

2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

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- Upcoming ACS Data Releases
- ACS Basics
- 5-Year ACS Geography and Products
- ACS Documentation
- Rural America
- Q&A



Upcoming ACS Data Releases

ACS Data Release

MEDIA EMBARGO: Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Embargo Includes 2011-2015 ACS 5-Year Estimates:

- 5-Year Data Products (including **NEW** 5-Year Comparison Profiles)
- 5-Year Summary File

PUBLIC RELEASE: Thursday, December 8, 2016

Release Includes 2011-2015 ACS 5-Year Estimates:

- 5-Year Data Products
- 5-Year Summary File
- Narrative Profile
- DataFerrett, API, QuickFacts

Thursday, December 8th

- ACS and Geography Brief:
 - Defining Rural at the U.S. Census Bureau
- ACS Blogs:
 - Life Off the Highway: A Snapshot of Rural America
 - The Foreign-Born by Rural Status of Counties: 2011-2015
 - Homes on the Range: Homeownership Rates Are Higher in Rural America
 - Beyond the Farm: Rural Industry Workers in America
 - Household Income and Poverty for the Rural Population
 - A Glance at the Age Structure and Labor Force Participation of Rural America
- County Lookup Table
 - Defines counties as completely rural, mostly rural or mostly urban

Upcoming ACS Releases

- **January 10th**
 - Veterans in Rural America Report
- **January 19th**
 - 5-Year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS)
 - Puerto Rico Community Survey with 1- and 5-Year Spanish translations
 - 2011-2015 ACS 5-Year Variance Replicate Estimate Tables

2011-2015 ACS 5-Year Variance Replicate Estimate Tables

- Expanded versions of Detailed Tables in American FactFinder
- Include a set of 80 variance replicate estimates to calculate margins of error when combining ACS estimates within table or between geographies
- Access via FTP site with links in American FactFinder

<http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/data/variance-tables.html>

ACS Basics

The American Community Survey

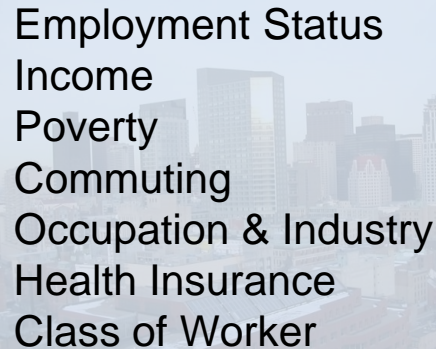
- Ongoing survey that samples about 3.5 million addresses per year
- Collects data on a wide range of demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics
- Designed to produce critical information that was previously collected in the decennial census
- Fully implemented in 2005
- Publishes annual estimates for small geographic areas and population groups

ACS Content

Social

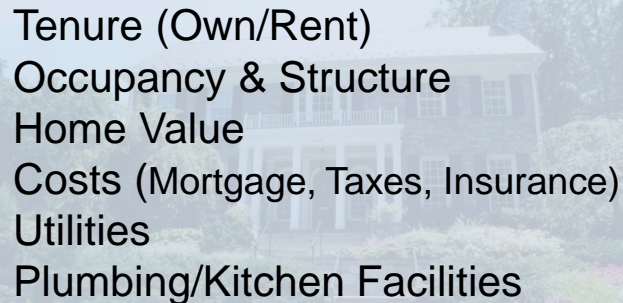


- Education
- Marital Status
- Fertility
- Veterans
- Disability
- Citizenship
- Language
- Migration



- Employment Status
- Income
- Poverty
- Commuting
- Occupation & Industry
- Health Insurance
- Class of Worker

Economic



- Tenure (Own/Rent)
- Occupancy & Structure
- Home Value
- Costs (Mortgage, Taxes, Insurance)
- Utilities
- Plumbing/Kitchen Facilities

Housing



- Sex
- Age
- Race
- Hispanic Origin
- Relationship to Householder

Demographic

5-Year Estimates

- Describe the average characteristics over a specific period of time, not a single point in time
- Data are pooled across 60 months, weighted to produce estimates, and controlled for age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin
 - 5-year estimates are NOT an average of 1-year estimates
- Estimates are based on geographic boundaries as of January 1 of the last year in the 5-year period
- Dollar-value estimates are inflation adjusted to the most recent year for the period

Availability of ACS Data Products

Estimated Population of Geographic Area	1-Year Estimates	<i>*New Product</i> 1-Year Supplemental Estimates	5-Year Estimates
65,000 or more	X	X	X
20,000 or more		X	X
Less than 20,000			X
Release Date	September 15, 2016	October 20, 2016	December 8, 2016

When to Use 5-Year Estimates?

