

# 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Statistics

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# Webinar Outline

- Upcoming ACS Data Releases
- About the ACS
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- 5-Year ACS Geography and Products
- Accessing 5-Year ACS Data
- ACS Documentation
- Census Explorer

# Upcoming ACS Releases

# Upcoming ACS Data Release

**Tuesday, December 17, 2013**

Release Includes:

- 2008-2012 5-Year Estimates (All geographic areas)
- 5-Year data products
- 5-Year Summary File
- Narrative Profile
- Census Explorer Tool

# Upcoming 2012 ACS PUMS Releases

- Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files contain individual housing unit and person records with limited geography to ensure confidentiality
- **December 17:** 2012 1-Year PUMS File
- **February 6:** 2010-2012 3-Year PUMS File
- **March 6:** 2008-2012 5-Year PUMS File

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/public\\_use\\_microdata\\_sample/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/public_use_microdata_sample/)

# About the ACS



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# The American Community Survey

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



# Multiyear ACS Estimates

# Multiyear Estimates

- Describe the average characteristics over a specific period of time, not a single point in time
- Multiyear estimates are NOT an average of 1-year estimates
- Data are pooled across 36 or 60 months, weighted to produce estimates, and controlled for age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin
- Estimates are based on geographic boundaries as of January 1 of the last year in the multiyear period
- Dollar-value estimates are inflation adjusted to the most recent year for the period

# Use Multiyear Estimates When...

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

# Using Multiyear Estimates for Comparisons

- Compare across geographies
- Compare across subpopulations
- Compare non-overlapping time periods (e.g., 2007-2009 vs 2010-2012)
- Only compare estimates from the same time period (e.g., 3-year vs. 3-year, 5-year vs 5-year)

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- When to Use 1-year, 3-year, or 5-year Estimates
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  - ACS/Census Table Comparisons
  - 2012**
    - 2011
    - 2010
    - 2009
    - 2008
    - 2007
    - 2006

### Comparing 2012 American Community Survey Data

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Subject Area <sup>1*</sup>	2012 ACS ACS 1-Year, 2010-2012 ACS ACS 3-Year, and 2008-2012 ACS ACS 5-Year with Census 2000	2012 ACS ACS 1-Year with 2011 ACS 1-Year	2012 ACS ACS 1-Year, 2010-2012 ACS ACS 3-Year, and 2008-2012 ACS ACS 5-Year with 2010 Census
+ Age and Sex (01)			
+ Race (02)			
+ Hispanic Origin (03)			
+ Ancestry (04)			
+ Foreign Born; Citizenship; Year of Entry; Nativity (05)			
+ Place of Birth (06)			
+ Residence 1 year ago; Migration (07)			

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance\\_for\\_data\\_users/comparing\\_data/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance_for_data_users/comparing_data/)

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  - Training Presentations
  - E-Tutorial

### Table Comparisons: ACS 5-year estimates and Census 2000 SF3

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Enter a table number below to search for a comparable table between ACS 5-year estimates and Census 2000 SF3 detailed tables. Or download all [table comparisons](#) [PDF 143KB].

ACS 5-year → Census 2000 SF3 OR Census 2000 SF3 → ACS 5-year

Enter ACS Detailed Table #  
  
example: B05008

Enter Census 2000 SF3 Detailed Table #  
  
example: PCT63H

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#### Related Resources

Get ACS detailed tables on American FactFinder

Get Census 2000 SF3 detailed tables on American Factfinder

Browse ACS/Census 2000 comparison guidance by subject area/topic

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance\\_for\\_data\\_users/table\\_comparisons/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance_for_data_users/table_comparisons/)

# 5-Year ACS Geography and Products

# 5-Year Geography

- All geographic areas down to the block group level
- Over 700,000 geographic areas
- Geographic changes:
  - PUMAs
  - Urban Areas
  - State Legislative Districts
  - 113th Congressional Districts
  - School Districts

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/areas\\_published/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/areas_published/)

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/geography/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/geography/)



# 5-Year Data Products

- Data Profiles (Social, Economic, Housing, Demographic)
- Narrative Profile
- Geographic Comparison Tables (95)
- Subject Tables (67)
- Detailed Tables (1,028)

# New/Modified Topics in the 2008 ACS

## New

- Marital History
- Health Insurance Coverage
- Service-connected Disability (veterans)
- Year of Naturalization

## Modified

- Disability\*
- Relationship
- School Enrollment
- Educational Attainment

# New 5-Year Data Products

5-Years of data are now available for new or modified questions to the ACS survey in 2008:

- Health insurance
- Disability
- Relationship to householder
- Marital history
- Detailed educational attainment levels (B15003)
- Detailed levels of grade enrolled in school (B14007)
- Service-connected disability (B21100)
- Year of naturalization (B05011)

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/2012\\_data\\_product\\_changes/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2012_data_product_changes/)

# New 5-Year Data Products

- Two new health insurance tables:
  - Health insurance coverage status
  - Private health insurance by enrollment status for young adults aged 19 to 25
- New detailed table allows for nativity information to be published for more geographies in Puerto Rico (B05012PR).

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/2012\\_data\\_product\\_changes/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2012_data_product_changes/)

# Noteworthy Modified Tables

- “Year of Entry” and “Year of Naturalization” categories have been shifted from “2000 or later” to “2010 or later” as the highest category
- “Year Structure Built” and “Year Householder Moved Into Unit” has been shifted from “2005 or later” to “2010 or later”
- The term "Linguistically isolated households" has been changed to “Households with no one age 14 and over who speaks English only or speaks English ‘very well’”.
- Place of birth code 463 assigned for South Sudan (B05006)
- New lines added to the foreign-born place of birth table B05006 for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, and Macedonia. Yugoslavia is no longer shown - added to the ‘Other Eastern Europe’ category.

