Finding Census Data: AFF, ACS & Decennial
“Current” Surveys

- American Housing Survey (AHS) -> HUD
- Housing Vacancy Survey (HVS) -> NYC
- Consumer Expenditure -> US Dept Labor
- Current Population Survey (CPS) -> US Dept Labor
- Nat’l Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) -> US Dept Justice
- Nat’l Health Interview (HIS) -> CDC
- Survey of Income & Program Participation (SIPP) -> Census
- Nat’l Ambulatory Medical Care Survey -> CDC
- Nat’l Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care -> CDC
- American Community Survey (ACS) -> Census
Decennial Census

- A snapshot every 10 years
- Official count of the population
- Basic Characteristics.
- In tables “2010 Data” or “SF-2, -3, -4, etc.”
- Block-level availability
DECENNIAL VS. ACS

American Community Survey

- A moving picture: monthly
- Sample count based on population thresholds.
- “Deep” Characteristics: Social, Demographic, Economic, Housing
- In tables, refer to: “B-, C-, S-, and DP” id’s
- Tract-level availability
ACS

Social Characteristics (DPO2)

- Educational Attainment
- Marital Status
- Fertility
- Grandparents/Caregivers
- Veterans
- Disability
- Place of Birth
- Citizenship Status
- Language
- Ancestry/Tribal
- School Enrolment
- Degree
Economic Characteristics (DP03)

- Income & Earnings
- Class of Worker
- Employment Status
- Occupation
- Industry
- Commute
- Place of Work
- Health Insurance
- Food stamps/SNAP
- **Housing Characteristics (DP04)**
  - Tenure
  - Occupancy & Structure
  - Housing Value
  - Taxes & Insurance
  - Utilities
  - Mortgage/Monthly Rent
  - Year Structure Built
  - Year Householder moved
  - Vehicles
  - Monthly costs
The ACS Questionnaire

Questions 5 & 6

-Is Person X of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin?

-What is Person X’s race?
The ACS Questionnaire

Questions 13 & 14

- What is this person’s ancestry or ethnic origin?

- Does this person speak a language other than English at home?
Thresholds for ACS data

ACS 5-year data

ACS 1-year data

Geographies available – large MOE”s

4,000

Large Cities
County
Congressional District
PUMAs

65,000

Census Tract
County
Place/MCD
ZCTA’s
Census Geographies in a Nutshell

Others:

- ZCTA
- Place
- MCD
- Congressional District

Census geographies: blocks, block groups, tracts, counties, and states. Source: Esri
How to use Census Data

1. Geography (State, Co., ZIP or Tract)
2. Subject (Demographic, Economic, etc.)
American Factfinder Tips

- Search by "Geographies"
American Factfinder Tips

-The 4 main "tabs":

**List:** A drop-down method for finding your "area".

**Name:** A key word search (The "filter-basket" method).

**Address:** Look up a single address & its demographics.

**Map:** See a map of the area you select.
American Factfinder Tips

- Get items into your shopping basket!!
You could also narrow down by using "topics"
### Table Name

**AGE AND SEX**  
*2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

#### Table View

**Actions:**  
- Modify Table  
- Add/Remove Geographies  
- Bookmark/Save  
- Print  
- Download  
- Create a Map

**Tell us what you think.** Provide feedback to help make American Community Survey data more useful for you.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau’s Population Estimates Program that produces population, estimates of housing units for states and counties.

#### Versions of this table are available for the following years:

- **2016**
- 2015
- 2014
- 2013
- 2012
- 2011
- 2010
- 2009

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Maps of targeted areas
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