# On the Road to the 2010 Census

The success of the census... it's in our hands

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#### **2010 Census Strategy**



"Count everyone, count them once and count them in the right place."

> Preston Jay Waite Former Deputy Director U.S. Census Bureau

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#### **Census History**

1790 – The first census

1850 - Counting individuals

1920 – No reapportionment

1940 – First use of sampling

1970 - Mailout/mailback

2000 - Increased response rates

2010 - Short Form only Census

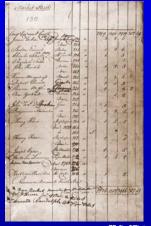




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#### **The First Census**

- Decennial census mandated in Constitution
- 1790, under the direction of Thomas Jefferson
- Conducted by U.S. marshals
- 3.9 million inhabitants



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#### Census 2000

- Increased response rates
- Paid advertising
- Community outreach



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#### **Look How Far We've Come**



- From shelves to a click of the mouse
- Facing new challenges
- Changing with the times
- Annual survey of characteristics

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#### Why a Census?

• The Constitution requires a census every 10 years to determine the number of representatives to Congress for each state based on the population.

\$3,000,000,000,000+

• In the next decade, over \$3 trillion in federal funding will be allocated to tribal, state and local governments using census data.

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#### **Topics on the** 2010 Census Form

Ten questions -- Ten minutes

- NameEthnicity
- AgeRelationship
- Gender
- Rent/own house
- Race



#### **A Major Challenge**

#### **MUST COUNT EVERYONE...**

- 310 million people who speak more than 50 languages
- 130 million households

#### ...IN THE RIGHT PLACE!

- 50 states & District of Columbia
- Puerto Rico
- Island Areas
  - Guam
  - American Samoa
  - Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
  - U.S. Virgin Islands





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#### **Bilingual Mailing**

- Major innovation for 2010
- Mailed to housing units in Spanish assistance tracts
- Mailed to about 10 million housing units in about 42 states plus D.C.
- · Good mailback rates
- English questionnaire for replacement mailing



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## Telephone Questionnaire Assistance

- Telephone assistance available in 5 primary languages
- Telephone service:
  - fulfillment
  - TQA
  - interviews



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## Language and Translation Guides

- Census 2010 = 50 languages
- Valuable partnership tools
- Available on the 2010 Census web site
- Translation guidelines
- Language Reference Dictionary
- Translation testing and review (internal and external)
- Centralized translation contract



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#### **Language Assistance in Field**

- Some field forms in Spanish
- Language identification flashcard
- Hiring enumerators who speak the language
- Outreach materials in various languages



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#### What Happened to the Long Form?

- Now the *American Community Survey (ACS)* collecting information from three million households and group quarters every year.
- ACS data can be accessed now via American FactFinder at www.census.gov



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#### What to Expect in 2010

Advance letter
Questionnaire
Reminder postcard

Some areas will receive a bilingual English-Spanish version of the questionnaire.

If you forget to return your completed questionnaire, you will receive a replacement questionnaire.



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# If a Household Doesn't Complete the Census...



...then a census taker will come to the residence to collect the information.

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#### **How We Get it Done**

- Hire over 1.4 million temporary employees http://www.census.gov/2010census/jobs/
- Establish *partnerships* to help:
  - -- Convey importance of being counted to everyone
  - -- Help those with language challenges
  - -- Spread the word about census taker jobs



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#### **Time Is Short**

- The 2010 Census has begun address list development
- Census Day is April 1, 2010
- Deliver apportionment counts to the President by December 31, 2010
- Deliver redistricting data to the states by April 1, 2011

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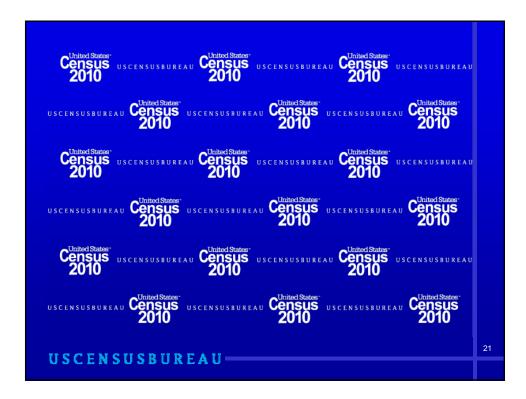
#### **Questions or Comments?**

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**Customer Services Center** 

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# Census 101: The Executive Summary of the Census Bureau

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#### **Topics Covered**

- Programs
- Key Concepts
- Data Dissemination
- Odds and Ends



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#### Censuses

Definition: Canvass of a given area, resulting in a count of entire population or universe of collection units such as housing units or businesses

- · Decennial: population and housing
- Economic: business and industry
- Governments: local and state governmental units

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#### **Uses of Decennial Census Data**

There are several uses for Census data:

- Apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives among states
- Distribute more than \$300 billion in federal, state, local, and tribal funds annually
- Draw state legislative districts
- Benchmark U.S. population for a variety of programs

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#### **Economic Census**

- Detailed portrait of the Nation's businesses every five years (years ending in 2 and 7)
- Businesses are aggregated to industries and then grouped into 20 NAICS sectors
- Data from National to local level with product detail

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#### Surveys

Definition: Data collected from sample of population, that represents the full population

- American Community Survey: detailed demographic information
- Current Population Survey: labor force information
- Economic Surveys
- Other Surveys: http://www.census.gov/main/www/surveys.html

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#### **American Community Survey**

Provides annual and multi-year estimates on the characteristics of population and housing from a sample.

- Most substantial change in the decennial census in more than 60 years
- Replaces decennial census long form
- Continuous survey of 250,000 households monthly, 3 million households per year

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#### **Economic Surveys**

- · Annual, quarterly, and monthly
- Mostly national
  - Monthly retail sales
  - Manufacturers shipments, inventories and orders
  - International trade in goods and services
  - Housing starts
  - Survey of business owners
- Economic Indicators: http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/briefroom/BriefRm

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#### Administrative Records

Information obtained from other agencies and government entities

- <u>Population Estimates</u> and <u>Population</u> <u>Projections</u>: official intercensal counts
- County Business Patterns
- Exports/Imports
- Local Employment Dynamics

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#### **Concept: 7 Race Categories**

- American Indian or Alaska Native (alone)
- Asian (alone)
- Black or African American (alone)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (alone)
- White (alone)
- Some other race (alone)
- Two or more races
- Note: "Alone" signifies the respondent did not choose more than one race

More Information: <a href="http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/c2kbr01-1.pdf">http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/c2kbr01-1.pdf</a>

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#### Concept: Race Data

Respondents self-identify the race(s) which they most closely identify.