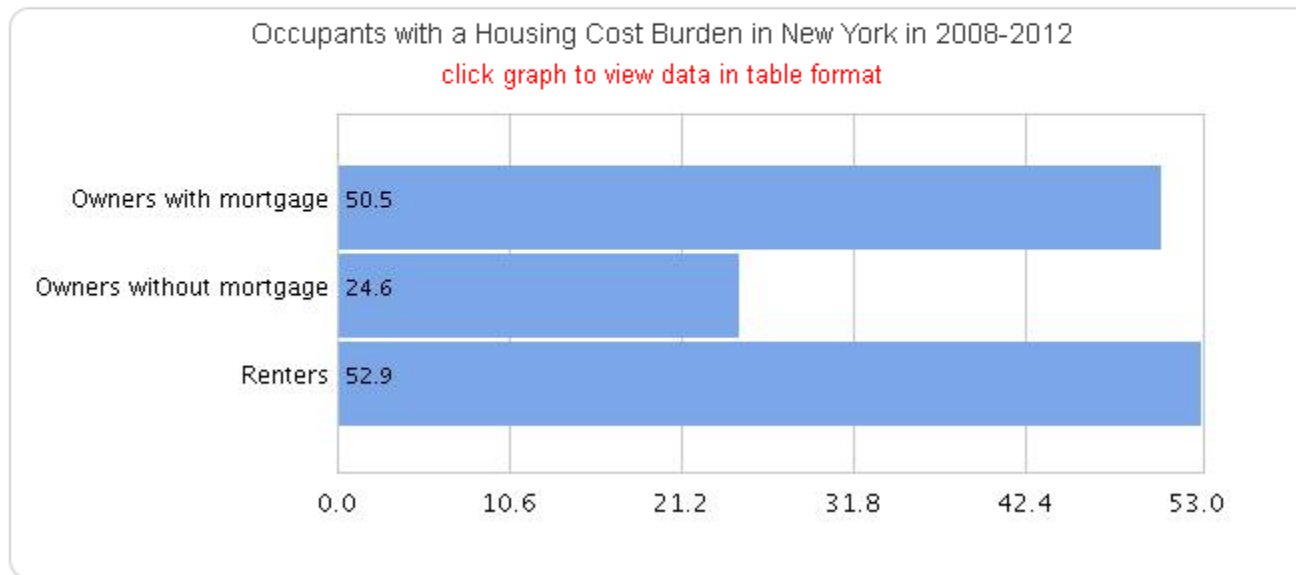
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# Narrative Profile

The Narrative Profile is a prose report that describes a geographic area using custom text and graphics

## ► Housing Costs

The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$2,561, nonmortgaged owners \$787, and renters \$1,167. An estimated 51 percent of owners with mortgages, 25 percent of owners without mortgages, and 53 percent of renters in New York spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.



# Narrative Profile

- Available for 15 different topic areas
- Users can choose to produce a report on all 15 topics, or a subset
- Reports can be generated for the Nation, States, including Puerto Rico, Counties, Places, Metro/Micro Areas, ZCTA's, Tracts and AIAN areas

# Data and Documentation Page

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### Data Releases

- ▶ **2012 Data Release**
- ▶ 2011 Data Release
- ▶ Special Data Release
- ▶ 2010 Data Release
- ▶ 2009 Data Release
- ▶ 2008 Data Release
- ▶ 2007 Data Release

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### Data

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#### Data Releases

We release 1-year, 3-year and 5-year data products every year.

- [Get 2012 Data Release information](#)

#### Online Data Products

We publish data in many forms on the Census Bureau's [American FactFinder website](#), including:

- Data Profiles - social, economic, housing and demographic data tables
- Geographic Comparison Tables - tables comparing selected data characteristics for geographies.
- And more

#### Other Data Options:

- [Summary File](#) - comma-delimited files containing all Detailed Tables produced from ACS

#### Census Bureau Sets Tentative Dates for the American Community Survey 2012 Data Release

The Census Bureau plans to release:

- 2012 ACS 1-year estimates on **Sept. 19, 2013**
- 2010-2012 ACS 3-year estimates on **Oct. 24, 2013**
- 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates on **Dec. 5, 2013**

The full [release schedule](#) is now available.

#### Current Data Profiles

Social, Economic, Housing and Demographic Characteristics

United States

#### Website Feedback

Tell us how to make this website better.

#### Data by Topic

#### People

- Age and Sex / Aging
- Ancestry
- Disability
- Commuting to Work
- Education

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/data\\_main](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/data_main)