- No 1-year estimate is available
- Margins of error for 1-year estimates are larger than desired
- Analyzing data for small population groups
- Comparing various geographies when one or more of them do not receive 1-year estimates

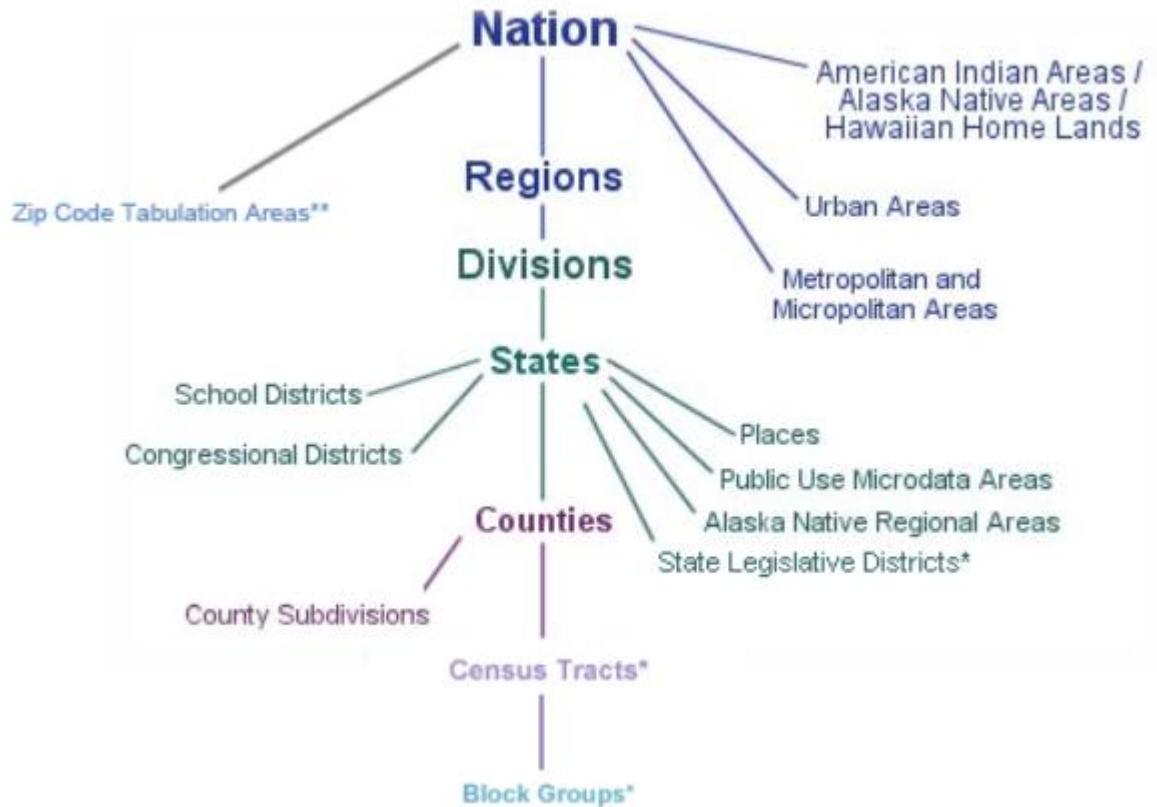
5-Year Comparisons

- Only compare non-overlapping time periods (e.g., 2011-2015 and 2006-2010)
- Only compare estimates from the same dataset (e.g., 5-Year to 5-Year)
- Compare across geographies and subpopulations
- Compare percentages, means, medians and rates whenever possible

5-Year ACS Geography and Products

5-Year Geography

- All geographic areas down to the tract and block group level
- Over 578,000 geographic areas
- 87 different summary levels available



census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/geography-ac.html

ACS Geography Update

County name changes:

South Dakota

Shannon
County



Oglala Lakota
County
(FIPS 46102)

Alaska

Wade
Hampton
Census Area



Kusilvak
Census Area
(FIPS 02158)

census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/table-and-geography-changes.html

5-Year Data Products

- Data Profiles
(Social, Economic, Housing, Demographic)
- Comparison Profiles (5)
(2011-2015 and 2006-2010)
- Geographic Comparison Tables (92)
- Subject Tables (81)
- Detailed Tables (1,045)
- Narrative Profiles
- Data Tools
(API, DataFerret, QuickFacts, My Tribal Area, Census Business Builder)

Subject	Occupied housing units	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Occupied housing units	116,291,033	+/-141,632
UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
1, detached	62.8%	+/-0.1
1, attached	6.0%	+/-0.1
2 apartments	3.6%	+/-0.1
3 or 4 apartments	4.4%	+/-0.1
5 to 9 apartments	4.7%	+/-0.1
10 or more apartments	12.7%	+/-0.1
Mobile home or other type of housing	5.8%	+/-0.1

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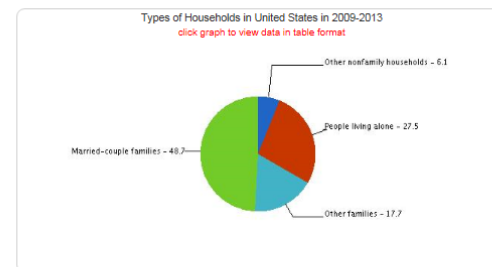
2010 or later
2000 to 2009
1980 to 1999
1960 to 1979
1940 to 1959
1939 or earlier

Households and Families

In 2009-2013 there were 115.6 million households in United States. The average household size was 2.6 people.

Families made up 66 percent of the households in United States. This figure includes both married-couple families (49 percent) and other families (16 percent). Of other families, 7 percent are female householder families with no husband present and own children under 18 years. Nonfamily households made up 34 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.

In United States, 33 percent of all households have one or more people under the age of 18; 25 percent of all households have one or more people 65 years and over.



Among persons 15 and older, 51 percent of males and 47 percent of females are currently married.

