Plans For the First Release of Small Area Data from the American Community Survey

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Measuring America

American Community Survey

Demographic Analysis

2010 Census

Measuring America

Dimensions of Differences

Time

Level of geographic detail

Counts versus characteristics

Motivation for the ACS

Support the growing data needs of federal, state, tribal, and local governments by producing critical data throughout the decade

Simplify the 2010 Census

The figures from the 2009 American Community Survey offer a more intimate portrait of U.S. workers in the middle of a recession than has been available in previous downturns because the Census Bureau now gathers detailed information annually instead of once every 10 years.

Washington Post October 19, 2010

How we got here The evolution of the ACS

First data released for nation and Congress renewed areas First operational Introduction of interest in a continuous 250,000+ test conducted states, DC & PR rolling sample First 3-yr est measurement in 4 sites released for design concept alternative to the long Test sites in 36 **GQs** in context of areas 20,000+ form sample counties in 26 added Census Bureau states 2006 Office that Congress Testing basic **Demonstrating** First 1-yr est authorized a midmethods and released for evolved into the operational decade census feasibility and ACS established procedures areas 65,000+ but did not survey quality appropriate funds

The ACS collects data continuously throughout the year

ACS sample interviews are combined over 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year periods to produce estimates for increasingly smaller geographic areas

ACS estimates are period estimates, describing the average characteristics over a specified period

1-year, 3-year, and 5-year estimates will be released for geographic areas that meet specific population thresholds

Estimated Population of Geographic Area	Type of ACS Estimates Released		
Less than 20,000	5-year		
20,000 to 64,999	3-year and 5-year		
65,000 or more	1-year, 3-year, and 5-year		

Data product	Population threshold	2006	Year (2007	of Data R 2008	elease 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
		Year(s) of Data Collection							
1-year estimates	65,000+	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
3-year estimates	20,000+			2005– 2007	2006– 2008	2007– 2009	2008– 2010	2009– 2011	2010- 2012
5-year estimates	All areas*					2005- 2009	2006– 2010	2007– 2011	2008– 2012

Small Area Data Release

This year we will release the first set of ACS 5-year estimates based on data collected in 2005 – 2009

These are the first detailed characteristics for small areas since the release of Census 2000 sample data in 2002

Small Area Data Release

Timing
Level of geographic detail
Content and products
How to access
How to interpret the data

Timing

Planned release of 5-year estimates in December 2010

We plan to release ACS 5-year tabulated data products every year

Geographic Areas

Like the sample data from Census 2000, the ACS 5-year estimates will be summarized for legal, administrative, and statistical areas

Examples of Legal and Administrative Areas

States, Puerto Rico, and DC

Congressional Districts

Counties and *municipios*

Alaska Native Areas, Hawaiian

Homelands, American Indian Areas

Incorporated Places (cities, towns)

School Districts

Examples of Statistical Areas

Census regions and divisions

Urban areas and zonas urbanas

Census designated places

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical

Areas

Census tracts

Census block groups

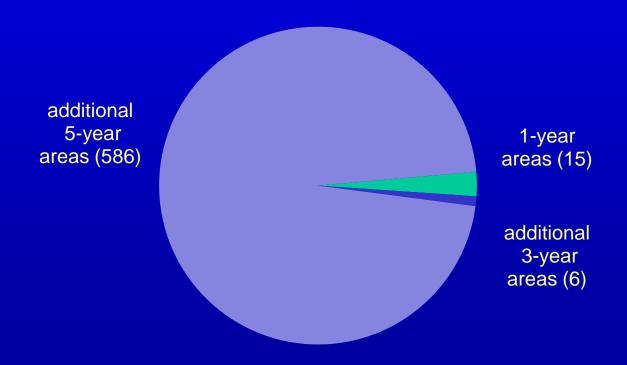
Geographic Expansion

Growth in the total number of entities supported for previously released types of areas

