

Differences Among Demographic Data Releases

The U.S. Census Bureau produces detailed demographic data for various levels of geography from different sources. The following data products come from the 2020 Census, the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates and the Population Estimates Program.

Data product	Data source	Geographies covered	Subjects	Time period covered	Where to access the data	Frequency of release	Planned release date	More program information
Demographic and Housing Characteristics File (DHC)	2020 Census	Nation, regions, state, county, metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, congressional districts and more with many tables available down to the census block level. Refer to the 2020 Census Data Table Guide for a full list of geographies available for each table.	Age, sex, race, Hispanic or Latino origin, household type, family type, relationship to householder, group quarters population, housing occupancy, and housing tenure.	April 1, 2020	data.census.gov and File Transfer Protocol	Every decade	May 25, 2023	About 2020 Census Data Products
Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A (Detailed DHC-A)	2020 Census	Nation, state, county, places (cities and towns), census tracts and American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian (AIANNH) areas.	Total population counts and sex by age for detailed race and ethnic groups and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages.	April 1, 2020	data.census.gov	Every decade	September 2023	About 2020 Census Data Products
Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File B (Detailed DHC-B)	2020 Census	Nation, state, county, places (cities and towns), census tracts and American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian (AIANNH) areas.	Household type and tenure (whether the home is owned or rented) for detailed race and ethnic groups and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages.	April 1, 2020	data.census.gov	Every decade	September 2024	About 2020 Census Data Products

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Selected Population Tables and American Indian and Alaska Native Tables	2017–2021 American Community Survey	Nation, state, metropolitan and micropolitan areas and more with many tables available for county, places (cities and towns), census tracts and American Indian/Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiian (AIANNH) areas. Refer to the 2017-2021 ACS 5-Year SPT & AIANT Tables Documentation for a full list of geographies available for each product.	More than 40 social, economic, housing and demographic characteristics, including education, income, veterans, employment status, internet use and housing costs for selected race, Hispanic or Latino origin, tribal, and ancestry populations.	January 1, 2017–December 31, 2021	data.census.gov	About every 5 years	June 15, 2023	About the American Community Survey
Population Estimates by Demographic Characteristics	2022 Population Estimates Program	Nation, state, county, metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas and core-based statistical areas.	Components of population change by race and Hispanic or Latino origin (national only); population by age, sex, race and Hispanic or Latino origin. ¹	April 1, 2020–July 1, 2022	census.gov/programs-surveys/popest.html	Annually	June 22, 2023	About the Population Estimates Program

¹ The population estimates are developed from a base that integrates the 2020 Census, Vintage 2020 estimates, and 2020 Demographic Analysis estimates. Race and Hispanic or Latino origin data in the Vintage 2022 estimates do not currently reflect the results of the 2020 Census. For population estimates methodology statements, visit www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology.html.