Population 15 years and over	Males	Females
Never married	35.4	29.1
Now married, except separated	50.6	47.0

ACS New Tables

- **B09021:** Living arrangements by age for adults 18 years and over
- **B25031:** Median gross rent by number of bedrooms for renter-occupied housing units
- **B02014-B02019:** New race tables with detailed information on AIAN, Asians, and NHPI.
- **Subject Tables:**
 - Health Insurance (S2703 & S2704)
 - Bachelor's Field of Degree (S1502)

Table ID	Line Number	Description	
B02014		AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE ALONE FOR SELECTED TRIBAL GROUPINGS	
B02014		<i>Universe: People who are American Indian and Alaska Native alone and people with no tribe reported</i>	
B02014	1	Total:	sh rent
B02014	2	American Indian tribes, specified:	
B02014	3	Apache	
B02014	4	Arapaho	
B02014	5	Blackfeet	
B02014	6	Canadian and French American Indian	
B02014	7	Central American Indian	
B02014	8	Cherokee	
B02014	9	Cheyenne	
B02014	10	Chickasaw	
B02014	11	Chippewa	
B02014	12	Choctaw	
B02014	13	Colville	
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B02014	17	Crow	
B02014	18	Delaware	
B02014	19	Hopi	
B02014	20	Houma	
B02014	21	Iroquois	
B02014	22	Kiowa	
B02014	23	Lumbee	r
B02014	24	Menominee	
B02014	25	Mexican American Indian	
B02014	26	Navajo	
B02014	27	Osage	
B02014	28	Ottawa	

www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/tech_docs/table_shells/2015/

ACS Noteworthy Data Product Modifications

Housing:

- Year-based distributions updated:
 - Year Structure Built was expanded to “2014 or later”
 - Year Moved Into Unit was expanded to “2015 or later”
- Upper distribution categories were expanded for several monetary variables:
 - Gross rent (\$3,500 or more)
 - Housing value (\$2 million or more)
 - Selected monthly owner costs (SMOC)
 - With a mortgage (\$4,000 or more)
 - Without a mortgage (\$1,500 or more)
 - Monthly Housing Costs (\$3,000 or more)

Foreign Born:

- B05002: Lists regions of birth for each foreign born citizenship category

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ACS Subject Table Improvements

- Expanded:
 - Topic content
 - Data format (totals now accompany percentages)
- The following Subject Tables were improved:
 - Education S1401, S1501
 - Language S1601, S1602, S1603
 - Poverty S1701, S1702
 - Disability S1810
 - SNAP/Food Stamps S2201
 - Veterans S2101
 - Labor Force S2301, S2302, S2303
 - Industry and Occupation S2401-S2404, S2408, S2409, S2411-S2414, S2418, S2419
 - Health Insurance S2701

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NEW 5-Year Comparison Profiles

- New product based on media and data user requests
- 5 profiles compare current 5-Year period (2011-2015) with most recent non-overlapping period (2006-2010) with significance testing
- Available for nation, states, congressional districts, metro/micro areas, counties and places with populations 5,000 or more

		Subject	
EMPLOYMENT STATUS		Subject	
Population 16 years and over		HOUSING OCCUPANCY	
In labor force		Total housing units	
Civilian labor force		Occupied housing units	
Emp		Vacant housing units	
Unemp		SEX AND AGE	
Armed		Total population	
Not in lab		Male	
		Female	
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		Under 5 years	
Total households		5 to 9 years	
Family households (f)		10 to 14 years	
With own children		15 to 19 years	
Married-couple fam		20 to 24 years	
Unemplo		25 to 34 years	
With own childre		35 to 44 years	
Male householder,		45 to 54 years	
With own childre		55 to 64 years	
Females 16		65 to 74 years	
In labor f		75 to 84 years	
Civilian		85 to 94 years	
With own childre		95 to 104 years	
Nonfamily household		105 to 114 years	
Householder living		115 to 124 years	
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5-Year Methodology Improvements

- Dollar-based median and quintile limit tables with margins of error greater than the estimate are now suppressed
 - Based on extensive data quality review and data user feedback
 - Distribution tables and aggregate tables will continue to be available for all geographies
- Median distributions expanded for many housing variables (e.g., monthly rent, housing value, Selected Monthly Owner Costs (SMOC))

American FactFinder (AFF)



United States[™]
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Bureau

AMERICAN
FactFinder

MISSOURI KANSAS KENTUCKY VIRGINIA NORTH

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Popular Tables

Population and Housing

- [Annual Population Estimates \(2015 PEP, PEPANNRES\)](#)
- [Demographic and Housing Estimates \(2014 ACS, DP05\)](#)
- [General Housing Characteristics \(2014 ACS, DP04\)](#)
- [General Demographic Characteristics \(2010 Census, DP-1\)](#)

Poverty and Income

- [General Economic Characteristics \(2014 ACS, DP03\)](#)

Age, Race, Sex and Education

- [Selected Social Characteristics \(2014 ACS, DP02\)](#)
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The Summary File contains estimate, margin of error, and geography files for each release.

View instructions, guides, and example SAS programs on the [Summary File Technical Documentation](#) page.