- Two or More Races
  - Census 2000 first decennial census to allow for selection of two or more races
  - Ability to choose multiple races affects comparisons between previous decennial data
  - Know whether statistics presented are "one race alone" or whether they are "two or more races in combination"

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#### Hispanic Origin and Race → NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races. Federal government 8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? considers Race and No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican Hispanic origin to be two Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Phint origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on. separate and distinct concepts 9. What is Person 1's race? Mark X one or more boxes. White Black, African Am., or Negro American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe. Asian Indian Japanese Chinese Korean Guamanian or Chamorro Filipino Veltnamese Samoan Other Asian - Pinin trace, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, race, for example, Filian, Tongan, and so on. Some other race - Print race. USCENSUSBUREAU Helping You Make Informed Decisions

#### Concept: Census Geography

- The Nation is divided into states
- The states are divided into counties
- The counties are divided into census tracts
- The census tracts are divided into block groups
- The block groups are divided into blocks
- Special Geographies CDP, AIAN Areas, MSAs

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#### Concept: Poverty

Poverty uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is living below the poverty line.

Three criteria for developing poverty threshold

- Size of family
- Number of children under 18
- Age of householder for 1-person and 2-person households
- Thresholds are based on national level cost of living

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#### **Data Dissemination**

- American Fact Finder
- CPS Table Creater: http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstc/cps\_table\_creator.html
- Data Ferrett w/ Hot Reports: http://dataferrett.census.gov/TheDataWeb/index.html
- Local Employment Dynamics/On the Map: http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/index.html



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#### **Publications**

- Reports on the website: http://www.census.gov/prod/www/titles.html
- 2010 Promotional: http://2010.census.gov/partners/materials/partnership-materials.php
- Atlas of the United States: http://www.census.gov/population/www/cen20 00/censusatlas/
- Statistical Abstract: http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/

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#### Odds and Ends

- Genealogy/Age Search
- Reimbursable Surveys
- News/You Tube

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#### Genealogy/Age Search

- Census Records are released to the National Archives for genealogical purposes after 72 years (1930 was released in 2002)
- Census Bureau does <u>not</u> have genealogical information
- Age search can verify age/presence in country for official documents like passports
- http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/

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#### Reimbursable Surveys

- Census Bureau collects data for other agencies
  - Agencies analyze and release the data
  - Agencies pay Census for data collection
  - Clients include Housing and Urban Development, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Science Foundation and others

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#### News/YouTube™

- News Releases: http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/
- Daily Clips: Census in the Media Have supervisor email Bonnita Hopper
- Census Channel: http://www.youtube.com/user/uscensusbureau

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#### Questions/Feedback

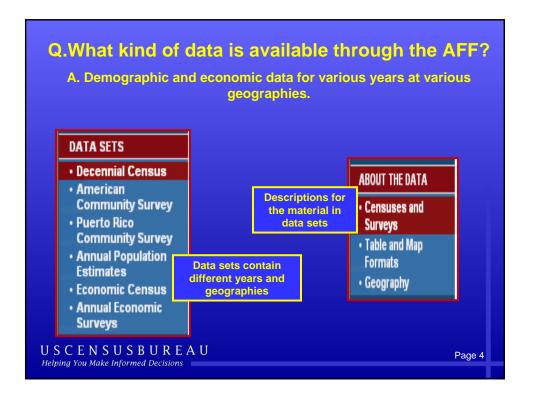
- URL: www.ask.census.gov
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- Online Glossary: www.census.gov/dmd/www/glossary.html
- General Questions: 301-763-4636 or 1-800-932-8282

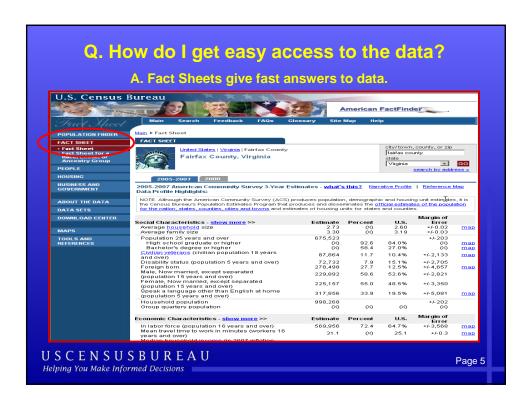
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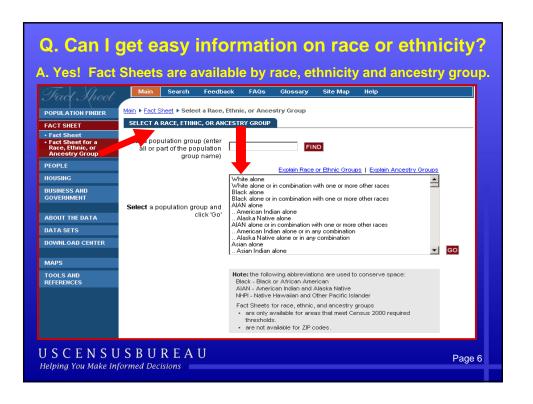
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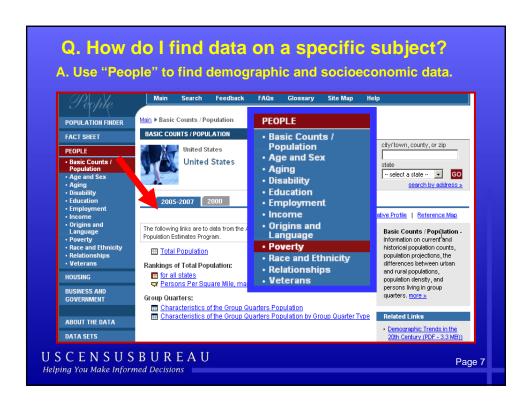


