

How does the Census Bureau Collect Information on AGE?

Population: Question on Age

Question as it appears in the questionnaire.

4 What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?
Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.
 Print numbers in boxes.

Age (in years)	Month	Day	Year of birth
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Source: ACS-1 (2009)KFI

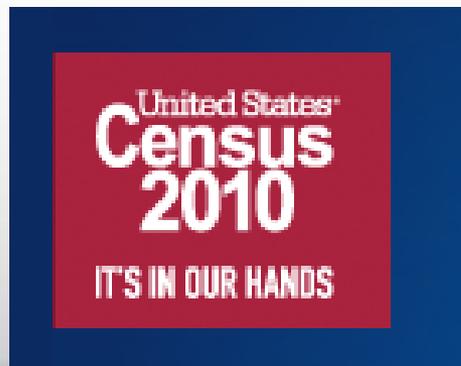


Figure 1.

Reproduction of the Questions on Sex, Age, and Date of Birth From the 2010 Census

3. What is this person's sex? Mark ONE box.
 Male Female

4. What is this person's age and what is this person's date of birth?
Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.
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Age on April 1, 2010	Month	Day	Year of birth
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census questionnaire.

Census Bureau focuses on Aging Populations in terms of:

- Age Trends
- Race and Ethnicity
- Living Arrangements
- Social Characteristics
- Economic Status
- Geographic Distribution
- Workforce Characteristics



Aging Trends

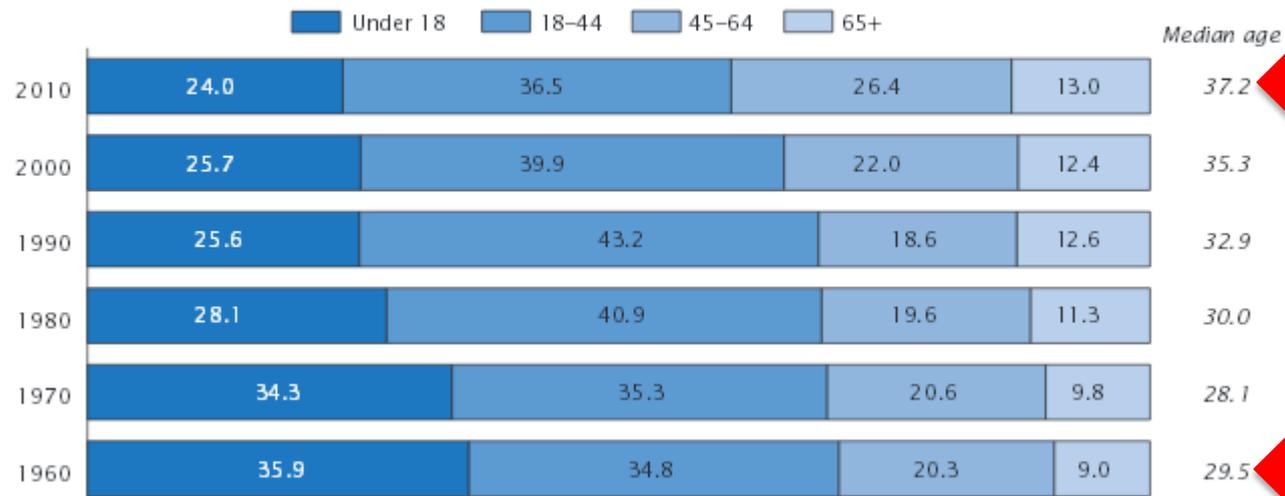


- Since Census 2000, the population has continued to grow older
- Population aging led to an increased median age
- The population grew at a faster rate in the older ages than in the younger ages
- Increases in the number of men at older ages are apparent

Population has Continued to Get Older + Median Age

Figure 4.
Age Distribution and Median Age: 1960 to 2010

(In percent. For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/sf1.pdf)



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 1, Census 2000 Summary File 1, 1990 Census Summary File 2C, 1980 Census Summary File 2C, 1970 Census of Population, Vol. 1, Characteristics of the Population, Chapter B, Table 50, and 1960 Census of Population, Vol. 1, Characteristics of the Population, Chapter C, Table 156.

Population grew Older ages > Younger

Table 2.