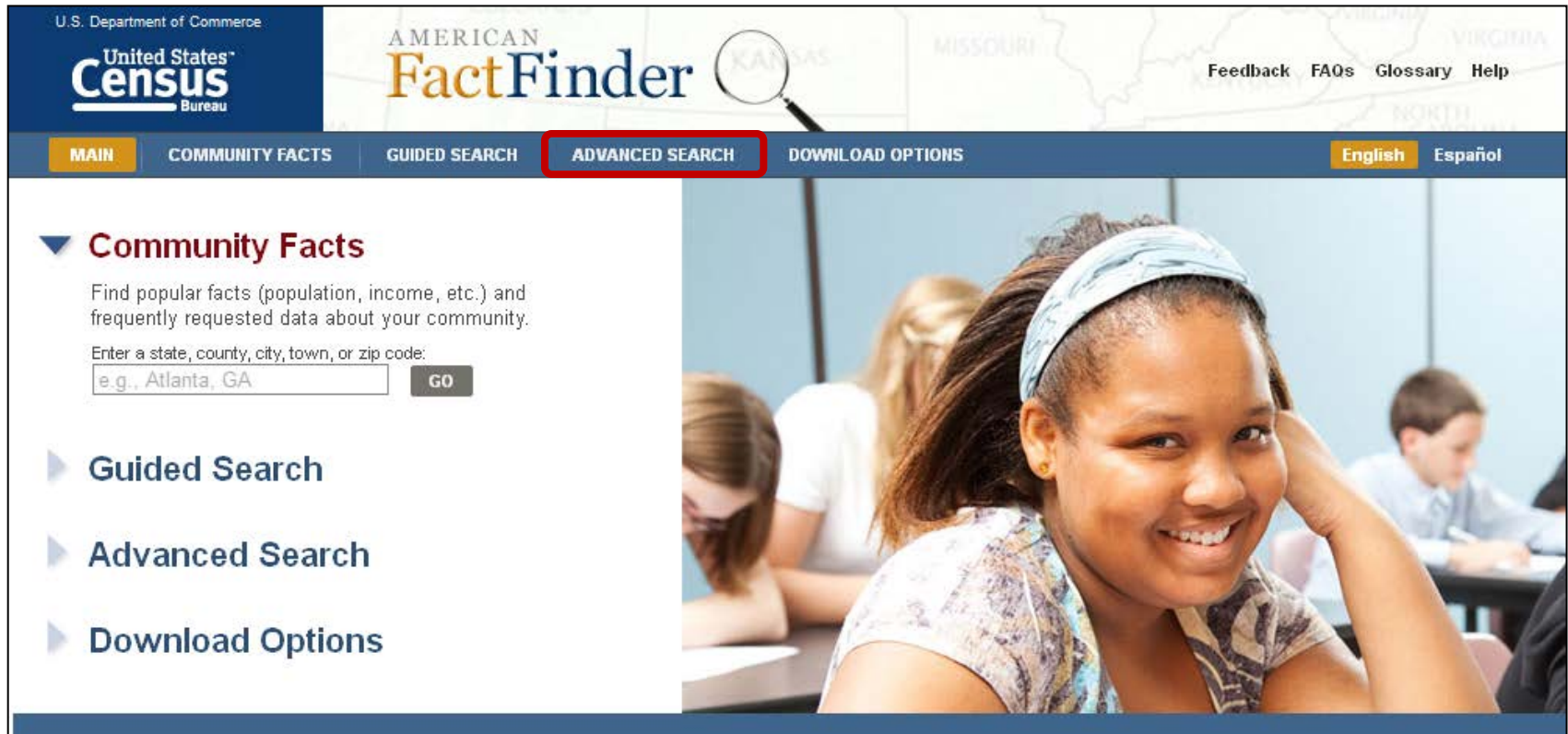
# Accessing 5-Year ACS Data



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# Accessing 5-Year Data through American FactFinder



The screenshot shows the American FactFinder website. At the top, the U.S. Department of Commerce logo is on the left, and the 'AMERICAN FactFinder' title is in the center with a magnifying glass icon over a map of the United States. Navigation links for 'Feedback', 'FAQs', 'Glossary', and 'Help' are on the right. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with tabs: 'MAIN', 'COMMUNITY FACTS', 'GUIDED SEARCH', 'ADVANCED SEARCH' (highlighted with a red box), and 'DOWNLOAD OPTIONS'. On the far right of this bar are 'English' and 'Español' language options. The main content area on the left features a 'Community Facts' section with a description, a search input field with the example 'e.g., Atlanta, GA', and a 'GO' button. Below this are links for 'Guided Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Download Options'. The right side of the page features a large photograph of a smiling young woman in a classroom setting.

<http://factfinder2.census.gov>

# Advanced Search Page

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**Search** - Use the options on the left (topics, geographies, ...) to narrow your search results

**Your Selections**  
'Your Selections' is empty

**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, ...)

**To search for tables and other files in American FactFinder:**

- Enter search terms and an optional geography and click **GO**

topic or table name state, county or place (optional) **GO** ?

☒ topics ☐ race/ancestry ☐ industries ☐ occupations

-- or --

Select from **Topics, Race and Ethnic Groups, Industry Codes, EEO Occupation Codes.**

- these are added to 'Your Selections'
- the Search Results are updated

- Next, select **Geographies** (states, counties, cities, towns, etc.)

- these are added to 'Your Selections'
- the Search Results are updated

- Select one or more Search Results and click **View**

# Selecting 2012 ACS 5-Year Estimates

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**Search** - Use the options on the left (topics, geographies, ...) to narrow your search results

**Your Selections**  
"Your Selections" is empty

To search for tables and other files in American FactFinder:  
Enter search terms and an optional geography and click GO

**Select Topics**

Select Topics to add to 'Your Selections' ?

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

2012 ACS 5-year estimates (2,267)

2012 ACS 3-year estimates (2,751)

2012 ACS 1-year estimates (2,845)

2012 Commodity Flow Survey (12)

2012 Population Estimates (31)

2012 Annual Survey of Public Pensions (6)

2012 Annual Survey of State Government Tax Collections (2)

2012 Census of Governments (21)

2011 ACS 5-year estimates (2,145)

2011 ACS 3-year estimates (2,751)

2011 ACS 1-year estimates (2,847)

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, ...)

1. Expand Topics

2. Expand Dataset

3. Select 2012 ACS 5-year estimates

# Selecting Product Type

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**Search** - Use the options on the left (topics, geographies, ...) to narrow your search results

**Your Selections**

Search using...  
Dataset:  
2012 ACS 5-year estimates ✕  
[clear all selections and start a new 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 2,267 tables and other products match 'Your Selections'

**Select Topics** [CLOSE X]

Select Topics to add to 'Your Selections' ?

- + People
- + Housing
- + Year
- **Product Type**
  - Data Profile (5)
  - Detailed Table (1,028)
  - Geography Comparison Table (1,162)
  - Geography Header (1)
  - Quick Table (5)
  - Subject Table (67)
- + Document Type
- + Dataset

☐ Include archived products in your search ?

1. Expand Product Type

2. Product Selection List

# Selecting Geography

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**Search** - Use the options on the left (topics, geographies, ...) to narrow your search results

**Your Selections**

Search using...  
Dataset:  
2012 ACS 5-year estimates +  
[clear all selections and start a new 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, ...)

**Select Geographies**

List **Name** Address Map

Select geographies to add to Your Selections ?