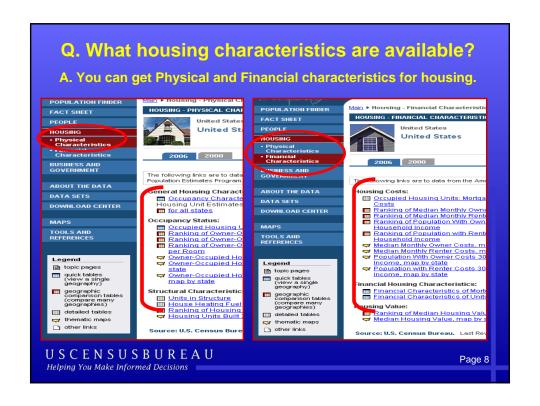


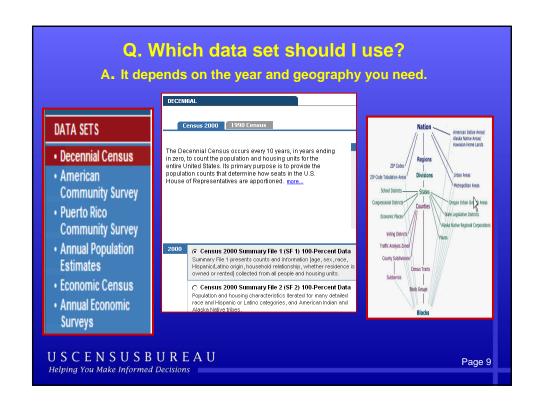


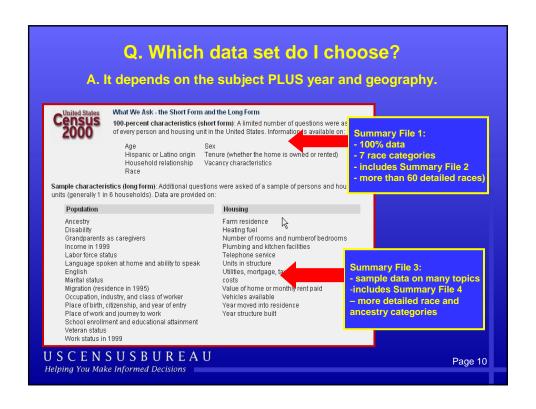


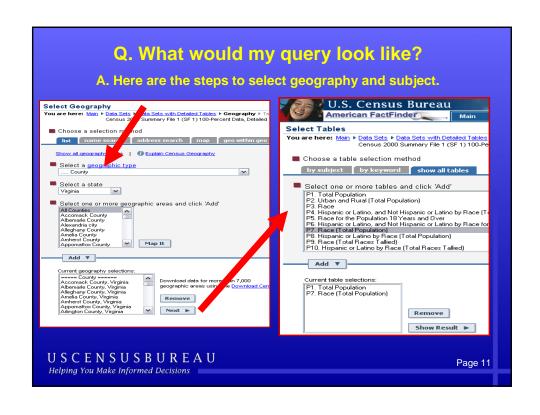


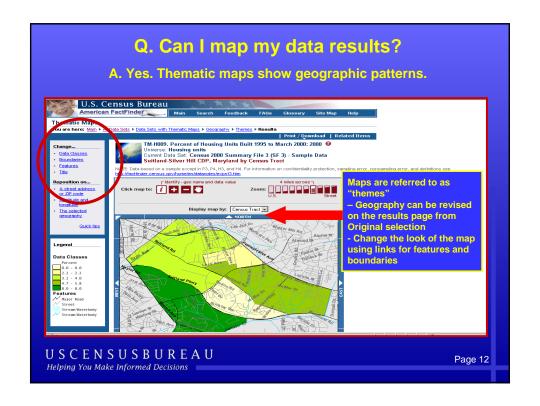


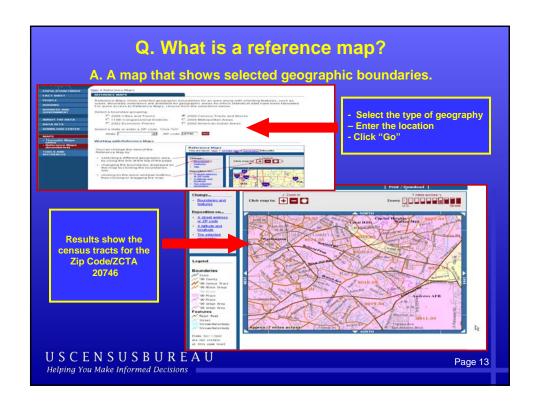


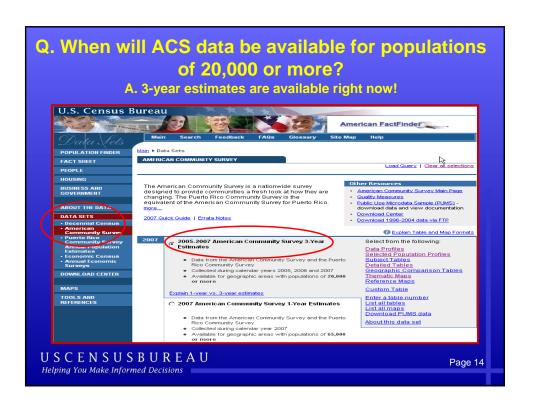


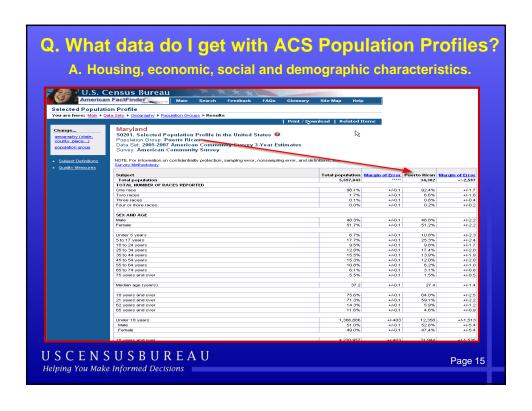


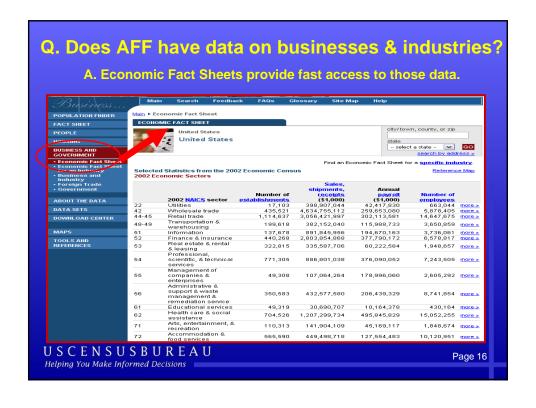


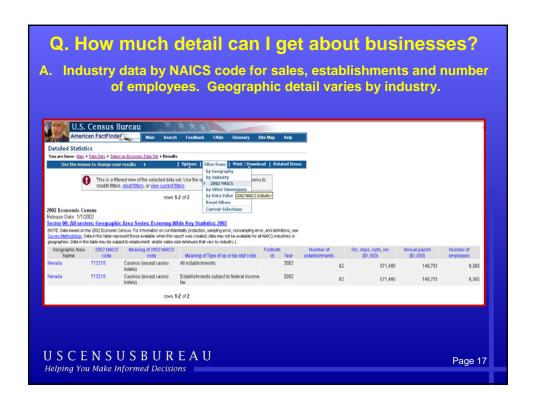


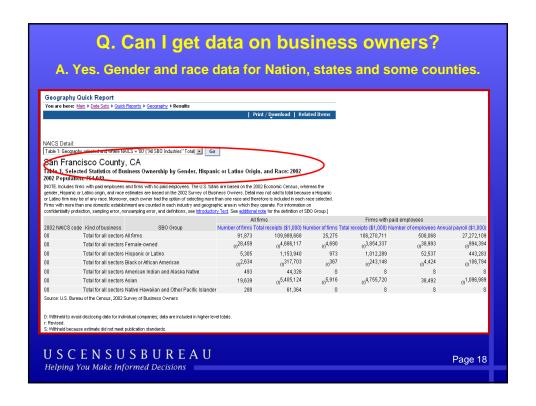




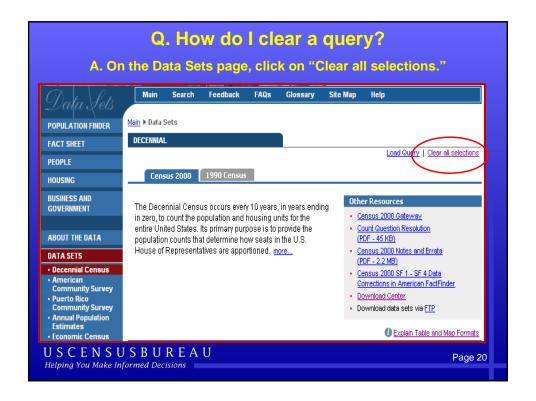












#### Overview of Economic Programs, Data Products and Dissemination



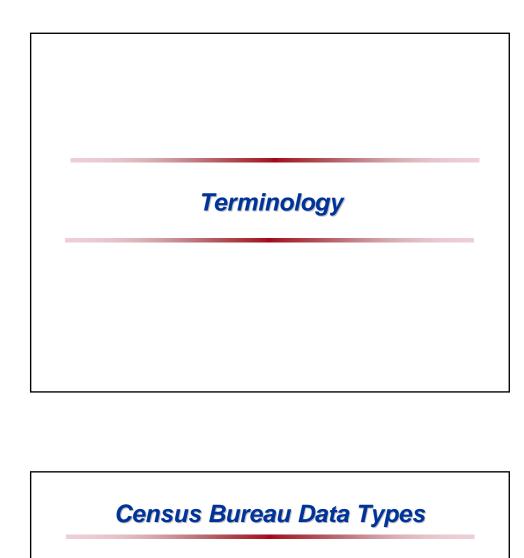
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#### **Presentation Outline**

- Economic Programs Terminology
- Data Product Organization
- Disclosure and Other Data Suppressions
- Economic Programs and Data Products



• Economic

data collected from businesses

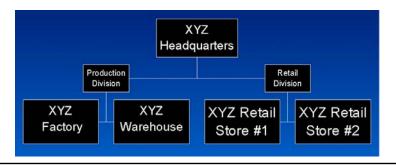
Demographic

data collected from **people & households** 



#### Establishments vs. Companies

Establishment - A store, warehouse, factory, or other type of business at a single physical location Company (or Firm) - One or more establishments under common ownership or control



#### **Employers vs Nonemployers**

#### **Employers**

- Businesses with 1 or more paid employees
- Covered by the Economic Census

#### Nonemployers

- Businesses with no paid employees
- Make up about 3/4 of all US businesses but less than 5% of business receipts/revenue
- NOT covered by the Economic Census (primarily published in the *Nonemployer Statistics* reports)

Data Product Organization	

# Categories for Economic Data

- Industry (business activity)
- Product (what business makes or sells)
- Geography (where business located
- Time Period (period covered)
- Other Cross-Tabs (business size, legal form of organization, etc.)
- Data Items (employment, sales, etc.)

# **Industry Classifications**

- North American Industry Classification System
   (NAICS)
  - Launched in 1997 as part of NAFTA
  - Updated every 5 years
- Standard Industrial Classification System (SIC)
- Bridge Codes
  - Every Census Year (relate "old" basis to "new" and visa versa)



# **NAICS Hierarchy**

Level	Code	Description
Sector	51	Information
Subsector	515	Broadcasting (except Internet)
Industry Group	5151	Radio and Television Broadcasting
Industry	51511	Radio Broadcasting
U.S. Industry	515112	Radio Stations

# **NAICS Sectors**

11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	54	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
21 22	Mining Utilities	55	Management of Companies and Enterprises
23	Construction Manufacturing	56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and
42	Wholesale Trade Retail Trade	61	Remediation Services Educational Services
	Transportation and	62 71	Arts, Entertainment and
51	Warehousing Information	72	Recreation Accommodation and Food Services
52 53	Finance and Insurance Real Estate and Rental	81	Other Services (except Public Administration)
	and Leasing	92	Public Administration

Not covered by Econ Census; Partial coverage in Econ Census

