
4. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data: What All Data Users Need to Know

<www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/handbooks/general.html>

This handbook provides an overview of the American Community Survey (ACS) to help data users understand the basics of the survey, how the data can be used, how to judge the accuracy of ACS estimates, and how to access ACS data.

Geography and ACS

<www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/geography/acs.html>

This Web page includes information about changes in geographic boundaries in the ACS, key concepts and definitions, and reference materials.

Gazetteer Files

<www.census.gov/geographies/reference-files/time-series/geo/gazetteer-files.html>

The U.S. Gazetteer Files provide a listing of all geographic areas for selected geographic area types. The files include geographic identifier codes, names, area measurements, and representative latitude and longitude coordinates.

Hierarchy Diagrams

<www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/hierarchy.html>

The hierarchy of census geographic entities displays the relationships between legal, administrative, and statistical boundaries maintained by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Census Geocoder

<<https://geocoding.geo.census.gov/>>

The Census Geocoder is an address look-up tool that converts an address to an approximate coordinate (latitude/longitude) and returns information about the address range that includes the address and the census geography the address is within.

Census Data API User Guide

<www.census.gov/data/developers/guidance/api-user-guide.html>

The purpose of this user guide is to instruct developers and researchers on how to use the Census Data Application Programming Interface to request data from Census Bureau data sets.

How to Use ACS Geodatabase Files and ArcMap

<www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/training-presentations/acs-geodatabase.html>

This Webinar covers background information about the ACS, as well as how to join ACS data with a layer of geography by downloading a geodatabase file, opening the file in ArcMap, and joining the ACS data table to a feature class.

U.S. Census Bureau, data.census.gov: Census Bureau's New Data Dissemination Platform Frequently Asked Questions and Release Notes

<<https://data.census.gov/assets/releasenotes/faqs-release-notes.pdf>>

Data.census.gov is the main platform to access data and digital content from the Census Bureau, created based on overwhelming feedback to streamline the way you get data.

Related Sites

<www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/about/related-sites.html>

Many outside groups, such as other federal agencies and academic institutions, have mapped census data and can provide additional tools to data users. The Census Bureau compiled a list of sites that either map Census Bureau data or help you map census data.