Additional types of geographic areas

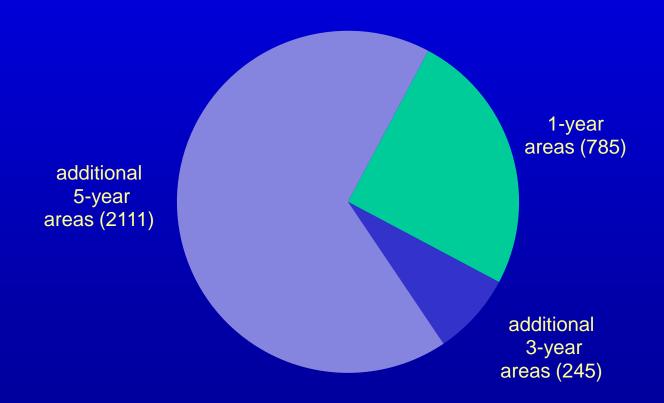
Geographic Expansion

American Indian Areas, Alaska Native Villages, Hawaiian Homelands (607 total)



Geographic Expansion

Counties and County Equivalents (3141 total)



Demographic Characteristics



Sex

Age

Race

Hispanic Origin

Relationship

Social Characteristics



Education
Marital Status
Fertility
Grandparents
Veterans
Disability

Language
Place of Birth
Citizenship
Year of Entry
Ancestry
Tribal Affiliation

Economic Characteristics

Income
Employment Status
Occupation
Industry
Commuting to Work
Place of Work



Housing Characteristics



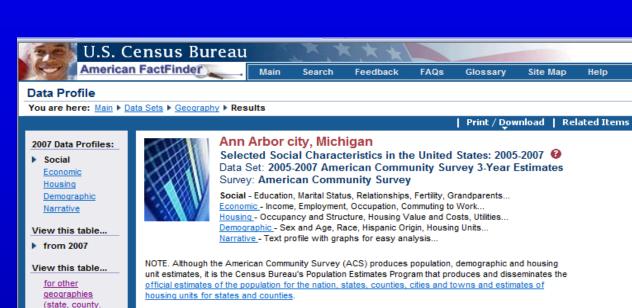


Tenure Occupancy status Housing Value Taxes & Insurance **Utilities** Mortgage Monthly Rent

Data products for all users

Data profiles
Narrative profiles
Subject tables
Geographic comparison tables
Thematic maps

Data Profile



Subject Definitions

place...)

· Quality Measures

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States

Estimate

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Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	44,559	+/-827	100%	(X)
Family households (families)	21,152	+/-807	47.5%	+/-1.9
With own children under 18 years	9,622	+/-547	21.6%	+/-1.2
Married-couple family	16,690	+/-787	37.5%	+/-1.8
With own children under 18 years	7,159	+/-553	16.1%	+/-1.2
Male householder, no wife present, family	1,397	+/-389	3.1%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	683	+/-292	1.5%	+/-0.7
Female householder, no husband present, family	3,065	+/-385	6.9%	+/-0.9
With own children under 18 years	1,780	+/-349	4.0%	+/-0.8
Nonfamily households	23,407	+/-1,037	52.5%	+/-1.9
Householder living alone	15,873	+/-929	35.6%	+/-1.9
65 years and over	2,851	+/-355	6.4%	+/-0.8
Households with one or more people under 18 years	10,216	+/-549	22.9%	+/-1.2
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	6,348	+/-378	14.2%	+/-0.9

Narrative Profile

United States

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006



Data Set: 2006 American Community Survey

Survey: 2006 American Community Survey

Social - Education, Marital Status, Relationships, Fertility, Grandparents... Economic - Income, Employment, Occupation, Commuting to Work...

Housing - Occupancy and Structure, Housing Value and Costs, Utilities... Demographic - Sex and Age, Race, Hispanic Origin, Housing Units...

Narrative - Text profile with graphs for easy analysis...

NOTE. Athough the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bu<mark>l</mark>eau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the <u>official estimates of the</u> population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

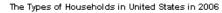
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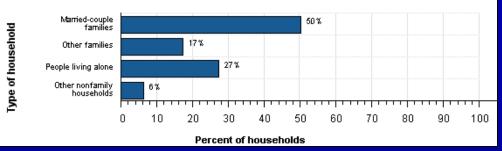
Selected Social *** Selected States HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE Total households Family households (families) With own children under 18 years Married-couple families With own children under 18 years Male householder, no wife present With own children under 18 years Female householder, no husband p With own children under 18 years Nonfamily households Householder living alone 65 years and over

Population and Housing Narrative Profile: 2006

HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: In 2006 there were 111.6 million households in United States. The average household size was 2.6 people.