## NAICS Sectors (cont.)

- 11 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting Covered by the Census of Agriculture published by the US Dept of Agriculture and partially covered by County Business Patterns and Nonemployer Statistics.
- 48-49 Transportation and Warehousing Excludes the US Postal Service and railroads. Both covered by US Dept of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (For 2002 and before, also excluded airlines.)
- 61 Educational Services Excludes elementary & secondary schools, colleges/universities, and professional schools. All covered by US Dept of Ed.
- 81 Other Services (except Public Administration) Excludes labor, political, and religious organizations and private households. Labor unions covered by Statistics of US Business (Census Bureau), political parties by Congressional Quarterly, religious orgs by non-government sources.
- **92** Public Administration Covered by the Census of Governments published by the Census Bureau



## **Exercise 1**

# What is the NAICS Code for landscaping services?

## **Product Classifications**

- NAICS Product Codes
  - Cover the Mining and Manufacturing sectors only
  - Ex: "Wines, red grape, 14 percent or less alcohol content"
- Product Line Codes
  - Cover all sectors except Mining, Manufacturing, and Construction
  - Ex: "Bakery products baked on premises", sold by Grocery stores
- Kinds of Business & Types of Construction Codes
  - Cover the Construction sector only
  - Ex: "Single-family houses, detached", built by New single-family general contractors

# **Econ Geography Levels**

- United States
- Census Regions and Divisions
- States (and equivalents)
- Metro Areas
- Counties (and equivalents)
- Places (cities, towns, villages, etc.)
- ZIP Codes

# Econ Census Geographic Coverage

Sector	States	MA's	Coun- ties	Places	ZIP Codes
21: Mining	X				
22: Utilities	X	X			
23: Construction	X				
31-33: Manufacturing	X	X	X	X	
42: Wholesale Trade	X	X	X	X	
44-45: Retail Trade	X	X	X	X	X
48-49: Transportation and Warehousing	X	X			
51: Information	X	X	X	X	
52: Finance and Insurance	X	X			
53: Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	X	X	X	X	
54: Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	X	X	X	X	X
55: Management of Companies and Enterprise	X				
56: Admin. and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	X	X	Х	X	X
61: Educational Services	X	X	X	X	X
62: Health Care and Social Assistance	X	X	X	X	X
71: Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	X	X	X	X	X
72: Accommodation and Food Services	X	X	X	X	X
81: Other Services (Except Public Administration)	X	X	X	X	X

# **Data Disclosure and Suppressions**

# Withholding Data

- U.S. Code, Title 13 and Title 26
  - Can't release data that would disclose the identity of individual companies
  - Data suppressed with "(D)" in tables/files via complex program (employment size ranges shown)
- Other Data Suppressions
  - High sampling/non-sampling errors or poor (or questionable) responses from companies (data suppressed with "(S)" or "(s)" in tables/files
  - Data not available or not comparable (data suppressed with "(N)" or "(X)" in tables files
  - Publication minimums (data row not shown)

