

Overview of the American Community Survey

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Topics to be Covered

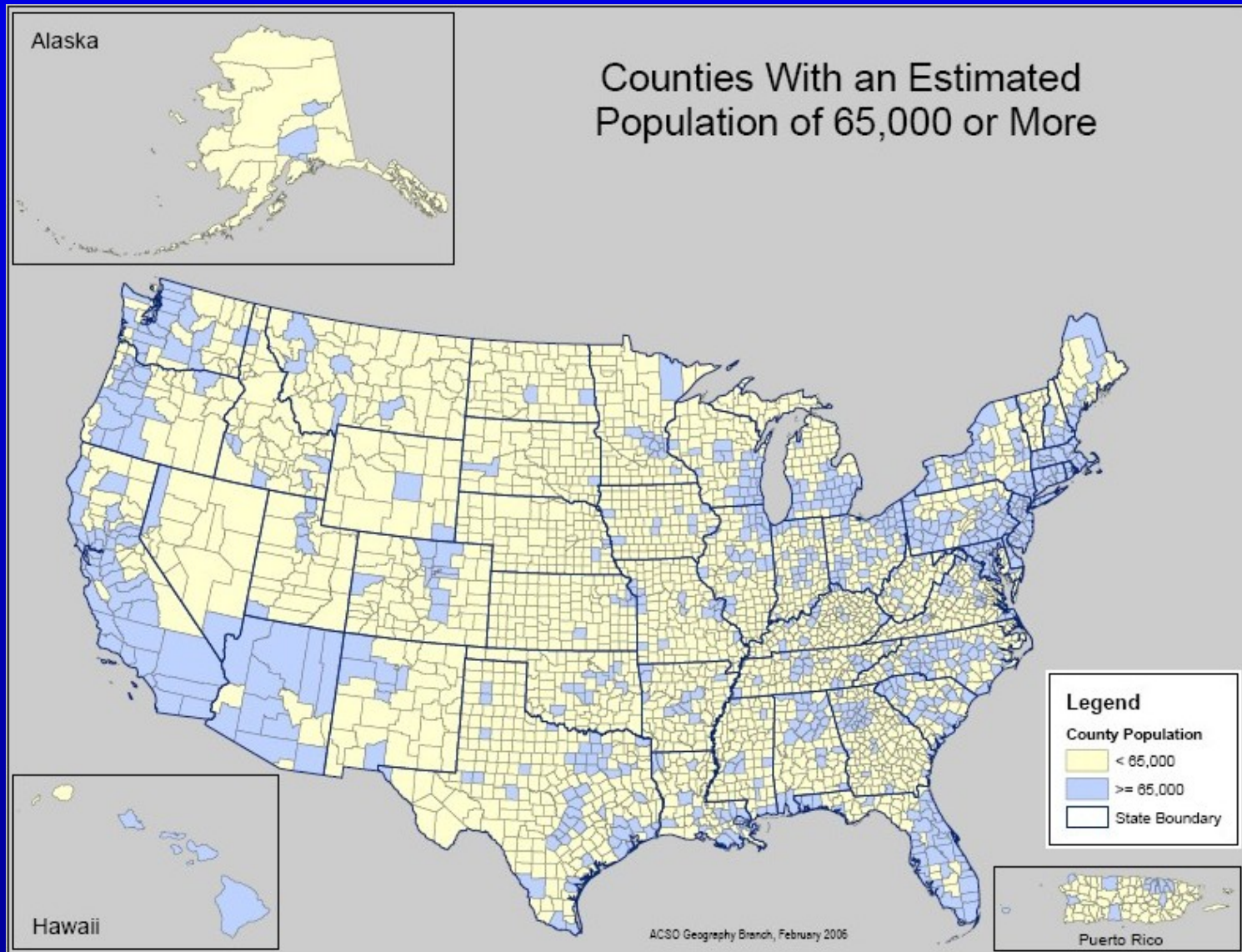
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Schedule for the ACS Data Products