Families made up 67 percent of the households in United States. This figure includes both married-couple families (50 percent) and other families (17 percent). Nonfamily households made up 33 percent of all households in United States. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

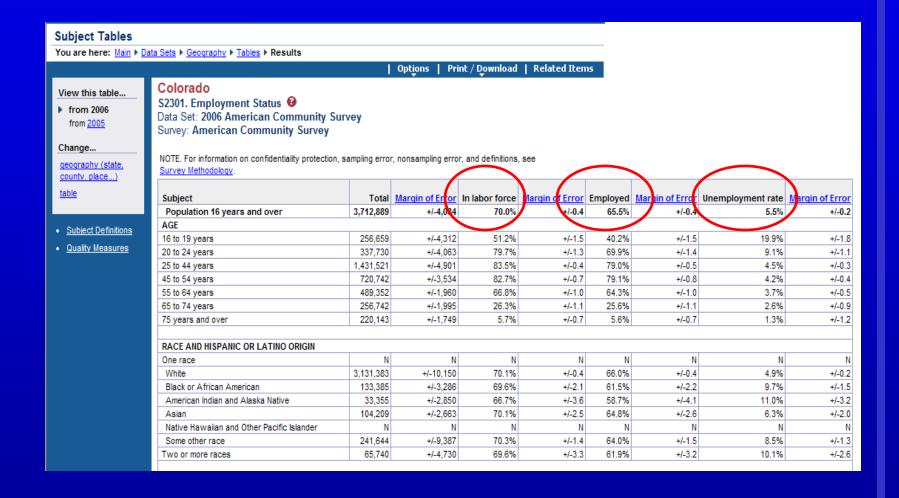




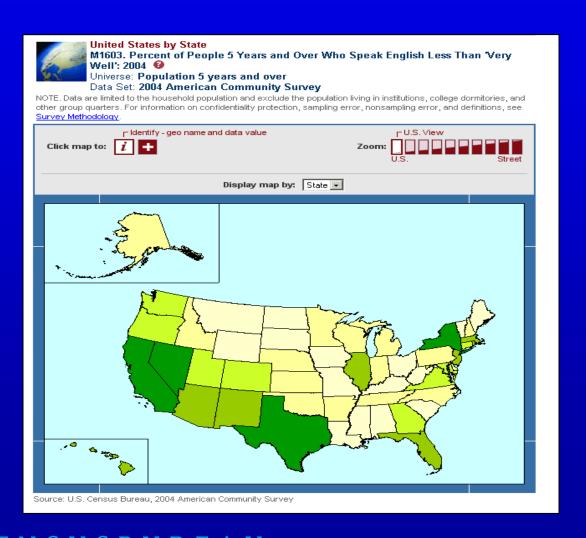
Subject Tables on Employment

Employment S2408 Class of Worker by Sex and Median Earnings for the Civilian Employed Population S2409 Class of Worker by Sex and Median Earnings for the Full-Time, Year-Round Civilian Employed Population S2302 Employment Characteristics of Families S2301 Employment Status S2407 Industry by Class of Worker for Civilian Employed Population S2405 Industry by Occupation for the Civilian Employed Population S2404 Industry by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months for Full-Time, Year-Round Civilian Employed Population S2403 Industry by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months for the Civilian Employed Population S2406 Occupation by Class of Worker for the Civilian Employed Population S2402 Occupation by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months for Full-Time, Year-Round Civilian **Employed Population** S2401 Occupation by Sex and Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months for the Civilian Employed Population S2303 Work Status in the Past 12 Months

Sample Subject Table



Thematic Maps



Data products for advanced users

Detailed tables

Summary files

Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files

Detailed Tables



B18020. DISABILITY STATUS BY SEX BY AGE BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR THE CIVILIAN

NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION 16 TO 64 YEARS - Universe: CIVILIAN

NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION 16 TO 64 YEARS

Data Set: 2007 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

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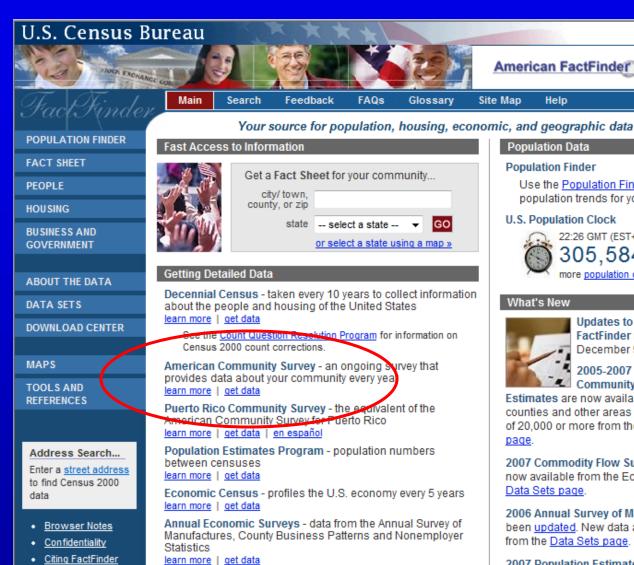
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	Ann Arbor, MI Metro Area		
	Estimate	Margin of Error	
Total:	249,569	+/-867	
With any disability:	24,183	+/-2,340	
Male:	11,405	+/-1,597	
16 to 34 years:	4,032	+/-1,051	
Employed	1,714	+/-711	
Not employed	2,318	+/-832	
35 to 64 years:	7,373	+/-1,237	
Employed	3,209	+/-812	
Not employed	4,164	+/-946	
Female:	12,778	+/-1,498	
16 to 34 years:	3,344	+/-821	
Employed	1,528	+/-541	
Not employed	1,816	+/-693	
35 to 64 years:	9,434	+/-1,412	
Employed	3,407	+/-814	
Not employed	6,027	+/-1,118	
No disability:	225,386	+/-2,437	
Male:	114,190	+/-1,733	
16 to 34 years:	54,900	+/-1,312	
Employed	34.122	+/-2.274	

Data Dissemination Plan

We will disseminate all ACS data products through the American FactFinder

We plan to release census block group data and some detailed tables only as text-based downloadable files



Population Data

Help

Population Finder

Use the Population Finder to view population trends for your community.

U.S. Population Clock



22:26 GMT (EST+5) Jan 09, 2009

305,584,179 more population clocks »

What's New



Updates to American FactFinder released December 9, 2008. more »

