Decennial Census of Population and Housing
U.S. Census Bureau
http://www.census.gov/2010census/

About the Data
The Decennial Census of Population and Housing is a constitutionally mandated census of the full population that provides data on key demographic, social, and housing characteristics for all standard geographies. Prior to 2010, a short form that collected basic demographic data from all households was supplemented by a long form that asked additional questions of a sample of the population. From 2010 onward, the long form has been replaced by the American Community Survey.

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Methodology and Data Sources
The Decennial Census provides population and household counts, as well as information on select characteristics (e.g., age, race/ethnicity, and tenure). Data are collected through mail-in questionnaires and, when necessary, door-to-door visits. Because the short form questionnaire is distributed to the full population, the results are not estimates; however, estimates derived from the long form prior to 2010 are based on only a sample of the population.

Select Variables
- Age
- Housing Tenure
- Housing Vacancy
- Population Density
- Race and Ethnicity
- Sex
- Total Population

Before 2010, the Decennial Census used the long form and included additional data, similar to the information provided in the American Community Survey today.

Additional Resources
For additional information, please refer to the following online resources:
- U.S. Census 2010: How It Benefits Your Community
  http://www.census.gov/2010census/about/community-benefits.php
- U.S. Census 2010: Questions and Answers
  http://www.census.gov/2010census/about/answers.php
- FAQs: 2010 Census
  https://ask.census.gov/faq.php?id=5000&rtopic=1807
Accessing This Data Set
Decennial Census data can be accessed in several ways, but the primary platform to reach 2000 and 2010 data is American FactFinder at http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml.

Data from earlier censuses can be found at http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/hiscendata.html.

![American FactFinder](https://www.census.gov/)

American FactFinder, one of the U.S. Census Bureau’s online data tools, gives users access to 2000 and 2010 census data.

| Contact Information | Customer Help Center: 1-800-923-8282  
| Source | For online help, go to [https://ask.census.gov/](https://ask.census.gov/).  
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