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Media Advisory – Homes Nationwide – Plus 25 Selected Metro Areas – to Participate in American Housing Survey

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What:

U.S. Census Bureau field representatives have begun visiting homes nationwide, focusing on 25 metropolitan areas to collect important data as part of the American Housing Survey. In the Metropolitan DC area, the American Housing Survey is being conducted in Washington, DC, Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland, and Alexandria city and Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William counties in Virginia.

Residents selected for the survey received an initial letter in April about how their participation in the [American Housing Survey](#) provides key information about the housing quality and affordability in their community. Census Bureau [field representatives](#) will visit homes between May and September.

When:

In-person interviews began May 1 and continue through Sept. 8.

Where:

The American Housing Survey will include about 38,700 homes nationwide, plus approximately 3,300 homes in each of the following metropolitan areas: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, New Orleans, New York and Northern New Jersey, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Raleigh, Riverside, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

Who:

Residents began receiving letters in April and will be visited by field representatives through September (through November in Phoenix).

About the American Housing Survey:

The American Housing Survey is the most comprehensive housing survey in the United States. In every odd-numbered year, the Census Bureau conducts the American Housing Survey on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The information collected assists federal, state and local government agencies in establishing housing policies. In addition, the results from the survey track changes in housing conditions and costs over time and support efforts to assess housing needs. Respondents help provide a current and continuous series of data on selected housing and demographic characteristics.

Examples of the types of information the survey provides include data on apartments, single-family homes, mobile homes, vacant homes, family composition, income, housing and neighborhood quality, housing costs, equipment, fuels, size of housing unit and recent moves.

More information and results from previous surveys are available at <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/ahs.html>.