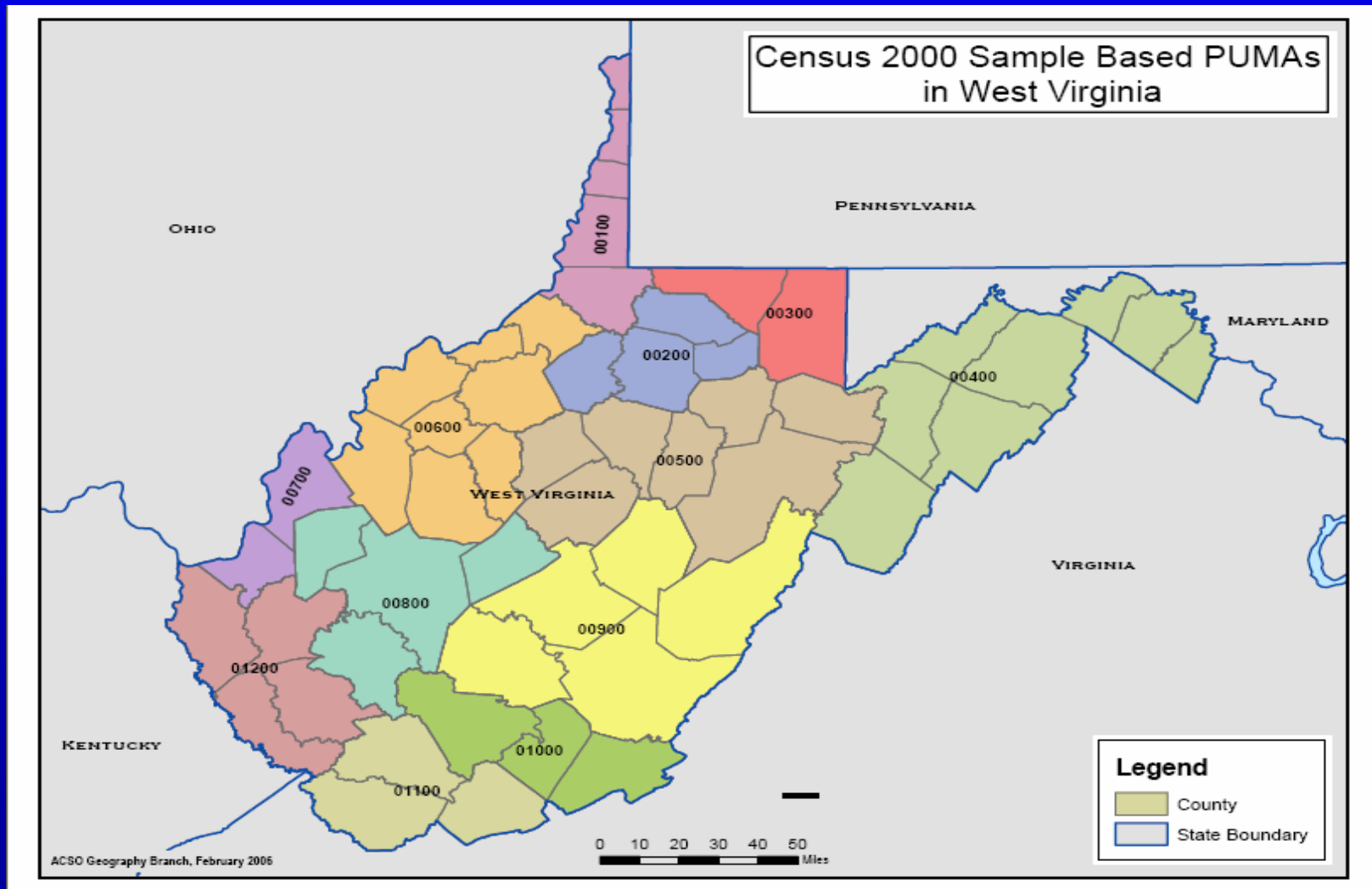
Data Product	Population Threshold	Year of Data Release							
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
		Year(s) of Data Collection							
1-year Estimates	65,000+	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
3-year Estimates	20,000+			2005-2007	2006-2008	2007-2009	2008-2010	2009-2011	2010-2012
5-year Estimates	All Areas					2005-2009	2006-2010	2007-2011	2008-2012

Data products are released in the year following the single-year or multi-year period in which data are collected.