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2015 ACS 1-year Estimates

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Templates

Includes description of variables in each column for all sequence files and geography file

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The entire ACS 5-year Summary File is available in comma delimited text format on a set of DVDs for users

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Narrative Profile

Households and Families

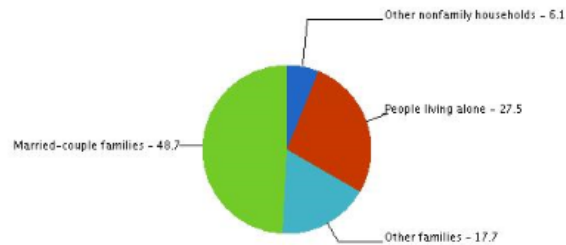
In 2009-2013 there were 115.6 million households in United States. The average household size was 2.6 people.

Families made up 66 percent of the households in United States. This figure includes both married-couple families (49 percent) and other families (18 percent). Of other families, 7 percent are female householder families with no husband present and own children under 18 years. Nonfamily households made up 34 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.

In United States, 33 percent of all households have one or more people under the age of 18; 25 percent of all households have one or more people 65 years and over.

Types of Households in United States in 2009-2013

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Among persons 15 and older, 51 percent of male

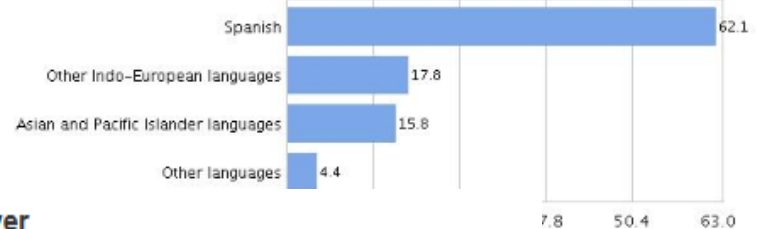
Population 15 years and older
Never married
Now married, except sepa

Language

Among people at least five years old living in United States in 2009-2013, 21 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 62 percent spoke Spanish and 38 percent spoke some other language; 42 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

Percent of the Population 5 years and over who Speak a Language other than English in United States in 2009-2013

[click graph to view data in table format](#)



Employment Status and Type of Employer


In United States, 58 percent of the population 16 and over were employed; 36 percent were not currently in the labor force.

An estimated 79 percent of the people employed were private wage and salary workers; 15 percent were federal, state, or local government workers; and 6 percent were self-employed in their own (not incorporated) business.

Class of worker	Number	Percent
Private wage and salary workers	111,790,351	78.8
Federal, state, or local government workers	21,087,459	14.9
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	8,775,721	6.2

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- ✓ Run in IE/Firefox



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- Advanced SQL reset button
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Areas with populations of 65,000+. Covers a broad range of topics about social, economic, demographic, and housing characteristics of the U.S. population.

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QuickFacts provides statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a **population of 5,000 or more**.

Enter state, county, city, town, or zip code

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Population estimates, July 1, 2015, (V2015)	
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My Tribal Area

Enter name of Tribal Area

OR

1 Select a State

2

People Jobs Housing Economy Education

The Census Bureau collects data for the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) population and publishes specific counts, estimates, and statistics. My Tribal Area gives you quick and easy access to selected statistics from the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS provides detailed demographic, social, economic, and housing statistics every year for the nation's communities. My Tribal Area is powered by the Census Application Programming Interface (API).

Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Select your type of business from the broad categories below and then from the detailed list provided.

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Select the proposed location for your business by either searching for it or by using the Go To My Current Location button.

