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ON IMMIGRATION AND THE FOREIGN-BORN

in every six persons in the United States and included the short form questions as well as other questions covering a variety of demographic, social, economic and housing topics. The long form data provided a wealth of information on the characteristics of the foreign-born in the United States, including place of birth, United States citizenship status, year of entry into the United States, residence five years ago, language spoken at home, race, ethnicity and ancestry.

A number of important changes have been implemented for the 2010 census round. The census will include only one form sent to the entire United States population and will ask questions similar to those on the 2000 census short form. However, detailed demographic, social, economic and housing data will no longer be collected as part of the decennial census, and there will be no questions that can be used to identify the foreign-born population included on the 2010 form. Instead, the ACS will provide data that are comparable to the decennial long-form sample data. The ACS is a household survey conducted by the Census Bureau that is designed to meet the needs of federal Government agencies. Most of the questions that were asked on the 2000 census long form are included on the ACS questionnaire. Key migration-related items included in the ACS data include place of birth, United States citizenship status, year of naturalization, year of entry into the United States, residence one year ago, language spoken at home, race, ethnicity and ancestry.^{2, 3, 4}

F. 2010 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY CONTENT TEST

In preparation for introducing changes to the content of the 2013 ACS, the Census Bureau is conducting the 2010 ACS content test. The primary objectives of the ACS content test are to test whether changes to question wording, response categories and redefinition of underlying constructs improve the quality of th

G. CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY 2008 MIGRATION SUPPLEMENT

The Immigration Statistics Staff developed a migration supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS) monthly questionnaire fielded by the Census Bureau in August 2008. The CPS is a monthly survey of about 50,000 households conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labour Statistics and is the primary source of information on labour force characteristics of the United States population. The migration supplement covered five topics: (a) citizenship; (b) year of entry; (c) residence one year ago; (d) residents and emigrants abroad, and (e

⁵ For the 2008 and 2009 national projections see, <http://www.census.gov/population/www/projections/index.html> (accessed 5 May 2010).

⁶ For more information about the methodology used by the Census Bureau to produce the projections, see: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/projections/methodstatement.html> (accessed 5 May 2010).