Population by Age and Sex: 2000 and 2010

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Age	2000			2010			Percent change, 2000 to 2010		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
All ages	281,421,906	138,053,563	143,368,343	308,745,538	151,781,326	156,964,212	9.7	9.9	9.5
Under 5 years	19,175,798	9,810,733	9,365,065	20,201,362	10,319,427	9,881,935	5.3	5.2	5.5
5 to 9 years	20,549,505	10,523,277	10,026,228	20,348,657	10,389,638	9,959,019	-1.0	-1.3	-0.7
10 to 14 years	20,528,072	10,520,197	10,007,875	20,677,194	10,579,862	10,097,332	0.7	0.6	0.9
15 to 19 years	20,219,890	10,391,004	9,828,886	22,040,343	11,303,666	10,736,677	9.0	8.8	9.2
20 to 24 years	18,964,001	9,697,814	9,276,187	21,585,999	11,014,176	10,571,823	13.8	13.7	14.0
25 to 29 years	19,381,336	9,798,760	9,582,576	21,101,849	10,635,591	10,466,258	8.9	8.5	9.2
30 to 34 years	20,510,388	10,321,769	10,188,619	19,962,099	9,996,500	9,965,599	-2.7	-3.2	-2.2
35 to 39 years	22,706,664	11,318,696	11,387,968	20,179,642	10,042,022	10,137,620	-11.1	-11.3	-11.0
40 to 44 years	22,441,863	11,129,102	11,312,761	20,890,964	10,393,977	10,496,987	-6.9	-6.6	-7.2
45 to 49 years	20,092,404	9,899,506	10,202,898	22,708,591	11,209,085	11,499,506	13.0	13.3	12.7
50 to 54 years	17,585,548	8,607,724	8,977,824	22,298,125	10,933,274	11,364,851	26.8	27.0	26.6
55 to 59 years	13,469,237	6,508,729	6,960,508	19,664,805	9,523,648	10,141,157	46.0	46.3	45.7
60 to 64 years	10,805,447	5,136,627	5,668,820	16,817,924	8,077,500	8,740,424	55.6	57.3	54.2
65 to 69 years	9,533,545	4,400,362	5,133,183	12,435,263	5,852,547	6,582,716	30.4	33.0	28.2
70 to 74 years	8,857,441	3,902,912	4,954,529	9,278,166	4,243,972	5,034,194	4.7	8.7	1.6
75 to 79 years	7,415,813	3,044,456	4,371,357	7,317,795	3,182,388	4,135,407	-1.3	4.5	-5.4
80 to 84 years	4,945,367	1,834,897	3,110,470	5,743,327	2,294,374	3,448,953	16.1	25.0	10.9
85 to 89 years	2,789,818	876,501	1,913,317	3,620,459	1,273,867	2,346,592	29.8	45.3	22.6
90 to 94 years	1,112,531	282,325	830,206	1,448,366	424,387	1,023,979	30.2	50.3	23.3
95 to 99 years	286,784	58,115	228,669	371,244	82,263	288,981	29.5	41.6	26.4
100 years and over . . .	50,454	10,057	40,397	53,364	9,162	44,202	5.8	-8.9	9.4
Median age	35.3	34.0	36.5	37.2	35.8	38.5	(X)	(X)	(X)

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Facts for Features: Older Americans Month: May

Income and Wealth

\$33,118

The 2011 median income of households with householders 65 and older, not significantly different from the previous year.

Source: Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2011
<<http://www.census.gov/prod/2012pubs/p60-243.pdf>>

Serving Our Nation

9.2 million

Estimated number of people 65 and older who were veterans of the armed forces in 2011.

Source: 2011 American Community Survey <http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/11_1YR/B21001>

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Education

81.1%

Proportion of people 65 and older in 2012 who had completed high school or higher education.

Source: Educational Attainment in the United States: 2012

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education/data/cps/2012/tables.html>

24.3%

Percentage of the population 65 and older in 2012 who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

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Voting

70.3%

Percentage of citizens 65 and older reporting casting a ballot in the 2008 presidential election. Not statistically different from those 45 to 64 (69.2 percent), people 65 and older had the highest turnout rate of any age group.

Source: Voting and Registration in the Election of November 2008 (Table 2) <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2010pubs/p20-562.pdf>>

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