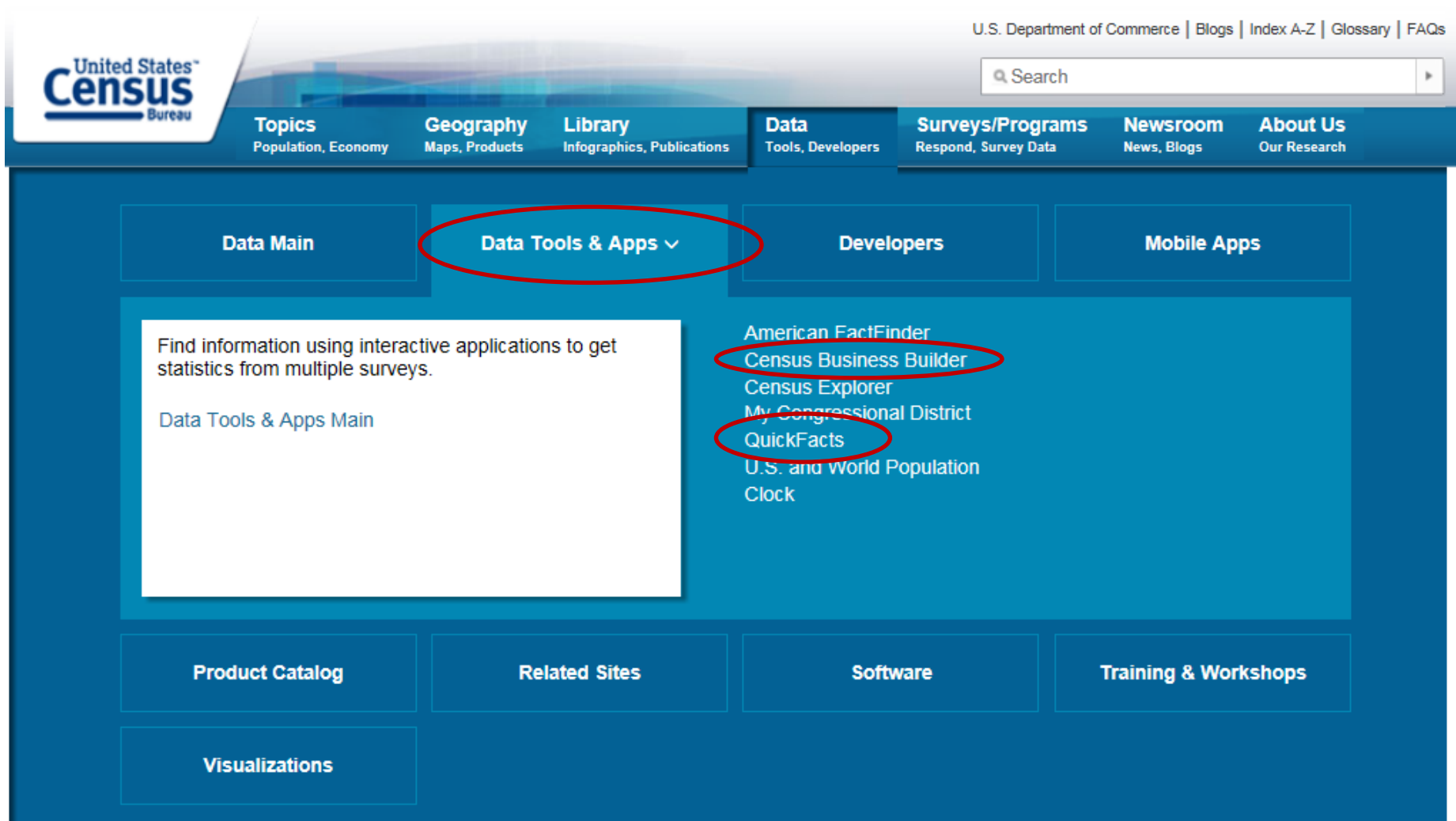
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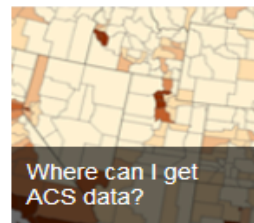
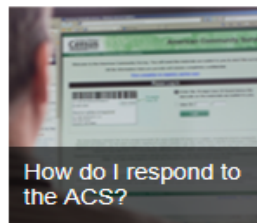
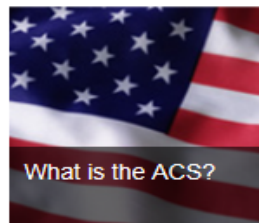
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2015 ACS 1-Year Supplemental Estimates

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Code Lists, Definitions, and Accuracy

View the detailed codes and definitions for variables, statistical testing, and an explanation of sample design, methodology, and accuracy for the ACS.

User Notes

Learn more about issues impacting the ACS, including design, collection, production, and data release.

Errata

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Learn more about how to work with the ACS Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files.

Race/Ethnicity and AIAN Release Documentation

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- Comparing the 2015 ACS estimates with Census 2000 (second column below)
- Comparing the 2015 ACS 1-year with the 2014 ACS 1-year estimates (third column below)
- Comparing the 2015 ACS estimates with 2010 Census (fourth column below)

To learn more about comparing the 2010-2014 ACS 5-year estimates with the 2005-2009 ACS 5-year estimates visit the [5-year to 5-year Comparison Guide](#) page.

If you would like to compare the 2015 ACS 1-year with estimates with ACS estimates prior to the 2014 ACS, please refer to the year-by-year comparison guidance throughout the entire time span. For example, to compare the 2015 ACS 1-year estimates with the 2013 ACS 1-year estimates, please reference:

- Guidance for comparing 2015 ACS 1-year with 2014 ACS 1-year estimates
- Guidance for comparing 2014 ACS 1-year with 2013 ACS 1-year estimates

Subject Area*	2015 ACS (2015 ACS 1-Year and 2011-2015 ACS 5-Year) with Census 2000	2015 ACS 1-Year with 2014 ACS 1-Year	2015 ACS (2015 ACS 1-Year and 2011-2015 ACS 5-Year) with 2010 Census
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The **Statistical Testing Tool** is a spreadsheet that tests whether American Community Survey (ACS) estimates are statistically different from one another. Simply copy or download ACS estimates and their margins of error (MOE) into the tool to get instant results of statistical tests.

Tool Features:

- Compares up to 3,230 pairs of estimates at once
- Compares multiple estimates simultaneously (up to 150 estimates)
- Displays statistical testing results ("Yes", "No") automatically
- Handles special formatting and characters, such as the '+/-' in front of the MOE, without additional editing by the data user
- Uses the Census Bureau's standard 90% confidence level, but can also process statistical testing at 95% or 99% confidence levels
- May be used to conduct statistical testing for other Census Bureau surveys

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Statistical Testing for Two Estimates