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Arizona	6	3,366	76,037	805,159	5,456,453	
California	42	24,882	657,557	3,261,384	35,116,033	
Colorado	22	2,901	78,036	377,623	4,506,542	
Fiorida	14	1,855			16,713,149	
Georgia	1	b	D	D	8,560,310	
Illinois	5	6,283	153,414	1,028,567	12,600,620	
Indiana	3	h	D	D	6,159,068	
Iowa	9	4,813	86,730	391,073	2,936,760	
Kansas	3	g	D	D	2,715,884	
Louisiana	9	9,064	197,741	691,862	4,482,646	
Massachusetts	1	C	D	D	6,427,801	
Michigan	6	i	D	D	10,050,446	
Minnesota	4	649	13,304	46,647	5,019,720	
Mississippi	5	3,054	53,265	252,583	2,871,782	
Missouri	8	5,180	125,963	655,743	5,672,579	
Montana	24	C	D	D	909,453	
Nevada	82	8,365	148,751	571,495	2,173,491	
New Mexico	9	5,605	133,300	678,907	1,855,059	
New York	4	603	14,133	69,259	19,157,532	
North Dakota	2	е	D	D	634,110	
Oregon	4	1,329	29,813	110,445	3,521,515	
South Carolina	3	С	D	D	4,107,183	
South Dakota	46	1,244	21,343	108,722	761,063	
Washington	41	9,940	230,612	811,037	6,068,996	
Wisconsin	3	a	D	D	5.441.196	

# **Economic Programs and Data Products**

# Economic Census vs. Surveys

#### **Economic Census**

- Every 5 years(years ending in 2 & 7)
- Expansive industry and product detail
- Detailed geography
- Federally mandated

## **Economic Surveys**

- Monthly, quarterly and annual
- Limited detail
- Primarily national
- Most voluntary or from administrative data

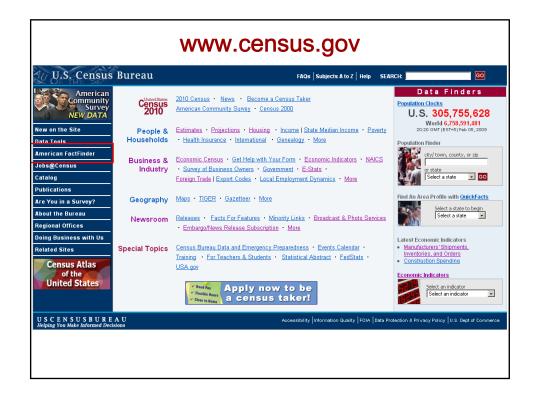
## **Economic Census Pub Series'**

- Industry Series Selected national-level industry and product data published by sector and industry
- Geographic Area Series Selected national-, state-, and other geographic-level data published by sector and geography
- Subjects/Summary Series Selected summary data published by sector (including Products, Size, and Misc Subjects reports)
- ZIP Codes Establishment counts by sales size for selected sectors
- Core Business Statistics Series Selected multi-sector data
- Economy-Wide Key Statistics (EWKS) file Aggregated key data from pub series' listed above (and others)

# Related Economic Programs

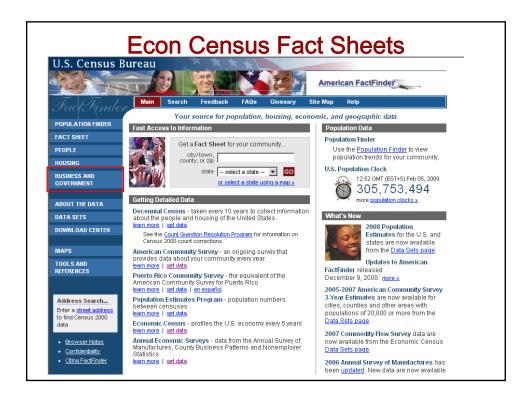
- Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) Selected national- and finer-level data on the movement of products across the U.S. by mode of transportation (plus other breakouts).
- Economic Census of Island Areas Selected industry, product, and other data for American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands,
   Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Survey of Business Owners (SBO) Selected national- and finer-level industry data for women- and minority-owned firms and the characteristics of these firms and their owners.

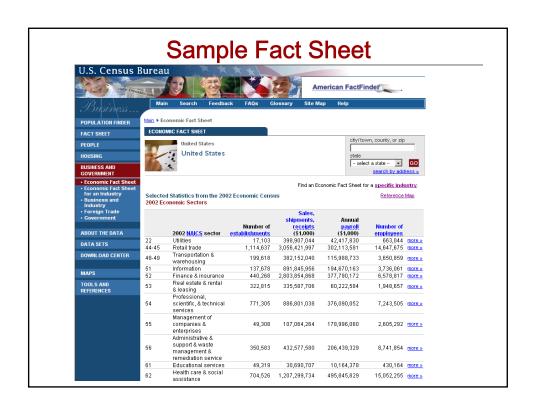
(New for 2007: Corresponding data for veteran-owned business and veteran business owners.)

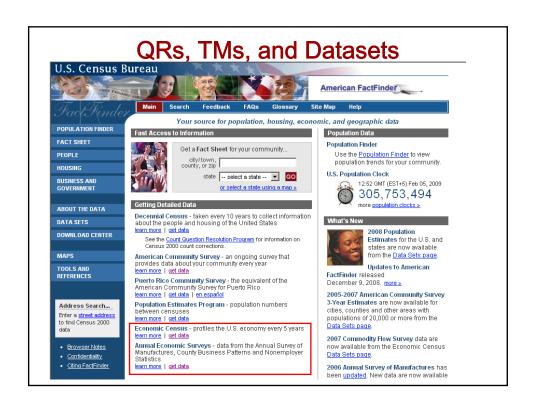


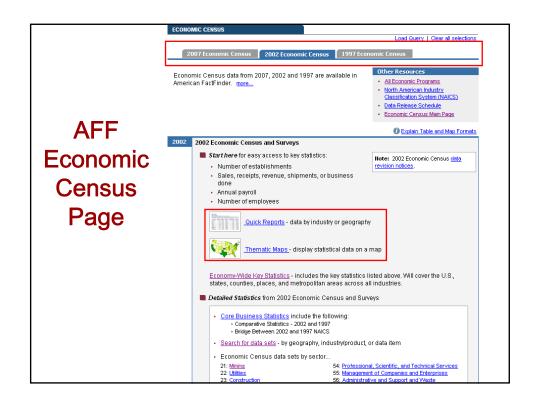
## Econ Release Formats on AFF

- Fact Sheets
  - Selected data for all sectors presented in a table
- Quick Reports (QRs)
  - Selected data for an industry or geography presented in a table
- Thematic Maps
  - Selected data (including ratios) presented in a map
- Detailed Datasets