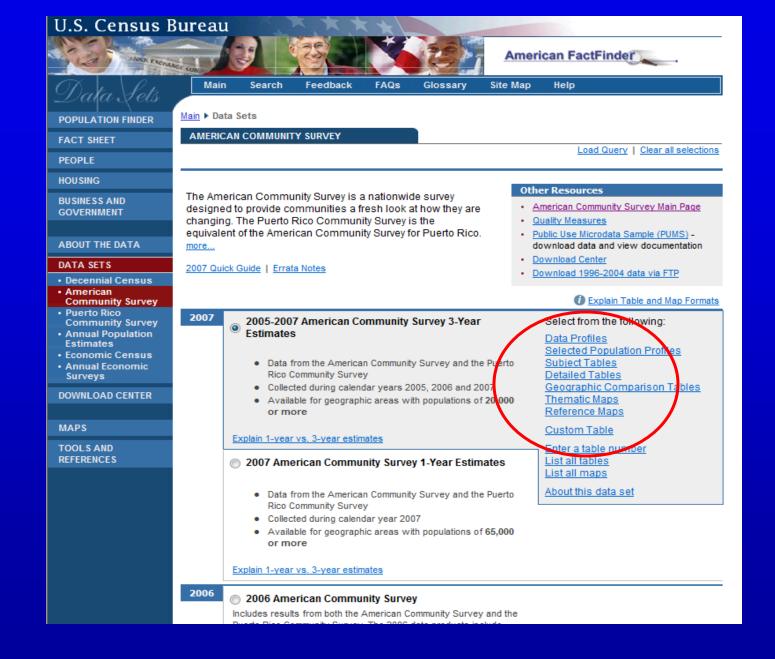
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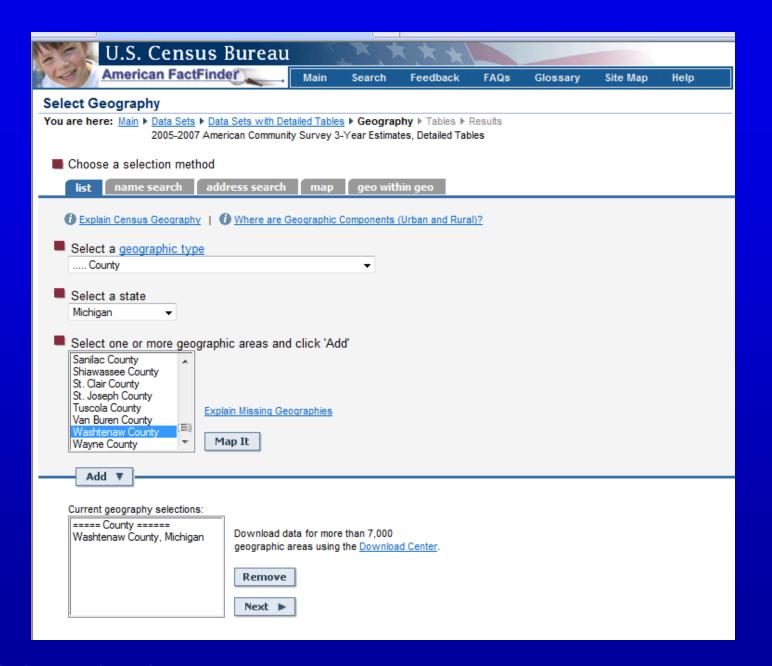
Estimates are now available for cities. counties and other areas with populations of 20,000 or more from the Data Sets page.

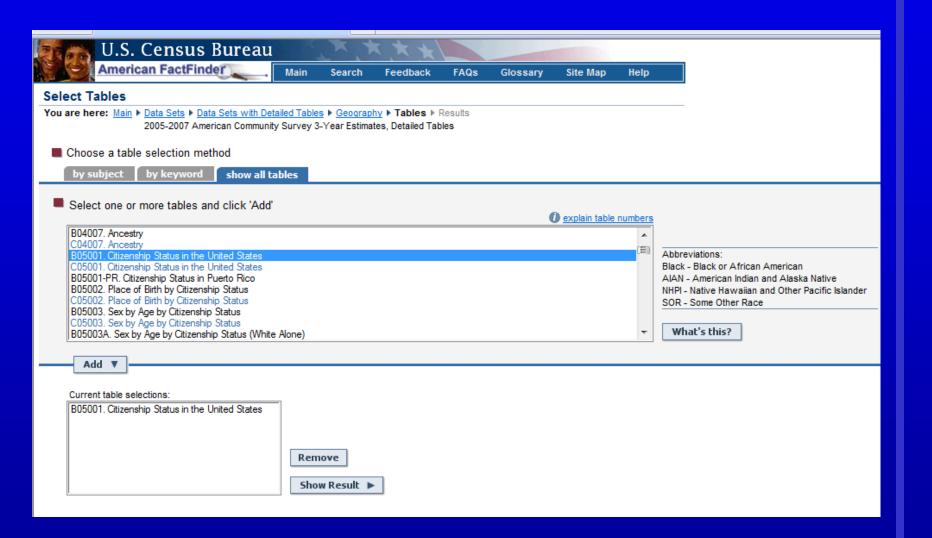
2007 Commodity Flow Survey data are now available from the Economic Census Data Sets page.