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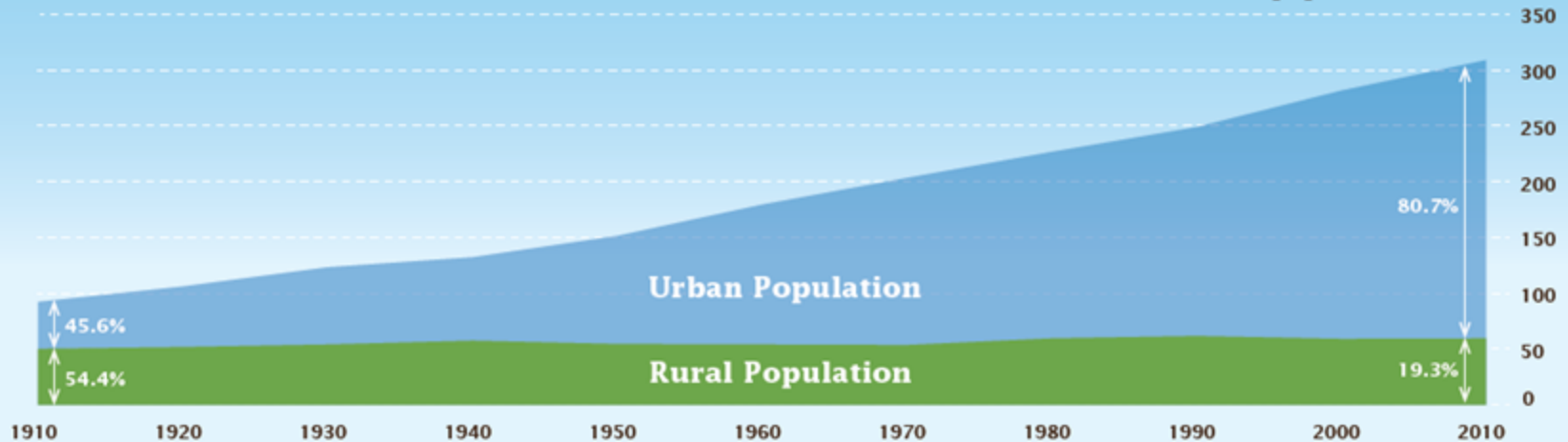
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Rural America

Our Changing Landscape

Change in Rural and Urban Population Size: 1910-2010

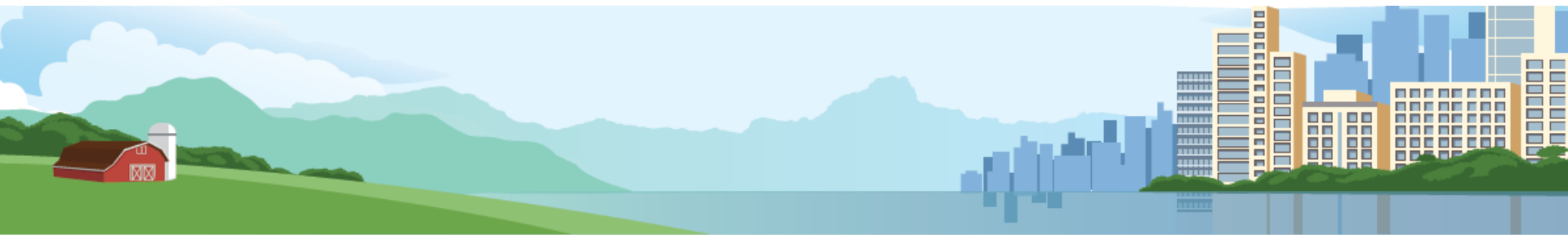
U.S. population in millions



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1910 to 1990 Censuses, www.census.gov/population/censusdata/urpop0090.txt; 2000 decennial census, Table P002; 2010 decennial census, Table P2.

Characteristics of the Rural Population

- Rural urban infographic
- Geographic report on how rural is defined
- County and state blogs highlighting selected geography and characteristics of the rural population
- Series of state and county maps
- County Look-Up Table showing which counties are 100% rural, mostly rural, and mostly urban



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American FactFinder provides access to data about the United States, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas. The data

News and Notes

1. Dataset

Select Topics and then Dataset.

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder interface. At the top, the United States Census Bureau logo is on the left, and navigation links (MAIN, COMMUNITY FACTS, GUIDED SEARCH, ADVANCED SEARCH, DOWNLOAD CENTER) are in the center. On the right, there are links for Feedback, FAQs, Glossary, and Help. Below the navigation bar, a search instruction reads: "Search - Use the options on the left (topics, geographies, ...) to narrow your search results".

On the left side, there is a "Your Selections" box and a "Search using the options below:" section. The "Topics" option is circled in red. Below it are buttons for "Geographies", "Race and Ethnic Groups", "Industry Codes", and "EEO Occupation Codes".

In the center, a "Select Topics" dialog box is open. It contains a list of topics to add to "Your Selections":

- People
- Housing
- Business and Industry
- Governments
- Year
- Product Type
- Program
- Dataset

The "Dataset" option is selected, and a list of datasets is shown below it. The "2015 ACS 5-year estimates (2,300)" dataset is circled in red. Other datasets listed include "2015 ACS 1-year estimates (2,703)", "2015 ACS 1-year Supplemental Estimates (60)", "2015 Annual Survey of Manufactures (10)", "2015 Annual Survey of Public Employment & Payroll (8)", "2015 Population Estimates (52)", "2015 Annual Survey of Public Pensions (2)", "2015 Annual Survey of State Government Tax Collections (4)", "2014 ACS 5-year estimates (2,283)", "2014 ACS 1-year estimates (2,690)", and "2014 ACS 1-year Supplemental Estimates (59)".

At the bottom of the dialog box, a note states: "Note: The Race & Ethnicity topic is available under the Race and Ethnic Groups button on the left."

2. Geography

Select Geographies, then the Name tab.

