American Community Survey

Housing: Question on Year Moved into Unit

Question as it appears in the questionnaire.

When did PERSON 1 (listed on page 2) move into this house, apartment, or mobile home?	
Month	Year

Source: ACS-1(2009)KFI

MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

Data about the year the householder moved into the unit provides information on the specific period of time when mobility occurs, especially for recent movers (those who moved into their current home in the 12 months prior to interview). This item measures neighborhood stability and helps identify transient communities. These data are integral components used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the development of Fair Market Rents for all areas of the country. Government agencies also use these data to calculate turnover among specified population groups such as elderly and minority households.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Social Services

State and local areas use data about mobility to project the need for schools and services such as police and fire protection.

Local agencies use these data to evaluate changes in service requirements in a given area because of migration of older people to or from the area.

Housing

State and local planners study and analyze demographic and economic characteristics of households that have recently moved to assess the adequacy of the housing stock to meet shelter needs.

Emergency Preparedness

Federal and local emergency management agencies use these data to assess the amount of displacement caused by hurricanes and other natural disasters.

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