American Community Survey

Population: Questions on Income

Questions as they appear in the questionnaire.

47 INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS	d. Social Security or Railroad Retirement.
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.)	☐ Yes → S
Mark (X) the "No" box to show types of income NOT received.	e. Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
If net income was a loss, mark the "Loss" box to the right of the dollar amount.	☐ Yes → \$.00
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	No TOTAL AMOUNT for past 12 months
mark the "No" box for the other person.	f. Any public assistance or welfare payments from the state or local welfare office.
a. Wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips from all jobs. Report amount before deductions for taxes, bonds, dues, or other items. ☐ Yes → \$.00	☐ Yes → S .00 ☐ No TOTAL AMOUNT for past 12 months
No TOTAL AMOUNT for past 12 months	g. Retirement, survivor, or disability pensions. Do NOT include Social Security.
b. Self-employment income from own nonfarm businesses or farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships. Report NET income after business expenses.	☐ Yes → S .00 ☐ No TOTAL AMOUNT for past 12 months
☐ Yes → \$.00 ☐ ☐ No TOTAL AMOUNT for past 12 months	h. Any other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, child support or alimony. Do NOT include lump sum payments such as money from an inheritance or the sale of a
c. Interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts. Report even small amounts credited to an account.	home. ☐ Yes → \$.00
☐ Yes → \$.00 ☐ No	No TOTAL AMOUNT for past 12 months
TOTAL AMOUNT for past Loss 12 months Source: ACS-1(2009)KFI	What was this person's total income during the PAST 12 MONTHS? Add entries in questions 47a to 47h; 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 \$.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT for past

MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

Income is a vital measure of general economic circumstances. Income data are used to determine poverty status, to measure economic well-being, and to assess the need for assistance. These data are included in federal allocation formulas for many government programs.



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COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Social Services

Under the Older Americans Act, funds for food, health care, and legal services are distributed to local agencies based on data about elderly people with low incomes.

Data about income at the state and county levels are used to allocate funds for food, health care, and classes in meal planning to low-income women with children.

Employment

Income data are used to identify local areas eligible for grants to stimulate economic recovery, run job-training programs, and define areas such as empowerment or enterprise zones.

Housing

Under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, income data are used to allocate funds to areas for home energy aid.

Under the Community Development Block Grant Program, funding for housing assistance and other community development is based on income and other decennial census data.

Education

Data about poor children are used to allocate funds to counties and school districts. These funds provide resources and services to improve the education of economically disadvantaged children.

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