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder interface. At the top, the United States Census Bureau logo is on the left, and navigation links (Feedback, FAQs, Glossary, Help) are on the right. A blue navigation bar contains links to MAIN, COMMUNITY FACTS, GUIDED SEARCH, ADVANCED SEARCH (highlighted), and DOWNLOAD CENTER. Below this, a search instruction reads: "Search - Use the options on the left (topics, geographies, ...) to narrow your search results".


On the left side, under "Your Selections", the dataset is set to "2015 ACS 5-year estimates". Below this, a section titled "Search using the options below:" lists several categories: Topics, Geographies (circled in red), Race and Ethnic Groups, Industry Codes, and EEO Occupation Codes. The "Geographies" category is expanded, showing sub-options: "(states, counties, places, ...)".

On the right side, a "Select Geographies" panel is open. It has four tabs: List, Name (circled in red), Address, and Map. Below the tabs, it says "Select geographies to add to Your Selections". There are two radio buttons: "Select from:" with "most requested geographic types" selected and "all geographic types" unselected. Below this is a dropdown menu labeled "Select a geographic type:" with the text "-- select a geographic type --". A note at the bottom of the panel reads: "Didn't find your geographic type? Click the 'all geographic types' radio button above, or try the Name, Address or Map geography search options instead."

3. Components

Click Show Geographic Components. Then Urban and Rural.

Your Selections Search Results: 1-25 of 2,300 tables and other products match 'Your Selections'

Search using... Dataset: 2015 ACS 5-year estimates  clear all selections and start a new search load search | save search

Search using the options below:

Topics (age, income, year, dataset, ...)

Geographies (states, counties, places, ...)

Race and Ethnic Groups (race, ancestry, tribe)

Industry Codes (NAICS industry, ...)

EEO Occupation Codes (executives, analysts, ...)

Your Geography Filters 'Your Geography Filters' is empty

Geography Filter Options

Geographic Type

- Nation (19)
- Region (48)
- Division (108)
- State (602)
- County (4,843)
- School District (13,741)
- Congressional District (5,904)
- State Legislative District (102)
- City or Town (40,590)
- Township/Census County Division (41,526)
- Census Tract (82,434)
- Block Group (8,381)
- Metro/Micro Area (2,210)
- Urban Area (4,032)
- ZIP Code/ZCTA (67,051)
- American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land (732)

Include in results:

- ☒ All geographies
- ☐ Individual geographies
- ☐ Groups of geographies
- ☒ Show Geographic Components (e.g., urban, rural)





Search using FIPS code:



















Select a geographic type:

Select geographies to add to Your Selections

Select from:
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Selected:  Add  Check All  Clear All  Reset Sort

	Geography Name	Geography Type	About
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<input type="checkbox"/>	United States -- Not in metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area	United States	

4. Urban and Rural

Select United States - Urban and United States - Rural. Click Add.

Your Selections

Search using...

Dataset:
2015 ACS 5-year estimates

United States
United States -- Rural
United States -- Urban

clear all selections and start a new search

load search | save search

Search using the options below:

Topics
(age, income, year, dataset, ...)

Geographies
(states, counties, places, ...)

Race and Ethnic Groups
(race, ancestry, tribe)

Industry Codes
(NAICS industry, ...)

EEO Occupation Codes
(executives, analysts, ...)

Search Results: 1-25 of 950 tables and other products match "Your Selections"

Select Geographies

List | Name | Address | Map

Enter a geography name or use the Geography Filter Options below:

Enter a geography name (Alabama, Marengo County, ...) GO ?

Your Geography Filters

'Your Geography Filters' is empty

Geography Filter Options

Geographic Type

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- Region (48)
- Division (108)
- State (602)
- County (4,843)
- School District (13,741)
- Congressional District (5,904)
- State Legislative District (102)
- City or Town (40,590)
- Township/Census County Division (41,526)
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- Block Group (8,381)
- Metro/Micro Area (2,210)
- Urban Area (4,032)
- ZIP Code/ZCTA (67,051)
- American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land (732)

Select geographies to add to Your Selections

Select from:
☒ most requested geographic types ☐ all geographic types ☐ individual blocks

Geography Results: 1-25 of 272,892 per page: 25

2 Selected: Add Check All Clear All Reset Sort

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	United States -- Rural	United States	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	United States -- American Indian Reservation and Trust Land -- Federal	United States	i
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Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

Versions of this table are available for the following years:

