received jointly, report if possible, the appropriate share for each person. Otherwise report the whole amount for only one person and mark the "No" box for the other person. If net income was a loss, mark the "LOSS" box to the right of the dollar amount.	Mark (X) the "Yes" box for each type of income this person received, and give your best estimate of the TOTAL AMOUNT during the PAST 12 MONTHS.  (Note: The "past 12 months" is the period from today's date one year ago up through today.)  Mark (X) the "No" box to show types of income NOT received.  If net income was a loss, mark the "Loss" box to the right of the dollar amount.  For income received jointly, report the appropriate share for each person — or, if that's not possible, report the whole amount for only one person and mark the "No" box for the other person.	Mark (X) the "Yes" box for each type of income this person received, and give your best estimate of the TOTAL AMOUNT during the PAST 12 MONTHS.  (Note: The "past 12 months" is the period from today's date one year ago up through today.)  Mark (X) the "No" box to show types of income NOT received.  If net income was a loss, mark the "Loss" box to the right of the dollar amount.  For income received jointly, report the appropriate share for each person — or, if that's not possible, report the whole amount for only one person and mark the "No" box for the other person.
		Question number changed

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in the PAST 12 MONTHS, did this person receive-	40a. Wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips from all jobs. Report amount before deductions for taxes, bonds, dues, or other items.	41a. Wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips from all jobs. Report amount before deductions for taxes, bonds, dues, or other items.
<b>10a. wages or salary?</b> Report commissions, bonuses, or tips from all jobs BEFORE DEDUCTIONS FOR TAXES, BONDS, DUES, OR OTHER ITEMS.	Yes> \$00 TOTAL AMOUNT for past No	Yes> \$00 TOTAL AMOUNT for past No
Yes> \$00 No	b. Self-employment income from own nonfarm businesses or farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships. Report NET	b. Self-employment income from own nonfarm businesses or farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships. Report NET
(farm or non-farm) including proprietorship and partnership? Report NET income after business expenses.	income after business expenses. Yes> \$00Loss	income after business expenses. Yes> \$00Loss
Yes> <u>\$ .00</u> Loss No (Past 12 months - Dollars)	TOTAL AMOUNT for past  No	TOTAL AMOUNT for past  No
c. interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts?	income, or income from estates and trusts.  Report even small amounts credited to an account.	income, or income from estates and trusts.  Report even small amounts credited to an account.
Report even small amounts credited to an account.  Yes> \$ Loss	Yes> <u>\$ .00</u> Loss  TOTAL AMOUNT for past No	Yes> \$00 Loss TOTAL AMOUNT for past No
No (Past 12 months - Dollars)  d. Social Security or Railroad Retirement?	d. Social Security or Railroad Retirement.	d. Social Security or Railroad Retirement.
Yes>	Yes> \$ .00 TOTAL AMOUNT for past No	Yes> \$ .00 TOTAL AMOUNT for past No
		Question number changed

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<b>10.</b> (Continued)	40 (Continued)	41 (Continued)
e. retirement, survivor, or disability pensions? Do NOT include Social Security. Yes> \$00No (Past 12 months - Dollars)  f. Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), or	e. Supplemental Security Income (SSI).  Yes> \$	e. Supplemental Security Income (SSI).  Yes> \$
other public assistance or public welfare payments?  Yes> \$00 No (Past 12 months - Dollars)	Yes> \$	Yes> \$00  TOTAL AMOUNT for past No
g. Other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, child support or alimony, etc? Do NOT include lump sum payments such as money from an inheritance or the sale of a home. Yes> \$		Yes> \$
the PAST 12 MONTHS? Add entries 40a-g; subtract any losses.  \$ .00 None (Past 12 months - Dollars)_ Loss	41 What was this person's total income during the PAST 12 MONTHS? Add entries in questions 40a to 40h; subtract any losses. If net income was a loss, enter the amount and mark (X) the "Loss" box next to the dollar amount None OR \$00Loss	42 What was this person's total income during the PAST 12 MONTHS? Add entries in questions 40a to 40h; subtract any losses. If net income was a loss, enter the amount and mark (X) the "Loss" box next to the dollar amount None OR \$

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