2006 Annual Survey of Manufactures has been updated. New data are now available from the Data Sets page.

2007 Population Estimates for housing unite are now available from the Data Sets







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B05001. CITIZENSHIP STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES - Universe: TOTAL POPULATION N THE

UNITED STATES

Data Set: 2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

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	Washtenaw County, Michigan		
	Estimate	Margin of Error	
Total:	347,670	****	
U.S. citizen, born in the United States	304,831	+/-1,887	
U.S. citizen, born in Puerto Rico or U.S. Island Areas	446	+/-204	
U.S. citizen, born abroad of American parent(s)	2,706	+/-501	
U.S. citizen by naturalization	13,912	+/-1,136	
Not a U.S. citizen	25,775	+/-1,612	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2007 American Community Survey

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Interpreting ACS 5-year estimates

Based on data collected between January 2005 and December 2009

Represent the average characteristics over this time period

Interpreting 5-year estimates Examples

Fictitious data

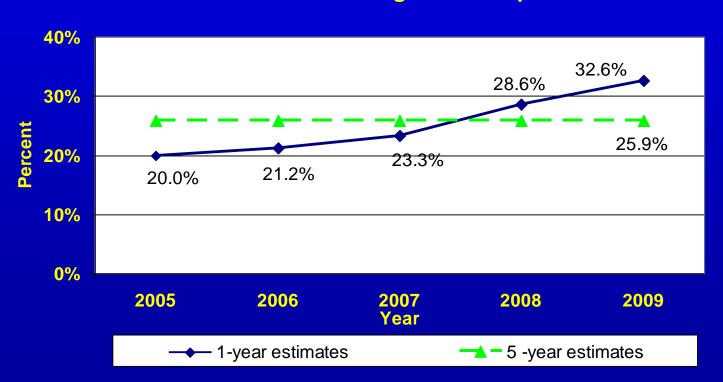
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Characteristic with annual fluctuations (increases and decreases)

Characteristic with little change over time

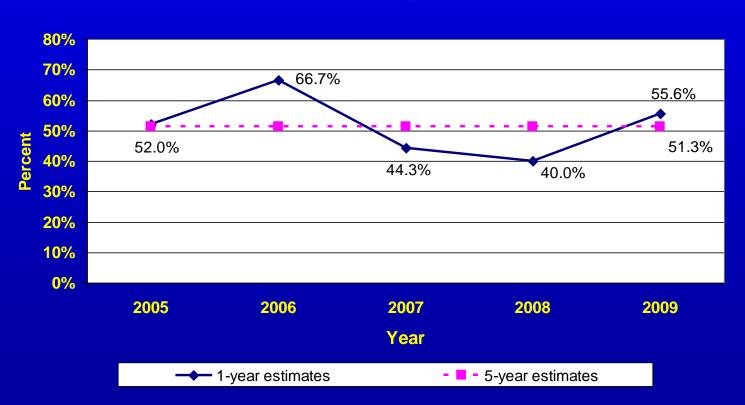
Characteristic with year-to-year increases

Percent Foreign Born Population



Characteristic with annual fluctuations

Homeownership rates



Characteristic with little change over time





Census 2000 and ACS Similarities

Census 2000 questions are on the ACS

ACS produces many of the same tables and characteristics as Census 2000

Census 2000 and ACS Similarities

Same broad set of geographic areas

Same basic data dissemination vehicle – American FactFinder and same basic types of data products

Census 2000 and ACS Key Differences

ACS data are collected continuously and all ACS estimates are period estimates

Estimates will be released every year rather than once-a-decade

Census 2000 and ACS Key Differences

ACS estimates are released in the form of both single year and multiyear estimates

ACS estimates have more sampling error

Quality of ACS Estimates

Margins of error around ACS 5-year estimates will be about 1.75 times as large as those associated with the Census 2000 sample estimates

Evaluations have found reductions in ACS nonsampling error relative to Census 2000

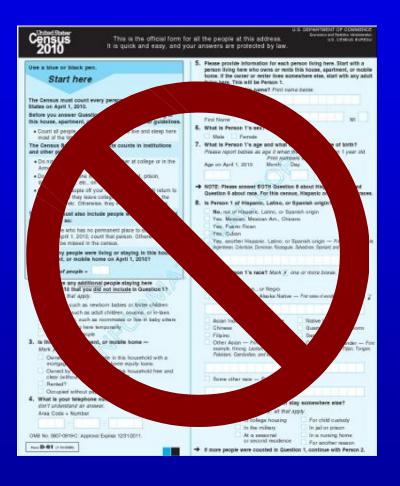
Comparing Data from the ACS with Census 2000