2015

2014

2013

2012

2011

2010

2009

Subject	United States -- Urban						United States -- Rural					
	Total		Male		Female		Total		Male		Female	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total population	254,221,266	+/-45,593	124,198,744	+/-26,682	130,022,522	+/-29,160	59,885,818	+/-45,623	30,316,415	+/-27,129	29,569,403	+/-29,418
AGE												
Under 5 years	6.6%	+/-0.1	6.9%	+/-0.1	6.3%	+/-0.1	5.4%	+/-0.1	5.5%	+/-0.1	5.3%	+/-0.1
5 to 9 years	6.6%	+/-0.1	6.9%	+/-0.1	6.3%	+/-0.1	6.2%	+/-0.1	6.2%	+/-0.1	6.1%	+/-0.1
10 to 14 years	6.6%	+/-0.1	6.9%	+/-0.1	6.3%	+/-0.1	6.7%	+/-0.1	6.8%	+/-0.1	6.6%	+/-0.1
15 to 19 years	6.9%	+/-0.1	7.2%	+/-0.1	6.6%	+/-0.1	6.6%	+/-0.1	6.8%	+/-0.1	6.3%	+/-0.1
20 to 24 years	7.5%	+/-0.1	7.8%	+/-0.1	7.3%	+/-0.1	5.4%	+/-0.1	5.7%	+/-0.1	5.1%	+/-0.1
25 to 29 years	7.3%	+/-0.1	7.5%	+/-0.1	7.1%	+/-0.1	5.0%	+/-0.1	5.1%	+/-0.1	4.8%	+/-0.1
30 to 34 years	6.9%	+/-0.1	7.1%	+/-0.1	6.8%	+/-0.1	5.4%	+/-0.1	5.4%	+/-0.1	5.3%	+/-0.1
35 to 39 years	6.5%	+/-0.1	6.6%	+/-0.1	6.4%	+/-0.1	5.6%	+/-0.1	5.7%	+/-0.1	5.6%	+/-0.1
40 to 44 years	6.7%	+/-0.1	6.8%	+/-0.1	6.6%	+/-0.1	6.5%	+/-0.1	6.5%	+/-0.1	6.5%	+/-0.1
45 to 49 years	6.8%	+/-0.1	6.8%	+/-0.1	6.7%	+/-0.1	7.5%	+/-0.1	7.5%	+/-0.1	7.5%	+/-0.1
50 to 54 years	6.9%	+/-0.1	6.9%	+/-0.1	6.9%	+/-0.1	8.3%	+/-0.1	8.3%	+/-0.1	8.4%	+/-0.1
55 to 59 years	6.2%	+/-0.1	6.1%	+/-0.1	6.4%	+/-0.1	7.9%	+/-0.1	7.9%	+/-0.1	8.0%	+/-0.1
60 to 64 years	5.4%	+/-0.1	5.2%	+/-0.1	5.6%	+/-0.1	7.2%	+/-0.1	7.1%	+/-0.1	7.2%	+/-0.1
65 to 69 years	4.1%	+/-0.1	3.9%	+/-0.1	4.3%	+/-0.1	5.7%	+/-0.1	5.7%	+/-0.1	5.8%	+/-0.1
70 to 74 years	2.0%	+/-0.1	2.8%	+/-0.1	2.2%	+/-0.1	4.2%	+/-0.1	4.1%	+/-0.1	4.2%	+/-0.1

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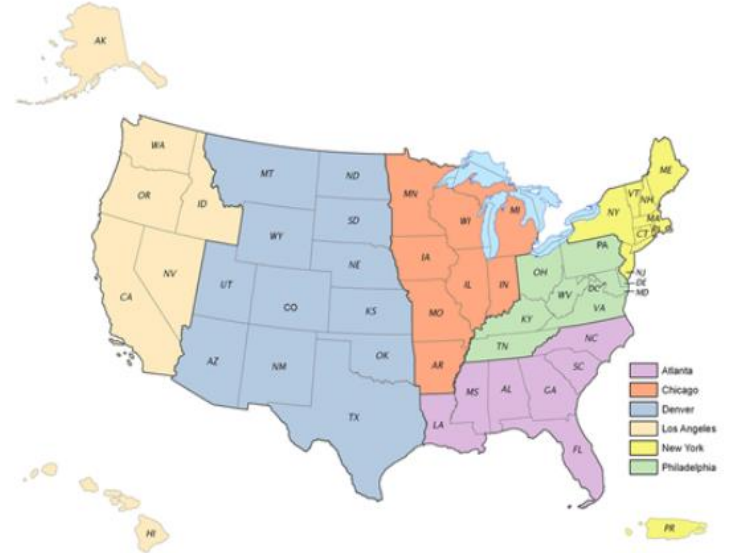


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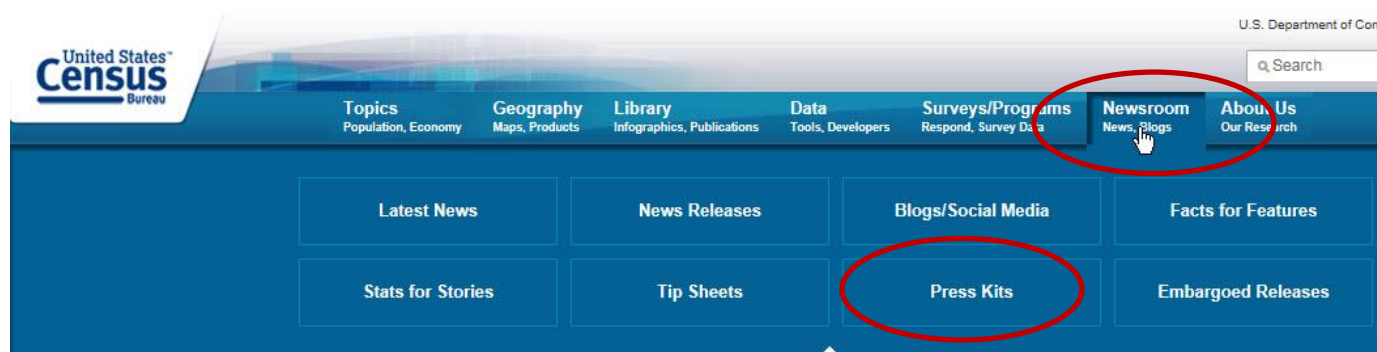
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