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

Select a geographic type:  
-- select a geographic type --

Didn't find your geographic type? Click the 'all geographic types' radio button above, or try the Name, Address or Map geography search options

<input type="checkbox"/>	S0101	AGE AND SEX
<input type="checkbox"/>	S0102	POPULATION 60 YEARS AND OVER IN THE UNITED STATES
<input type="checkbox"/>	S0102PR	POPULATION 60 YEARS AND OVER IN PUERTO RICO
<input type="checkbox"/>	S0103	POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER IN THE UNITED STATES
<input type="checkbox"/>	S0103PR	POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER IN PUERTO RICO

1. Expand Geographies

2. Select Geographic Type



# Select Geography Type

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder search interface. A dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of geographic types. The list includes: United States - 010, Region - 020, Division - 030, State - 040, County - 050, County Subdivision - 060, Census Tract - 140, Equal Employment Opportunity County Set - 902, Place - 160, Estimates Universe Place - 162, Economic Place - E60, County (or part) - E65, Consolidated City - 170, Place within Consolidated City (or part) - 172, Congressional District - 500, School District (Elementary)/Remainder - 950, School District (Secondary)/Remainder - 960, School District (Unified)/Remainder - 970, Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area (or part) - 320, Principal City (or part) - 321, Area Outside of Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area (or part) - E32, Combined Statistical Area (or part) - 340, New England City and Town Area (or part) - 360, 5-Digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area - 860, 5-Digit ZIP Code - 861, Commodity Flow Survey Area/Remainder - E33, American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land - 250, Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area - 310, and State (or part) - 311. The dropdown is framed by a red border. Below the dropdown, a message reads: "Didn't find your geographic type? Click the 'all geographic types' radio button above, or try the Name, Address or Map geography search".

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**Search - Use the options on**

**Your Selections**

Search using...  
Dataset:  
2012 ACS 5-year estimates

clear all selections and start a new search

Search using the options below:

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

Race and Ethnic Groups  
(race, ancestry, tribe)

Industry Codes  
(NAICS industry, ...)

Search

Selected

List

Selected

Didn't find your geographic type? Click the 'all geographic types' radio button above, or try the Name, Address or Map geography search

<input type="checkbox"/>	S0101	AGE AND SEX
<input type="checkbox"/>	S0102	POPULATION 60 YEARS AND OVER IN THE UNITED STATES

# Accessing the 5-Year Summary File

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We never reveal your identity to anybody else. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, -- not the IRS, not the FBI, not the CIA, and not with any other government agency. [More.](#)

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**What is the American Community Survey?**

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing statistical survey that samples a small percentage of the population every year -- giving communities the information they need to plan investments and services. [Learn more.](#)

**How do I respond to the survey?**

Learn ways to [respond to the ACS](#) or [get help with the survey](#). Learn more about how we [protect your privacy](#); why you were [selected](#); why it's important to [participate](#); why we ask specific [questions](#) and more in [About the Survey](#).


**How do I get started using ACS data?**

We release new data every year -- get the latest on [American FactFinder](#), or get advice on choosing the right [tool](#) or [data table](#) for your needs. Learn more about our annual [data releases](#) or browse the supporting [documentation](#).

<http://www.census.gov/acs/>



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### Summary File

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An ACS Summary File is a set of comma-delimited text files that contain all of the Detailed Tables for the ACS 1-year, 3-year or 5-year estimates. For example, the 2008 ACS 1-year Summary File includes hundreds of comma-delimited text files that are best viewed in a spreadsheet or using statistical software.

<b>2012</b>	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
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### Summary File Data and Documentation

2012 ACS 1-Year Estimates	2010-2012 ACS 3-Year Estimates	2008-2012 ACS 5-Year Estimates
<a href="#">1-Year Summary File</a> <a href="#">1-Year Tech Document</a> [PDF 3.4MB] <a href="#">1-Year TableShells</a> [XLS 3.5MB] <a href="#">1-Year Sequence/Table Number Lookup</a> (xls, sas7bdat, or txt)	<a href="#">3-Year Summary File</a> <a href="#">3-Year Tech Document</a> [PDF 3.4MB] <a href="#">3-Year TableShells</a> [XLS 3.5MB] <a href="#">3-Year Sequence/Table Number Lookup</a> (xls, sas7bdat, txt)	<a href="#">5-Year Summary File</a> - Available December 17

### Tools for using the ACS Summary File

- [Summary File Retrieval Tool](#) [ZIP 9.8MB] - an Excel Macro tool ideal for downloading 20 tables or less for all published geographies within a state.
- [Video: Accessing Block Group Level Data with the Summary File Retrieval Tool](#)
- Requires **MS Excel 2007** or newer
  - For best performance, we recommend you close all other applications when using the tool.
- Other Tools - such as SAS programs and Excel templates are available on the FTP site in the [User Tools folder](#)

# DataFerrett

The screenshot shows the U.S. Census Bureau website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Blogs, About Us, Index A to Z, Glossary, and FAQs. The main navigation bar features categories: People, Business, Geography, Data, Research, and Newsroom. A search bar is located on the right. The 'Data' menu is open, showing a list of options: Quick Facts, American FactFinder, Easy Stats, My Congressional District, Population Finder, American Community Survey, 2010 Census, Economic Census, Interactive Maps, Data Visualizations, Training & Workshops, **Data Tools** (highlighted with a red box), Catalogs, and Publications. The main content area features a 'New Census App Helps Users Find Local Statistics on the Go' section, a 'Discover the Census Bureau' section, and a 'Census Bureau Economic Indicators' section. The 'Quick Facts' section on the left provides a dropdown menu for selecting a state, with 'Alabama' selected. The 'Census News' section on the right features a headline about 'Age and Sex Table Packages and Race and Hispanic Origin Table Packages: 2012'. A red banner at the bottom right says 'We changed our homepage Tell us what you think'. The 'Stat of the Day' section displays 'Monthly Wholesale Trade'.

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See More

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**Monthly Wholesale Inventories**

October 2013 Report  
Released 10:00 AM EST, 12/10/13

**\$514.1 B**

1.4%

**Quarterly Profits - Manufacturers'**

Quarter 2013 Report  
Released 10:00 AM EST, 12/9/13

**\$150.6 B**

After-tax profits  
\$9.5 B

**Manufacturers' Goods**

October 2013 Report  
Released 10:00 AM EST, 12/5/13

**\$486.9 B**

New Orders  
-0.9%

**Residential Sales**

October 2013 Report  
Released 10:00 AM EST, 12/4/13

**444,000**

Single-family houses  
25.1%

\* change not statistically significant  
° significance not reported / applicable

**QuickFacts**

Quick, easy access to facts about people, business, and geography.