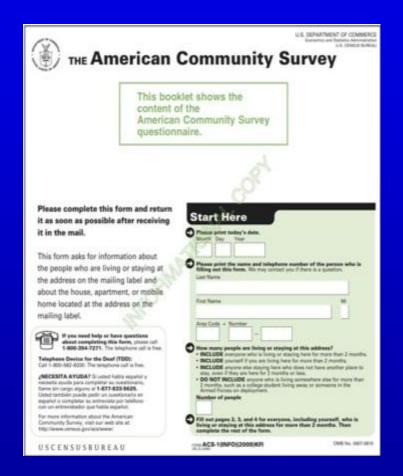


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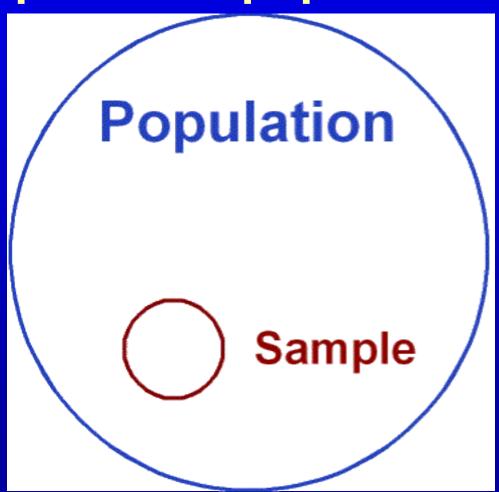
... 10 things you should know about the ACS 5-year estimates

1. It's Not the 2010 Census





2. The data are based on a sample of the population



ACS Displays Margins of Error

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2007 Data Profiles:

Social

Economic Housing

Demographic

Narrative

2007 Comparison Profile

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from 2007

from 2006

from 2005

from 2004

from 2003

from 2002

View this table...

for other geographies (state, county, place...)

- Subject Definitions
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Washington city, District of Columbia

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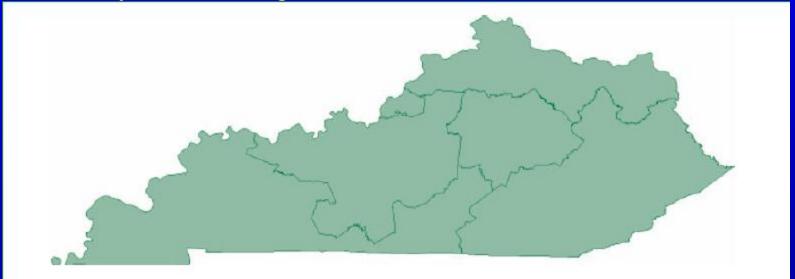
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3. A wealth of content



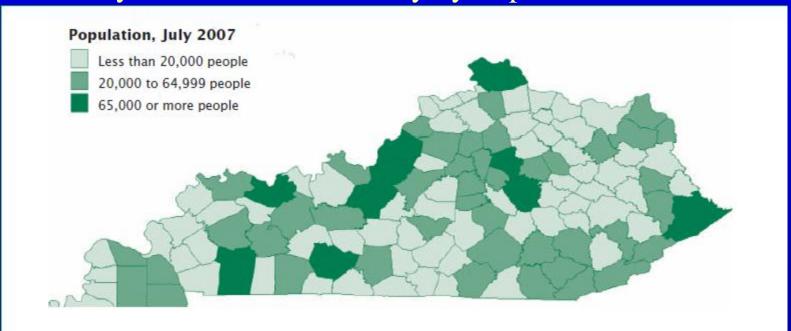
4. More geographic detail than you can imagine

Kentucky: 110th Congressional Districts



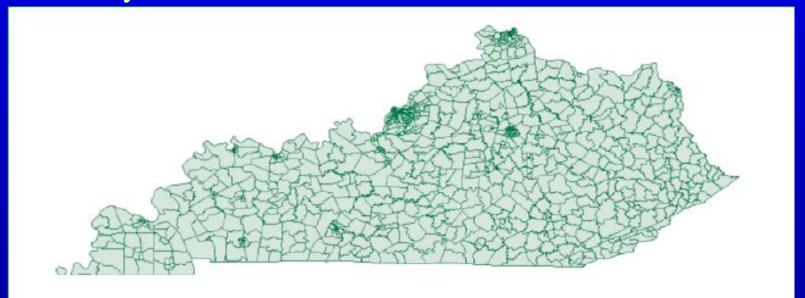
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Kentucky: Counties in Kentucky by Population Size



