

# American Community Survey

## Population: Question on Residence 1 Year Ago

Question as it appears in the questionnaire.

**15 a. Did this person live in this house or apartment 1 year ago?**

Person is under 1 year old → *SKIP to question 16*

Yes, this house → *SKIP to question 16*

No, outside the United States and Puerto Rico – *Print name of foreign country, or U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, etc., below; then SKIP to question 16*

No, different house in the United States or Puerto Rico

**b. Where did this person live 1 year ago?**

**Address (Number and street name)**

**Name of city, town, or post office**

**Name of U.S. county or municipio in Puerto Rico**

**Name of U.S. state or Puerto Rico**      **ZIP Code**

Source: ACS-1(2009)KFI

## MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS

Residence 1 year ago is used to assess the residential stability and the effects of migration in both urban and rural areas. This item provides information on the mobility of our population. Knowing the number and characteristics of movers is essential for federal programs dealing with employment, housing, education, and the elderly. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs develops its mandated projections of the need for hospitals and other veteran benefits for each state with migration data about veterans. The Census Bureau develops state age and sex estimates and small-area population projections based on data about residence 1 year ago.

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## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

### **Social Services**

State and local agencies concerned with aging develop health care and other services for the elderly using information on where people lived 1 year ago. These data indicate changes in the location of seniors that may affect the need for future services in specific areas.

Local governments use data about migration to forecast the demand for new public facilities such as schools, hospitals, libraries, and fire and police stations.

### **Government**

Planners and policy makers use data about the number of persons moving into, or out of, an area to estimate state and county population growth.

Research, based on data about migration, shows changes in the socioeconomic profiles of areas. These data are used by many government agencies for program planning, especially for rural parts of the country.

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