To begin, select a state from this list or [use the map](#).

Alabama

**Census News**

**Age and Sex Table Packages and Race and Hispanic Origin Table Packages: 2012**

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Age and Sex Table Packages and Race and Hispanic Origin Table Packages: 2012 -- These table packages are ... [Read More](#)

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# ACS Documentation

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The screenshot shows the United States Census Bureau website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About Us, Subjects A to Z, FAQs, and Help. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for People, Business, Geography, Data, Research, and Newsroom. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is titled "American Community Survey" and features a breadcrumb trail: Census.gov > American Community Survey > Data & Documentation: Documentation. A horizontal menu below the title includes links for Main, About the Survey, Guidance for Data Users, Data & Documentation (highlighted with a red box), Methodology, and Library. On the left side, a vertical menu lists various resources: Data Releases, Data Product Descriptions, Documentation (highlighted with a red box), User Notes, Errata, Geography, Downloadable data via FTP, Summary File, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), and Custom Tabulations. The main content area is titled "Documentation" and includes links for Print, Share this page, and Connect with us. A paragraph states: "The documentation below is provided in support of the American Community Survey data." Below this is a table with tabs for the years 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, and All. The table contains three columns of documentation: Code Lists, Subject Definitions, and Group Quarters Definitions. The Code Lists section includes a link for "2012 Code Lists [PDF 1.0MB]". The Subject Definitions section includes a link for "2012 Subject Definitions [PDF 786KB]". The Group Quarters Definitions section is currently empty. The Comparison Guidance section includes a link for "2012 ACS to censuses and to 2011 ACS". The Accuracy of the Data section includes a link for "A basic explanation of the sample design, estimation methodology, and accuracy of the data".

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The documentation below is provided in support of the [American Community Survey data](#).

2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	All
<b>Code Lists</b> <p>Detailed codes for variables that contain a large number of coded responses, such as ancestry and occupation</p> <a href="#">2012 Code Lists [PDF 1.0MB]</a>								
<b>Subject Definitions</b> <p>Definitions of population and housing variables to help you understand the results of the American Community Survey</p> <a href="#">2012 Subject Definitions [PDF 786KB]</a>								
<b>Group Quarters Definitions</b>								
<b>Comparison Guidance</b> <p>Detailed subject/topic guidelines on comparing 2012 ACS to censuses and to 2011 ACS</p>								
<b>Accuracy of the Data</b> <p>A basic explanation of the sample design, estimation methodology, and accuracy of the data</p>								

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/documentation\\_main/](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/documentation_main/)

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#### Data Releases

We release 1-year, 3-year and 5-year data products every year.

- Get 2012 Data Release information**

#### Online Data Products

We publish data in many forms on the Census Bureau's [American FactFinder website](#), including:

- Data Profiles - social, economic, housing and demographic data tables
- Geographic Comparison Tables - tables comparing selected data characteristics for geographies.
- And more

#### Other Data Options:

- [Summary File](#) - comma-delimited files containing all Detailed Tables produced from ACS

#### Census Bureau Sets Tentative Dates for the American Community Survey 2012 Data Release

The Census Bureau plans to release:

- 2012 ACS 1-year estimates on **Sept. 19, 2013**
- 2010-2012 ACS 3-year estimates on **Oct. 24, 2013**
- 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates on **Dec. 5, 2013**

The full [release schedule](#) is now available.

#### Current Data Profiles

Social, Economic, Housing and Demographic Characteristics

United States

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#### Data by Topic

##### People

- Age and Sex / Aging
- Ancestry
- Disability
- Commuting to Work
- Education

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/data\\_main](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/data_main)

# 2012 Data Release Information

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### 2012 Data Release

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#### New and Notable

#### 2012 ACS 5-year estimates

posted December 10, 2013

#### ACS Release date for 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates and 2012 ACS 1-year PUMS files

The Census Bureau plans to release 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates and 2012 ACS 1-year PUMS files on Tuesday, December 17, 2013. For more information on the release schedule, visit [2012 ACS Release Schedule](#).

#### New tables for the 2008-2012 ACS 5-year release

Visit [2012 Product Changes](#) for a list and description of new, modified and deleted tables.

#### Select documentation released for data release and PUMS files

Supporting documentation, including [Instructions for Applying Statistical Testing](#), the [Sequence Number and Table Number](#)

[http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/2012\\_release](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2012_release)

# Get Email Updates

The screenshot shows the American Community Survey (ACS) website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Main', 'About the Survey', 'Guidance for Data Users', 'Data & Documentation', 'Methodology', and 'Library'. Below this, the 'Question Corner' section features three articles: 'Why do you ask what time I leave for work?', 'What is the American Community Survey?', and 'How do I get started using ACS data?'. A 'Language Brochure' section lists various languages. The 'My Congressional District' section is highlighted with a red box. In the bottom right corner, a 'Contact & Help' section is also highlighted with a red box, containing links for 'Contact ACS', 'Get Email Updates', 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Site Map'. A red arrow points from the 'Get Email Updates' link in the bottom right towards the right side of the slide.