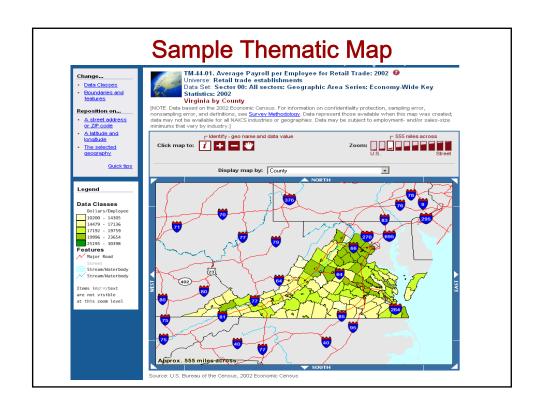








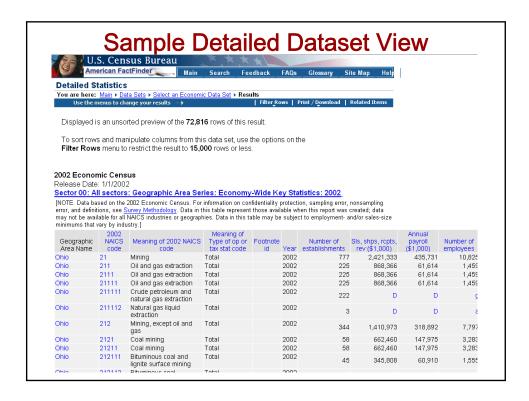






## Econ AFF Features

- To find data, you can:
  - Search for datasets (by geography, industry, or other dimensions, or by data item)
  - List datasets (by program, survey, or sector)
- Once you're in a file, you can:
  - Filter within a dataset
  - Modify display (show/hide/create/move columns)
  - Sort data in table
  - Print and Download data (plus FTP site)
  - Access textual metadata

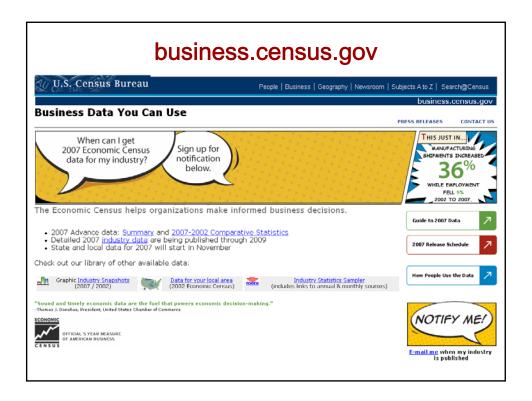


## **Exercise 2**

How many landscaping businesses were there in the U.S. in 2002 and which state had the most?

Hint – Use the 2002 Economic Census Industry Quick Reports in American FactFinder





# **Economic Surveys**

- Economic Indicators
  - 12 surveys for selected key sectors
  - Collected by Census but released by Commerce
- Other current economic surveys
  - Current Industrial Reports Cover products of selected manufacturing industries
  - Retail e-Commerce Sales Covers electronic sales of merchandise in the U.S.



# **Economic Surveys (cont.)**

- Other annual economic surveys
  - Annual Survey of Manufacturers
  - Annual Retail Trade and Annual Wholesale Trade
     Surveys and Services Annual Survey
  - many others...
- Other related economic programs
  - **Statistics of U.S. Businesses** Data for the US and states by industry and "enterprise" employment size; "births" & "deaths" data
  - Census of Governments Federal, state, and local
  - Foreign Trade Imports/Exports

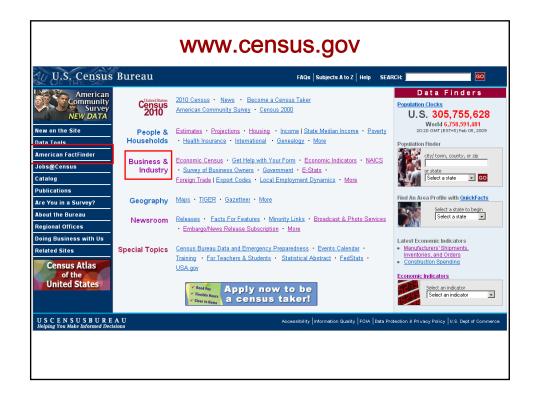
# **Annual Economic Programs**

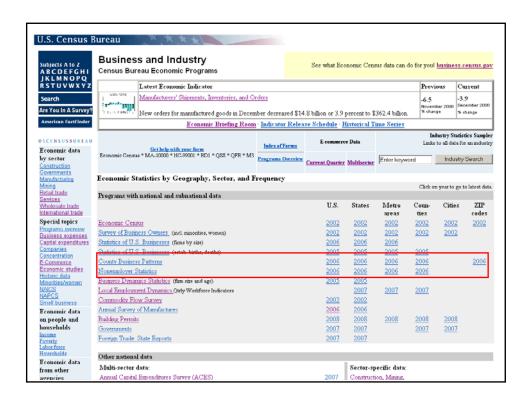
#### County Business Patterns

- Numbers of establishments, employment, and payroll by industry
- National-, state-, metro area-, county-, and ZIP Code-level data
- Businesses with 1 or more paid employees.

#### Nonemployer Statistics

- Numbers of establishments and sales by industry
- National-, state-, metro area-, and county-level data
- Businesses without paid employees.





## **Exercise 3**

What was the total number of landscaping businesses in Maryland in 2006?

(Hint – include both employers (from CBP) and non-employers (from Nonemployer Statistics)

# **Summary**

- When comparing data across economic programs, censuses, surveys, sectors or years
  - Industry or Geographic vintages and comparability
  - Business classification and other survey methodologies
  - Survey coverage
  - Consistency of data items and their definitions
  - Source of raw, tabulated statistics
  - Report release timing
- When using economic data (especially sorting)
  - Effect of disclosures and other suppressions
  - Publication thresholds

# **QUESTIONS?**

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# Exercise Answers

## **Exercise 1 Answer**

- a. Select "NAICS" under the Business & Industry section of www.census.gov
- b. Enter keyword "landscaping" in 2007 NAICS Search box and click the 2007 NAICS Search button
- c. Travel agencies are classified in NAICS 561730 (part of the Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services sector

## **Exercise 2 Answer**

Select "American FactFinder" from the navigation section of www.census.gov

- a. Click "get data" under Economic Census
- b. Click the "2002 Economic Census" tab
- Select "Quick Reports", and then "2002 Economic Census" under Industry Quick Reports
- d. Choose NAICS 561730 by either:
  - I. Typing "561730" or "landscaping" in the Search box, or
  - ii. Selecting the industry thru the filter option
- e. Click "Show result" after selecting the code
- e. There were 76,102 landscaping businesses in the U.S. in 2002, and California had the most (7,389).

