OUR DEMOCRACY RELIES ON ACS DATA

Members of Congress use ACS data to

- Learn about their districts
- Conduct legislative research

Federal agencies rely on ACS data to

- Protect people from employment discrimination
- Provide fair access to affordable housing

ACS data help ensure fair political representation

- Citizen Voting Age Population data for redistricting
- Compliance with Voting Rights Act bilingual ballot requirements

The Census Project provides this report on the origins of the American Community Survey (ACS) from the outdated census "long form". It provides detailed examples of how the ACS provides robust, accurate data critical for the government, businesses, and non-profits to make informed. It follows this discussion with an analysis of current limitations of the survey and recommendations to improve the quality, timeliness, and completeness of the data.

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