<http://www.census.gov/acs/>

# Census Explorer





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 1990 Census
  2000 Census
  2012 5-year ACS

Select a Measure  
**65 and over**

Total population

**65 and over**

Foreign born

High school graduate or more

Bachelor's degree or more

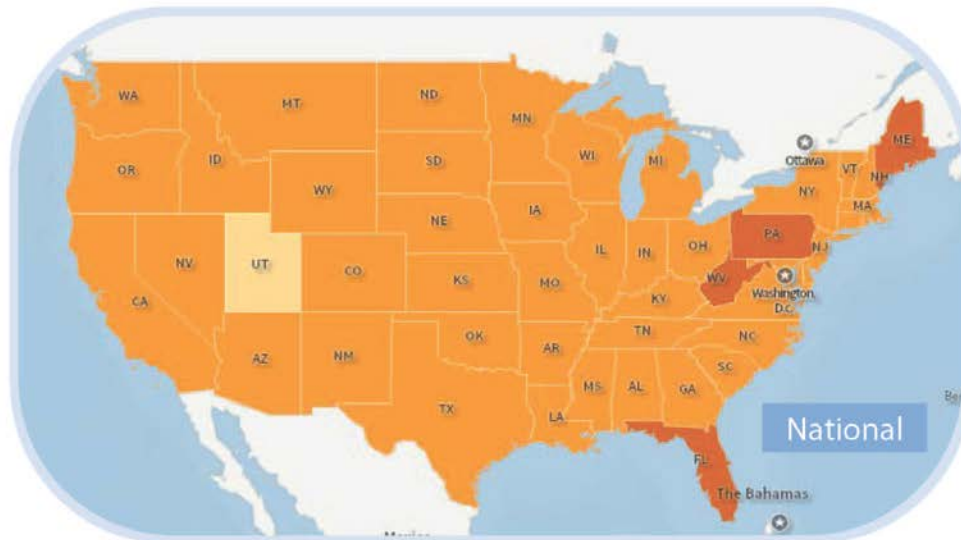
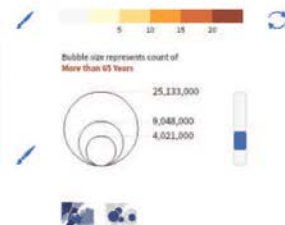
In labor force

Owner occupied

Median household income

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County



Neighborhood



Miami-Dade County, Florida

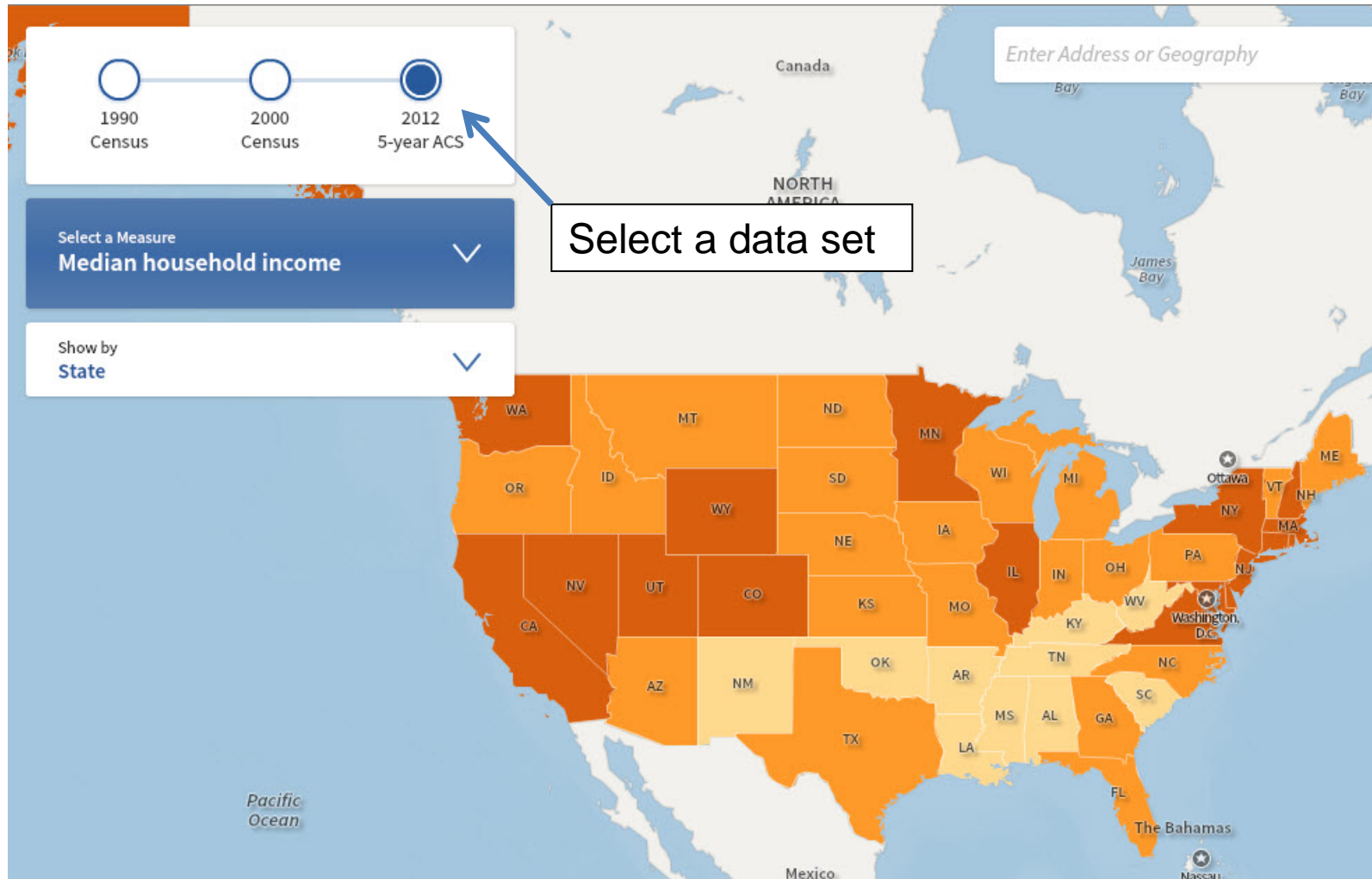
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More than 65 Years	346,431 (14%)