## **Exercise 3 Answer**

#### **EMPLOYERS:**

- i. Select "Business and Industry" on www.census.gov
- ii. Click "2006" to the right of "County Business Patterns"
- Choose "Maryland" from the "Select a state" menu, click "Go", and then "Submit"
- Click the "Detail" button next to NAICS 56 (Admin, support, waste mgt, remediation services)

There were 1,907 employer landscapers in Maryland in 2006, employing 15,921 people with over \$492 million in annual payroll

#### **NONEMPLOYERS:**

- i. Select "Business and Industry" on www.census.gov
- ii. Click "2006" to the right of "Nonemployer Statistics"
- iii. Choose "Maryland" from the "Select a state" menu and click "Go"
- Click the "More" button next to NAICS 56 (Admin, support, waste mgt, remediation services)

There were 3,943 nonemployer landscapers in Maryland in 2006 with \$13 million in sales Total: 5,850 establishments

# American Community Survey Fundamentals

William King July 21, 2009

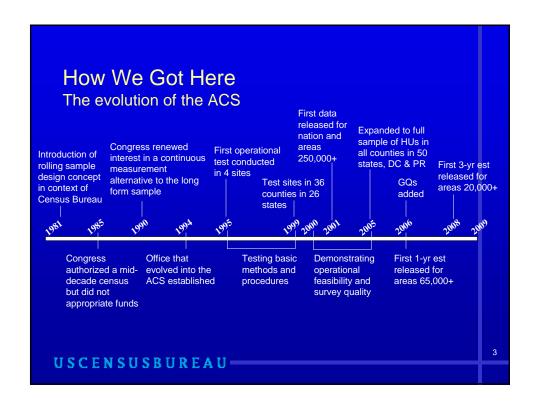
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# What is the American Community Survey?

A large, continuous survey that:

- has an initial sample of about 3 million addresses per year
- produces characteristics of population and housing
- produces estimates for small areas and small population groups



# Developing the ACS

## The ACS was developed to:

- 1. Focus the decennial census on improving the population count
- 2. Provide characteristic data more than once every 10 years
- 3. Allow use of more current data to measure change and detect trends

## **Decennial Census**

- Census 2000 used 2 forms:
  - 1. "short" form- basic demographic and housing
  - 2. "long" form- collected more in-depth information
- Only a sample of the population received the long form

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# Census 2000 and ACS Similarities

- Most questions are the same
- Many of the same basic statistics are released
- 5-year estimates will be produced for same broad set of geographic areas
  - including census tracts and block groups

## Census 2000 and ACS Key Differences

- ACS data <u>now</u> available for larger and mid-sized areas
- ACS data for small geographic areas and population groups will be produced every year starting in 2010
- ACS data describe a <u>period of time</u> and published data are based on 12 months, 36 months, or 60 months

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## 2010 Census and the ACS

#### 2010 Census ACS • U.S. population <u>count</u> • U.S. population characteristics • Short form only Includes same short form questions as well as detailed characteristic questions Only long form is for U.S. Conducted in Puerto territories, except Puerto Rico Rico • "Usual residence" rule • "Current residence" rule

## **Target Population**

- Resident population of the United States and Puerto Rico
- Living in housing units and group quarters
- Current residents at the selected address

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# American Community Survey Group Quarters

- Place where people live or stay that is normally owned or managed by an entity or organization providing housing or services for the residents.
- 2 categories of group quarters:
  - Institutional
  - Non-institutional



# **ACS Content**

- 4 types of characteristics:
  - Social
  - Economic
  - Housing
  - Demographic
- Characteristics, not population counts

## **Period Estimates**

- Describe the <u>average</u> characteristics over a specific period of time
- Contrast with point-in-time estimates
  - Do not describe the characteristics on a specific date
- Period is 1 year, 3 years, or 5 years for ACS

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## **Understanding Period Estimates**

## From The Washington Post:

"...were compiled from three years of responses from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, which collects information from more than 250,000 households a month. The recently released data cover 2005 to 2007, with information from locations with as few as 20,000 residents."

Source: Weiss, E.M. A Dubious Distinction: The Longest Ride in U.S. *The Washington Post.* February 3, 2009:A01.

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# Types of ACS Estimates

Publication thresholds	1-year estimates	3-year estimates	5-year estimates
65,000+ people	Х	X	Х
20,000+ people		X	Х
Less than 20,000 people			х

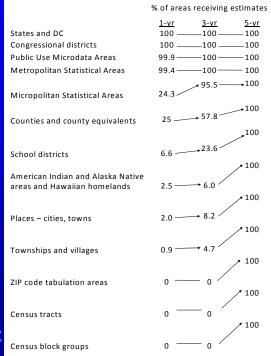
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# ACS Geographies

Source: U.S. Census Bureau ACS Compass Products, 2008. Based on the population sizes of geographic areas from the July 1, 2007, Census Bureau Population Estimates and geographic boundaries as of January 1, 2007.

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## **ACS Data Release Schedule**

Data Product	Population Size	Data released in:						
	of Area	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1-Year Estimates for Data Collected in:	65,000+	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
3-Year Estimates for Data Collected in:	20,000+			2005-2007	2006-2008	2007-2009	2008-2010	2009-2011
5-Year Estimates for Data Collected in:	All Areas*					2005-2009	2006-2010	2007-2011

\* Five-year estimates will be available for areas as small as census tracts and block groups. Source: US Census Bureau

#### Hypothetical situation:

If Census 2010 contained a long form, detailed characteristic data would not be available until 2012

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## **Data Products**

- Profiles
  - Data Profiles
  - Narrative Profiles
  - Comparison Profiles
  - Selected Population Profiles
- Tables
  - Detailed Tables
  - Subject Tables
  - Ranking Tables (states)
  - Geographic Comparison Tables
- Thematic Maps
- Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files
  - 1-year and 3-year files

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# Data Products Comparison Profiles

An \* indicates that the estimate is significantly different (at a 90% confidence level) than the estimate from the most current year. A 'c' indicates the estimates for that year and the current year are both controlled; a statistical test is not appropriate.