Counties Receiving Single-Year Estimates



Single-Year Estimate for PUMAs



Overview of 2005 ACS Data Products

- August 2006:
 - Social and Demographic Data
 - Puerto Rico Community Survey
 - Economic Data
 - PUMS
- October 2006: Housing Data
- November 2006: Selected Population Profiles

2005 ACS Data Products

- Base Tables
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Base Tables

Table Number

Table Name

C22002. RECEIPT OF FOOD STAMPS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS BY PRESENCE OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE FOR HOUSEHOLDS - Universe: HOUSEHOLDS

Universe

Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey
Survey: 2004, American Community Survey

Data Source

	United States	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	109,902,090	+/-143,575
Household received Food Stamps in the past 12 months:	7,939,033	+/-53,474
With children under 18 years:	4,883,329	+/-42,504
Married-couple family	1,432,495	+/-20,101
Other family and nonfamily households	3,376,450	+/-36,656
No children under 18 years old:	386,439	+/-38,214
Married-couple family	2,990,011	+/-13,183
Other family and nonfamily households	74,384	+/-34,039
Household did not receive Food Stamps in the past 12 months:	3,055,704	+/-165,148
With children under 18 years:	480,990	+/-105,561
Married-couple family	511,456	+/-108,974
Other family and nonfamily households	113,301	+/-59,831
No children under 18 years old:	398,155	+/-120,997
Married-couple family	2,063,258	+/-144,556
Other family and nonfamily households	101,963,057	+/-94,315

Margin of Error

Base Table Topics

- Sex by Age by Race and Hispanic Origin
- Means of Transportation to Work by Travel Time to Work
- Median Number of Rooms in Housing Units
- Poverty Status in the past 12 Months by Sex and Age

Data Profiles

United States - General Demographic Characteristics: 2004 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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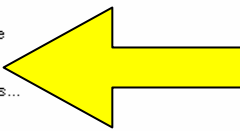
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**General Demographic
Social
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United States
General Demographic Characteristics: 2004
Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey

Demographic - Sex and Age, Race, Relationship, Household by Type
Social - Education, Marital Status, Fertility, Grandparents...
Economic - Income, Employment, Occupation, Commuting to Work...
Housing - Occupancy and Structure, Housing Value and Costs, Utilities...
Narrative - Text profile with graphs for easy analysis...

NOTE: Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

General Demographic Characteristics: 2004	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Total population	285,691,501	*****	*****
SEX AND AGE			
Male	139,782,818	139,718,900	139,846,736
Female	145,908,683	145,844,765	145,972,601
Under 5 years	20,008,152	19,978,334	20,037,970
5 to 9 years	19,659,110	19,553,918	19,764,302
10 to 14 years	21,084,611	20,982,837	21,186,385
15 to 19 years	19,077,645	19,020,003	19,135,287
20 to 24 years	19,327,806	19,258,661	19,396,951
25 to 34 years	38,692,519	38,628,148	38,756,890
35 to 44 years	43,571,574	43,503,975	43,639,173
45 to 54 years	41,219,069	41,158,009	41,280,129
55 to 59 years	16,227,169	16,144,211	16,310,127
60 to 64 years	12,618,545	12,533,373	12,703,717
65 to 74 years	18,163,750	18,127,521	18,199,979
75 to 84 years	12,415,691	12,362,767	12,468,615

