

# American Community Survey

## Population: Question on Relationship

Question as it appears in the questionnaire.

**2** How is this person related to Person 1? Mark (X) ONE box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Husband or wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Son-in-law or daughter-in-law
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Other relative
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Roomer or boarder
<input type="checkbox"/> Stepson or stepdaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Housemate or roommate
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Father or mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster child
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild	<input type="checkbox"/> Other nonrelative
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent-in-law	

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## MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

The census subject about relationship is essential for classifying the population into families and other groups. Information about changes in the composition of the American family, from the number of people living alone to the number of children living with only one parent, is essential for planning and carrying out a number of federal programs. In federally funded nutrition and education programs, how the money is spent hinges, at least partially, on decennial census program data about relationship.

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

### Government

Federal agencies use data about relationship for a variety of programmatic purposes.

### Housing

Data about families in poverty are used to distribute funds for housing to local governments.

### Education

Data about relationship are used to allocate funds to states and counties to improve the education of children in low-income families.

### Social Services

Local health agencies plan and administer programs promoting the well-being of families and children using information on relationship.

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