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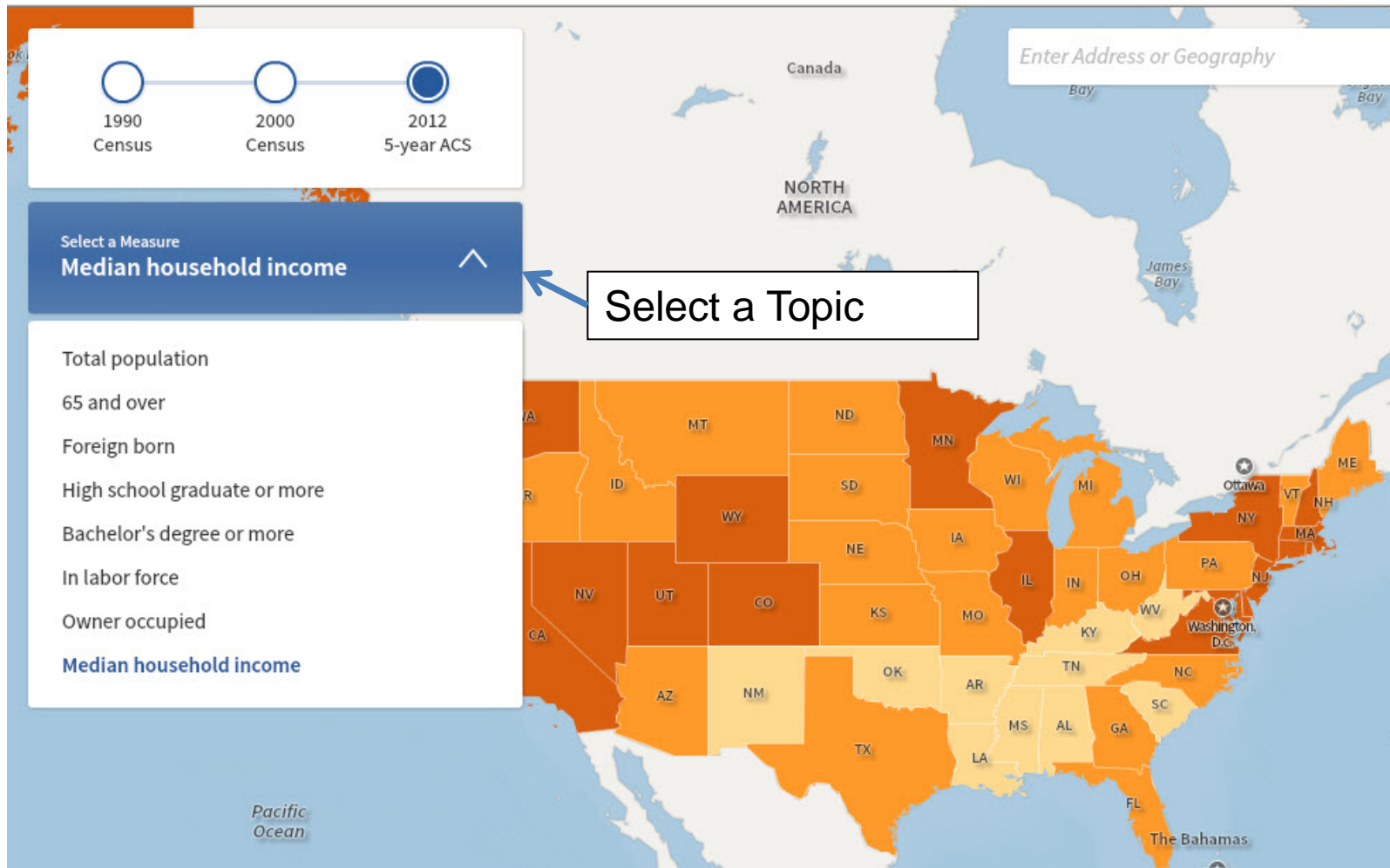
Miami-Dade County, Florida

Total Population	6,584
More than 65 Years	986 (14.98%)