Narrative Profiles



United States

Population and Housing Narrative Profile: 2004

Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey

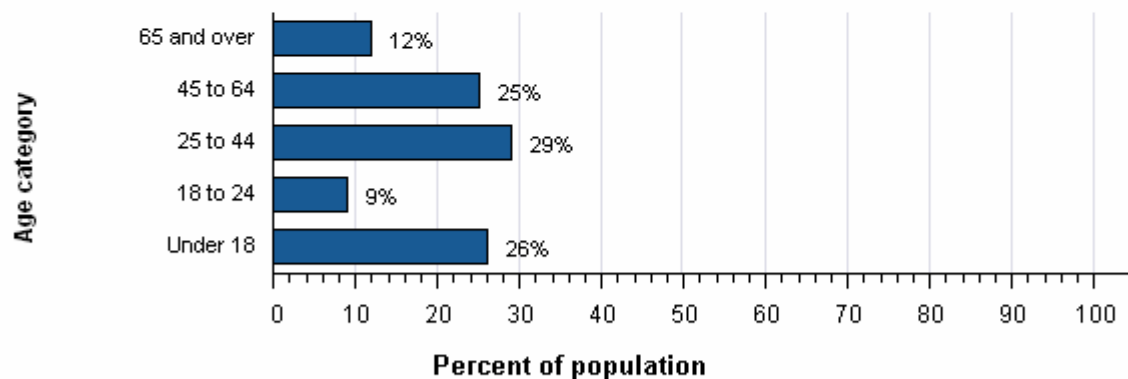
Survey: 2004 American Community Survey

[DEMOGRAPHIC](#) - Sex and Age, Race, Relationship, Household by Type

Narrative - Text profile with graphs for easy analysis...

POPULATION OF United States: In 2004, United States had a household population of 285.7 million - 145.9 million (51 percent) females and 139.8 million (49 percent) males. The median age was 36.2 years. Twenty-six percent of the population were under 18 years and 12 percent were 65 years and older.

The Age Distribution of People in United States in 2004



Source: American Community Survey, 2004

For people reporting one race alone, 77 percent were White; 12 percent were Black or African American; 1 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native; 4 percent were Asian; less than 0.5 percent were Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 5 percent were Some other race. Two percent reported Two or more races. Fourteen percent of the people in United States were Hispanic. Sixty-seven percent of the people in United States were White; 14 percent were Hispanic; People of Hispanic

Subject Tables

S2506. Financial Characteristics for Housing Units With a Mortgage
Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey

Subject	Percent of owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	MOE
Owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage	49,782,384	+/- 312080
VALUE		
Less than \$50,000	6.0	+/-0.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18.4	+/-0.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	19.7	+/-0.2
\$150,000 to \$199,999	15.2	+/-0.1
\$200,000 to \$299,999	16.3	+/-0.2
\$300,000 to \$499,999	15.3	+/-0.1
\$500,000 or more	9.0	+/-0.1
Median (dollars)	166,730	+/-874
MORTGAGE STATUS		
With either a second mortgage, or home equity loan, but not both	21.4	+/-0.2
Second mortgage only	4.8	+/-0.1
Home equity loan only	16.6	+/-0.2
Both second mortgage and home equity loan	0.9	+/-0.1
No second mortgage and no home equity loan	77.7	+/-0.2

Selected Population Profiles

United States

S0102. Population 60 Years and Over ?

Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey

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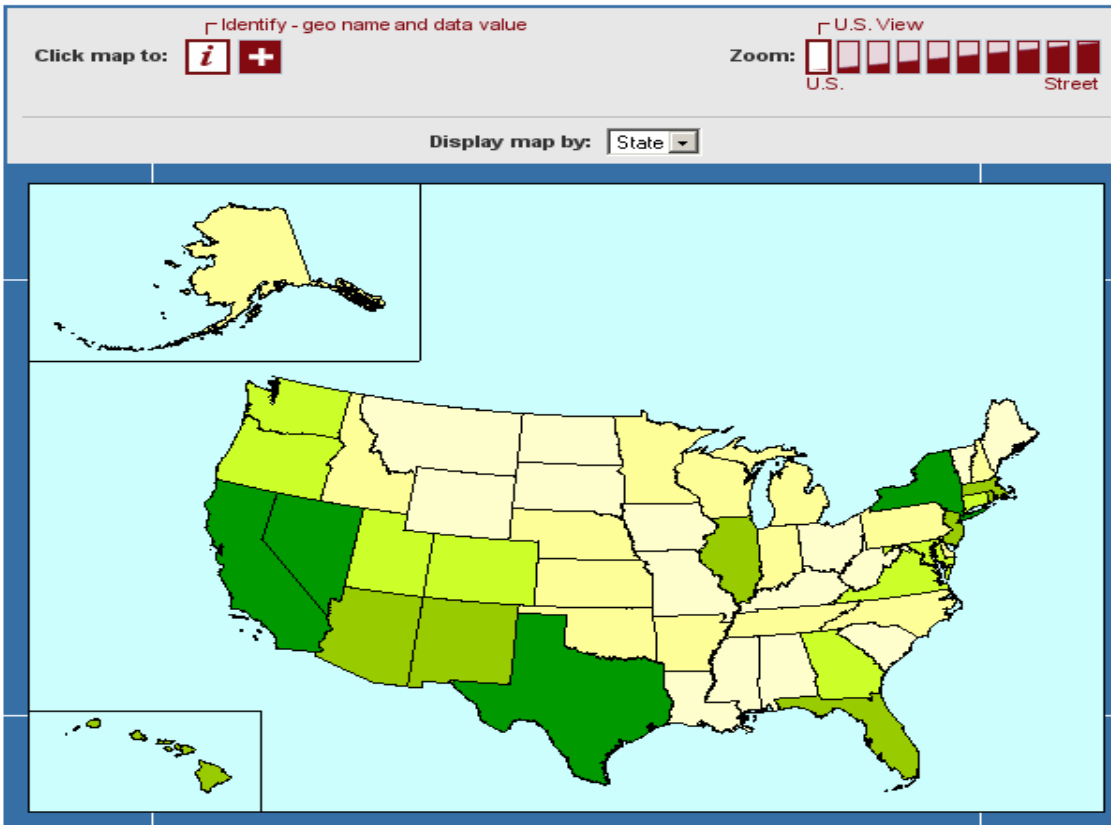
Subject	Total	MOE	60 years and over	MOE
Total population	285,691,501	*****	46,823,846	+/-86,084
SEX AND AGE				
Male	48.9%	+/-0.1	43.9%	+/-0.1
Female	51.1%	+/-0.1	56.1%	+/-0.1
Median age (years)	36.2	+/-0.2	70.6	+/-0.2
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN				
One race	98.1%	+/-0.1	99.2%	+/-0.1
White	75.6%	+/-0.1	85.1%	+/-0.1
Black or African American	12.2%	+/-0.1	8.7%	+/-0.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%	+/-0.1	0.5%	+/-0.1
Asian	4.2%	+/-0.1	3.1%	+/-0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	+/-0.1	0.1%	+/-0.1
Some other race	5.2%	+/-0.1	1.8%	+/-0.1
Two or more races	1.9%	+/-0.1	0.8%	+/-0.1
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	14.2%	+/-0.1	6.4%	+/-0.1
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	67.3%	+/-0.1	80.8%	+/-0.1
RELATIONSHIP				
Householder or spouse	59.7%	+/-0.1	91.6%	+/-0.1
Parent	0.9%	+/-0.1	3.8%	+/-0.1
Other relatives	34.6%	+/-0.1	2.8%	+/-0.1
Nonrelatives	4.8%	+/-0.1	1.8%	+/-0.1
Unmarried partner	2.1%	+/-0.1	0.8%	+/-0.1

Thematic Maps



United States by State
M1603. Percent of People 5 Years and Over Who Speak English Less Than 'Very Well': 2004 ⓘ
Universe: **Population 5 years and over**
Data Set: **2004 American Community Survey**

