

## What's new for Census 2010?

Census 2010 will include questions on only five topics:

1. Age
2. Sex
3. Race/Ethnicity
4. Relationship
5. Tenure (Rent/Own your home)

Detailed information that used to be part of the Census "long-form" is now collected in an annual national survey called the American Community Survey.

## How will Census count the LGBT population?

Census 2010 will not include questions about sexual orientation or gender identity. However, there are issues in completing the Census form that may be of particular interest to the LGBT community. This brief provides information about these issues.

## How are same-sex couples counted?

The Census Bureau has announced that 2010 will be the first decennial census in which counts of both same-sex spouses and same-sex unmarried partners will be publically released. In the past, they combined these two groups and reported them as same-sex "unmarried partners".

This information is derived from the relationship question, which asks the person filling out the form to identify how all other individuals in the household are related to him or her.

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

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

Same-sex couples who have been legally married or consider themselves to be spouses should identify one person as a "husband or wife".

Other same-sex couples may be more comfortable using the term "unmarried partner". In general, this designation is designed to capture couples who are in a "close personal relationship" and are not legally married or do not think of themselves as spouses.

## What about counting transgender individuals?

Census 2010 includes a question about each person's sex.

**6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark  ONE box.**

Male  Female

Note that respondents may choose only one option. Transgender individuals will be counted within the sex that they choose. But the Census Bureau will not be able to separately identify transgender respondents.

## How will Census collect information on race and ethnicity?

Census 2010 will include two questions about race and ethnicity.

**8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

Yes, Puerto Rican

Yes, Cuban

Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — *Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.* ↴

**9. What is Person 1's race? Mark  one or more boxes.**

White

Black, African Am., or Negro

American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.* ↴

Asian Indian  Japanese  Native Hawaiian

Chinese  Korean  Guamanian or Chamorro

Filipino  Vietnamese  Samoan

Other Asian — *Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.* ↴  Other Pacific Islander — *Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.* ↴

Some other race — *Print race.* ↴

Note that the question about ethnicity is separate from the question about race. Further, the race question allows respondents to check all boxes that apply.

## A note to bi-racial/ethnic couples

Census reports some statistics on the race/ethnicity of the "household". Bi-racial/ethnic couples should note that this is determined using the race/ethnicity of Person 1, the person who fills out the Census form for the household.

## What if I choose not to fill out a Census form?

The Census Bureau has strict standards to protect the confidentiality of all responses. Federal regulations require all residents to answer all questions on the Census truthfully. Regulations allow for the imposition of fines of \$100 for not responding to the Census and \$500 for providing false answers.