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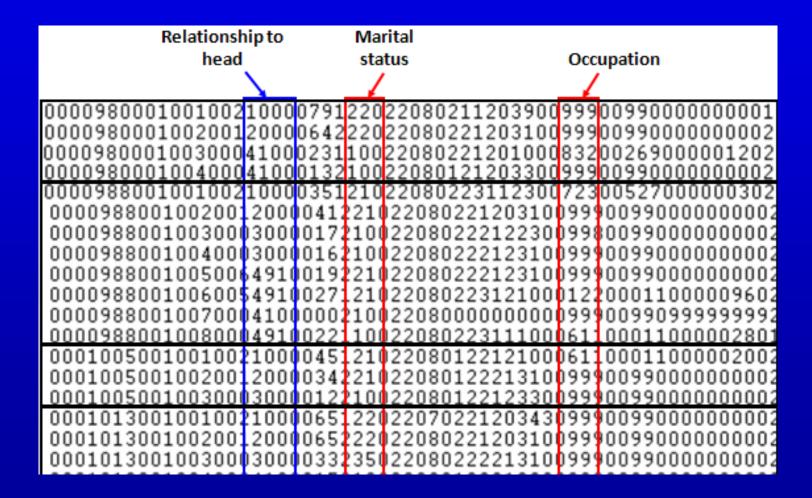
Kentucky: Census Tracts



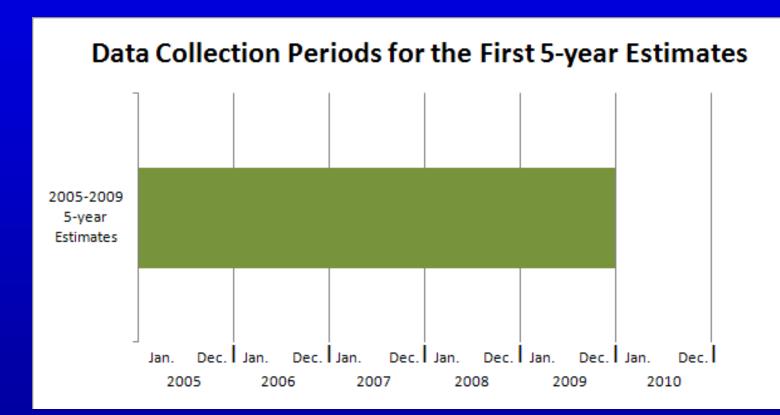
5. ACS data are very easy to access



6. Public use microdata files are available

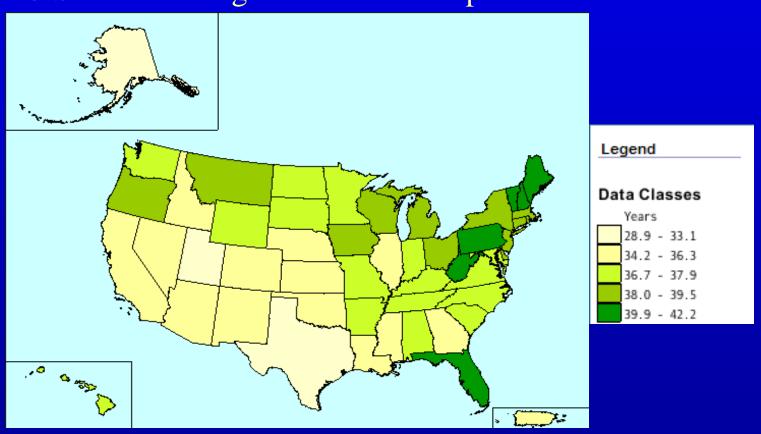


7. All estimates are period estimates



8. It's OK to compare

U.S.: Median Age of the Total Population



9. More data are coming

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10. We can help



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E-tutorial



Feel free to contact me with any of your questions

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