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2007	2007 Percent	2006 Percent	Statistical Significance	
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE	Distribution	Distribution	Statistical Significance	
Total households	112,377,977	111.617.402		
Family households (families)	66.8%	66.8%		
With own children under 18 years	31.1%	31.3%	*	
Married-couple family	49.7%	49.7%		
With own children under 18 years	21.4%	21.6%	*	
Male householder, no wife present, family	4.6%	4.6%		
With own children under 18 years	2.3%	2.2%		
Female householder, no husband present, family	12.5%	12.5%		
With own children under 18 years	7.4%	7.4%		
Nonfamily households	33.2%	33.2%		
Householder living alone	27.3%	27.3%		
65 years and over	9.1%	9.1%		
Households with one or more people under 18 years	34.4%	34.6%	*	
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	23.4%	23.2%	*	
Average household size	2.61	2.61		
Average family size	3.20	3.20		
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	293,499,975	291,332,841	c	
Householder	38.3%	38.3%		
Spouse	19.0%	19.0%		
Child	30.5%	30.5%		
Other relatives	6.7%	6.7%		

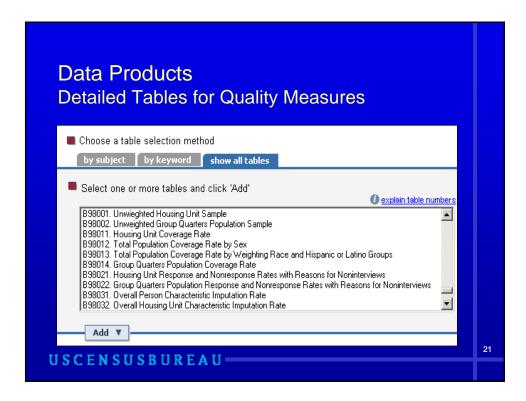
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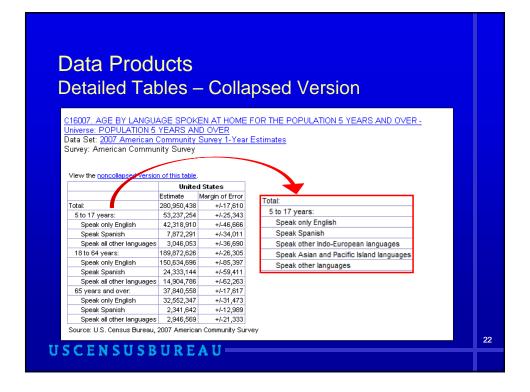
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# Data Products Selected Population Profiles

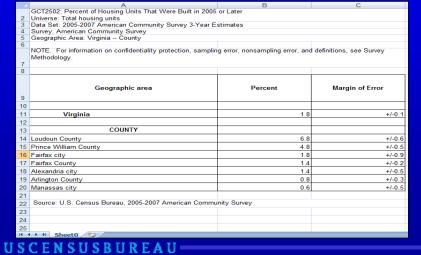
# United States S0201. Selected Population Profile in the United States ↔ Country of Birth Japan Data Set: 2007 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates Survey. American Community Survey

Subject	Total population	Margin of Error	Japan	Margin of Error				
Total population	301,621,159	****	352,933	+/-11,315				
TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED								
One race	97.8%	+/-0.1	97.9%	+/-0.4				
Two races	2.0%	+/-0.1	2.1%	+/-0.4				
Three races	0.1%	+/-0.1	0.0%	+/-0.1				
Four or more races	0.0%	+/-0.1	0.0%	+/-0.1				
SEX AND AGE								
Male	49.3%	+/-0.1	34.9%	+/-1.2				
Female	50.7%	+/-0.1	65.1%	+/-1.2				
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH								
Population 5 years and over	280,950,438	+/-17,610	246 204	+/-10,699				
English only	200,950,436	+/-17,610	18.5%	+/-10,699				
Language other than English	19.7%	+/-0.1	81.5%	+/-1.1				
Speak English less than "very well"	8.7%	+/-0.1	50.8%	+/-1.1				
Speak English less than very well	0.7%	*/-0.1	30.0%	₹7-1.3				
EMPLOYMENT STATUS								
Population 16 years and over	236,416,572	+/-47,218	329,589	+/-9,485				
In labor force	64.8%	+/-0.1	52.6%	+/-1.5				
Civilian labor force	64.4%	+/-0.1	52.5%	+/-1.5				
Employed	60.3%	+/-0.1	50.7%	+/-1.6				
Unemployed	4.1%	+/-0.1	1.8%	+/-0.4				
Percent of civilian labor force	6.3%	+/-0.1	3.4%	+/-0.8				
Armed Forces	0.4%	+/-0.1	0.1%	+/-0.1				
Not in labor force	35.2%	+/-0.1	47.4%	+/-1.5				





# Data Products Geographic Comparison Tables



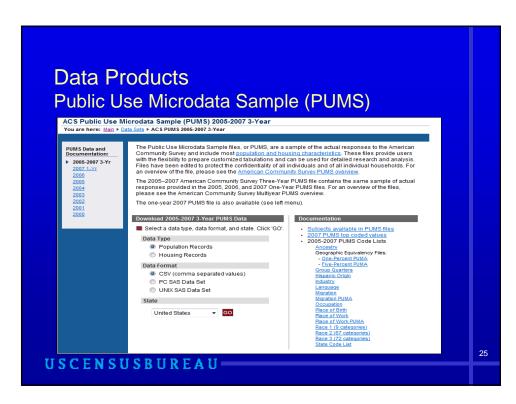
Accessing ACS data

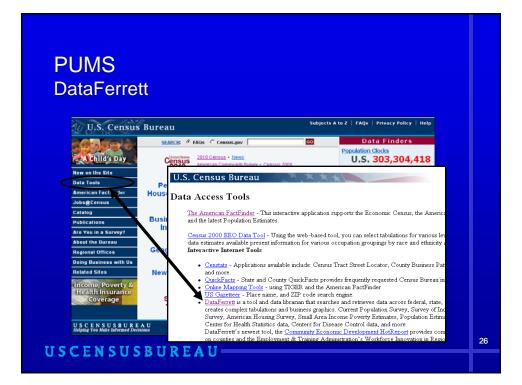
American FactFinder – http://factfinder.census.gov



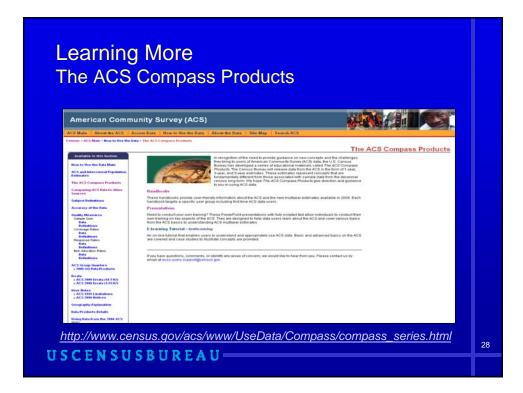
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## The ACS Compass Products

A Compass for Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data

#### Released

- General Data Users

- PUMS
- State and Local Governments
- Puerto Rico Community Survey (PRCS) - in English

### **Coming Soon**

- Researchers
- Businesses
  High School Teachers
  Congress
  Federal Agencies
  Media
  Rural Areas
  American Indian and Alaska
  Native Populations
  Puerto Rico Community
  Survey (PRCS)
  Descriptions

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/Compass/compass\_series.html

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## The ACS Compass Products

A Compass for Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data

- Fully scripted PowerPoint presentations
  - An Overview of the ACS
  - Things that May Affect the Estimates
  - Understanding Multiyear Estimates
  - Data Products
  - Geographic Areas and Concepts
  - Introduction to the PUMS files
- E-learning ACS Tutorial (forthcoming)

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