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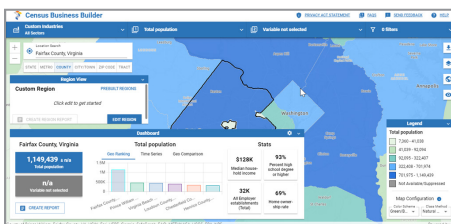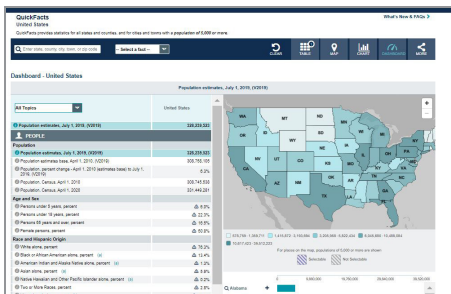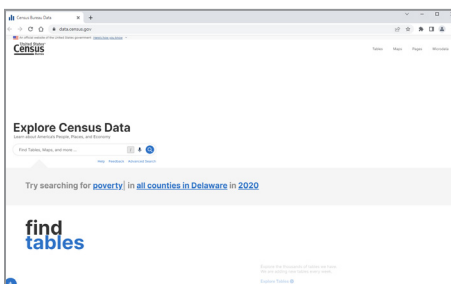## Data Tools and Resources

Discover YOUR Community With the American Community Survey (ACS)

What is the ACS?

- Ongoing survey that provides vital information about our nation and its people on an annual basis.
- Surveys 3.5 million addresses annually.
- 40+ topics across social, economic, housing, and demographic characteristics.
- Geographies include nation, states, counties, census tracts, block groups, and more.

ACS Webpage

- Available at **census.gov/acs**.
- Includes resources for data users and respondents, such as handbooks for using data and sample questionnaires.
- Provides materials to support annual data releases.

Data.census.gov

Data.census.gov is the primary platform for accessing data and digital content from the U.S. Census Bureau. Explore billions of ACS and other Census Bureau statistics with ease. Data.census.gov also allows users to filter searches through topics or geographies, download data files, and create customized maps. The Microdata Access program, which allows users to create custom tables using Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files without having to download the PUMS files, is also available through data.census.gov.

data.census.gov
census.data@census.gov

QuickFacts

QuickFacts is the best online tool for accessing facts about people, business, and geography. View charts, maps, and statistics about your community from the ACS and other data sources. It provides statistics for all states, counties, cities, and towns with a population of 5,000 or more.

census.gov/quickfacts

Census Business Builder

Census Business Builder (CBB) is designed for users that need data to help start or grow a business, or to better understand the business landscape in a given area. CBB enhancements now take the Regional Analyst Edition and the Small Business Edition and combine them into a single tool. The platform provides optimized dashboard queries, direct links to North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS) information, and simplified industry selections lists.
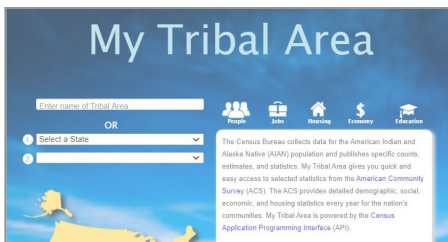
census.gov/data/data-tools/cbb.html

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My Congressional District

My Congressional District allows you to access selected statistics about your congressional district. View statistics covering people, workers, housing, education, businesses, and much more. The ACS and County Business Patterns (CBP) power this tool.
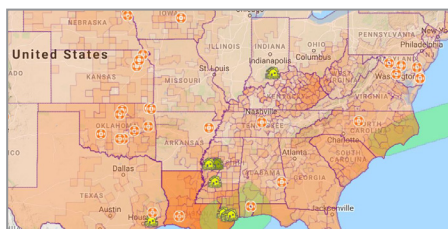
census.gov/mycd

My Tribal Area

My Tribal Area allows you quick and easy access to selected ACS statistics about your tribal area. View statistics covering people, jobs, housing, economy, and education.
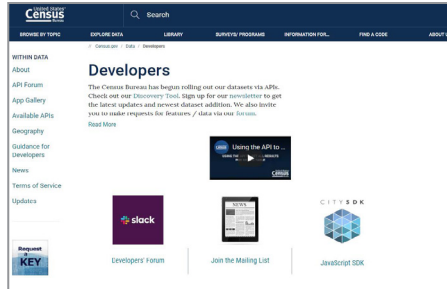
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OnTheMap for Emergency Management

OnTheMap for Emergency Management provides access to U.S. population and workforce statistics in order to support local response and recovery actions for areas being affected by natural disasters. This data tool includes ACS statistics relevant to emergency management, such as disability status, ability to speak English, and year that a structure was built.

onthemap.ces.census.gov/em/

Application Programming Interface (API) and the Developers Forum

APIs and the Developers Forum are available to help improve access to public datasets and to encourage innovative use of data products. We invite developers to use these APIs, join our Developers Forum on Slack, and provide feedback to help the Census Bureau move forward with continuous API development. The API includes the same ACS data that are available on data.census.gov and Microdata Access, as well as some additional historical ACS datasets and special tabulations.

census.gov/developers

For questions about using ACS data, please contact the ACS data user support team at <**acso.users.support@census.gov**> or **1-866-805-5993**.

Improve your understanding of the value and utility of ACS data, and connect with other data users through the ACS Data Users Group at <**acsdatacommunity.prb.org**>.

To request a free data workshop, training, or presentation from the U.S. Census Bureau, please contact the Data Dissemination Office at <**census.askdata@ census.gov**> or **1-844-ASK-DATA** (1-844-275-3282).

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Aim your smartphone camera at the QR code to get linked to more information.