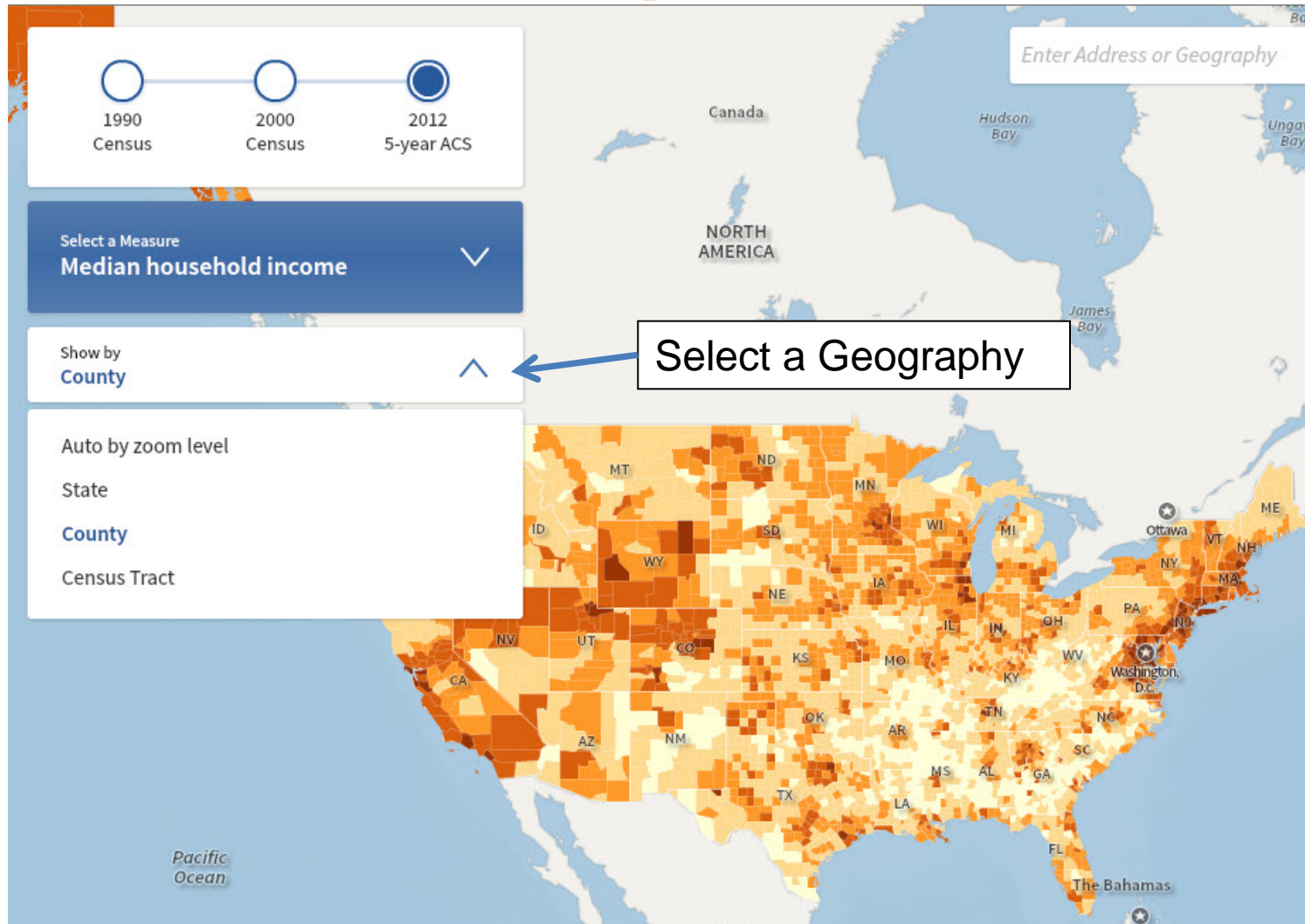
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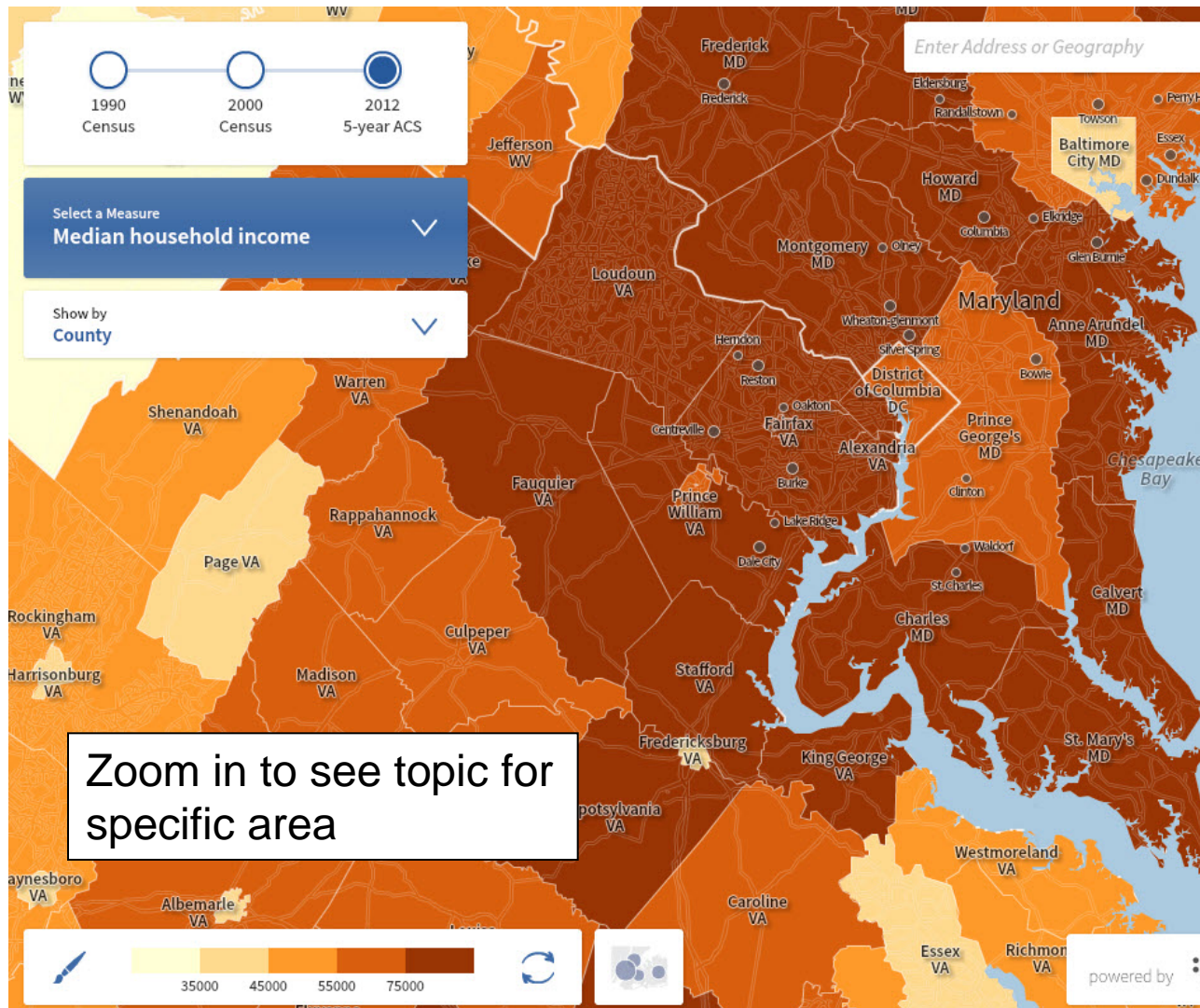


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# Questions?

# Upcoming Webinar – Today @ 2pm EST

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## Accessing Block Group Data with American Community Survey Summary File

- 2:00-3:30 pm EST
- [Webex Log-in Link](#) (hyperlink)
- Dial-in info:
  - 1-800-779-1532
  - Passcode: 7011121



Please visit [census.gov/mso/www/training](https://census.gov/mso/www/training) to view detailed log-in information along with additional Census Bureau training offerings.

# For Further Information

## Media

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301-763-3030

pio@census.gov

## General Public

Customer Services Center

1-800-923-8282 or

301-763-INFO (4636)

## Press Kit

[http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/news\\_conferences/20131217\\_acs\\_5yr.html](http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/news_conferences/20131217_acs_5yr.html)