How to Gather Pseudo Geographies (e.g., “All tracts” in a county)

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STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

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Advanced Search

Step 1: Click on Advanced Search.

Step 2: Make your selections for the various filters. In our example, to gather “all tracts” in a county, we’ll select Tract → Colorado → Douglas County, Colorado → Census Tract 139.01, Douglas County, Colorado and Census Tract 139.04, Douglas County, Colorado.

It is only necessary to select at least one tract. Once you have all filters that you need, select the SEARCH button.
Step 3: We’ll use the second table shown on the All Results page, table S1701, Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months. Click on it.

| POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS OF FAMILIES |
| Survey/Program: American Community Survey |
| Table: S1701 |

Step 4: Click on the MAPS tab in the upper right corner of the screen. This should display a map of the two tracts that we selected in Douglas County, Colorado.
Step 6: Individual tracts can be added by hovering the mouse over the desired tract, right-clicking on it, and clicking on “Select” in the popup box that appears. Doing this will include the tract in the collection.

Tracts can be removed from the collection in the same way, except you would click on “Deselect” instead.

Step 5: Now we’ll use the Rectangle Tool to gather the other tracts in Douglas County. Click on the Rectangle Tool icon in the lower right of the screen.

While holding down on your mouse, drag the blue rectangle across the tracts found in Douglas County. Then let go of the mouse.

Any tract that was touching the blue rectangle will be added to the collection of selected tracts.
Step 7: To ensure that all tracts are selected, click on Filter and verify that all the check boxes are checked for the tracts. Then select the HIDE button.

Step 8: All tracts in Douglas County, Colorado are now selected. To add further filters, click on Filter. Any new tables selected should retain all the tracts that were collected.
Step 9: To verify that all tracts are included when a new table is selected, look at the count of Geographies. In this case, there are 61 geographies included (all the tracts in Douglas County).