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey

Geographic Ranking Tables





United States and States

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Rank 	State 	Percent	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1	California	19.9	19.5	20.3
2	Texas	14.0	13.6	14.4
3	Nevada	13.2	12.5	13.9
4	New York	13.0	12.6	13.4
5	Hawaii	11.8	10.3	13.3
6	New Jersey	11.0	10.5	11.5
7	Florida	10.9	10.6	11.2
8	Arizona	10.5	9.7	11.3
9	New Mexico	10.2	9.1	11.3
10	Illinois	9.2	8.8	9.6
11	Rhode Island	8.9	8.3	9.5
	United States	8.4	8.3	8.5
12	Massachusetts	8.4	8.0	8.8
13	Connecticut	7.8	7.3	8.3
14	Colorado	7.3	6.8	7.8
15	Washington	6.6	6.2	7.0
16	Oregon	6.4	5.9	6.9
17	Georgia	5.8	5.5	6.1
18	District of Columbia	5.5	4.8	6.2

Geographic Comparison Tables

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United States -- County by State, and for Puerto Rico

GCT0101. Median Age of the Total Population: 2005

Universe: Total population

Data Set: 2004 American Community Survey
Survey 2004 American Community Survey

Geographic area	Median	Margin of Error
United States	36	777
Alabama	37	777
Alaska	33	777
Arizona	34	777
Arkansas	37	777
California	34	777
Colorado	35	777
Connecticut	39	777
Delaware	38	777
District of Columbia	36	777
Florida	39	777
Georgia	34	777
Hawaii	38	777
Idaho	34	777
Illinois	35	777

Public Use Microdata Sample

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Note: The population estimates of the American Community Survey (ACS) data are currently limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters.

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■ Select a data type, data format, and state. Click 'GO'.

Data Type

- Population Records
- Housing Records

Data Format

- CSV (comma separated values)
- PC SAS Data Set
- UNIX SAS Data Set

State

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Documentation

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- [2005 PUMS Accuracy \(PDF - 57 KB\)](#)
- 2005 Data Dictionary:
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Reference Materials

- How to access ACS data
- *ACS Design and Methodology* technical document
- *ACS Data User Training Guide*

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ACS Data Products for 205

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2005 **2005 American Community Survey**

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The main heading is 'Select Geography'. Below it, the breadcrumb trail reads: 'You are here: Main > Data Sets > Geography > Population Groups > Results'. The current page is identified as '2005 American Community Survey, Selected Population Profile'.

The page contains several interactive elements:

- A radio button labeled 'Choose a selection method' with four tabs: 'list', 'name search', 'address search', and 'map'. The 'list' tab is selected.
- A link 'Show all geographic areas' and a link 'Explain Census Geography'.
- A section titled 'Select a geographic type' with a dropdown menu set to 'State'.
- A section titled 'Select one or more geographic areas and click 'Add'' with a list of states: All States, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut. The 'Arizona' option is highlighted. A 'Map It' button is located to the right of the list.
- An 'Add' button with a dropdown arrow, circled in red.
- A box labeled 'Current geography selections:' containing '==== State =====' and 'Arizona'.
- A 'Remove' button next to the selection box.
- A 'Show Result' button with a right-pointing arrow, circled in red.

Yellow arrows point to the 'list' tab, the 'State' dropdown, the 'Arizona' selection, the 'Add' button, and the 'Show Result' button. Red circles highlight the 'State' dropdown, the 'Add' button, and the 'Show Result' button.

Resulting Selected Pop Profile

Arizona - Selected Population Profile (American Indian and Alaska Native alone) - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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S0201. Selected Population Profile ?
 Population Group: American Indian and Alaska Native alone
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Subject	Total population	MOE	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	MOE
Total population	5,633,997	*****	270,662	+/-23,339
SEX AND AGE				
Male	49.6%	+/-0.1	44.5%	+/-1.8
Female	50.4%	+/-0.1	55.5%	+/-1.8
Under 5 years	8.0%	+/-0.1	10.8%	+/-2.2
5 to 17 years	19.3%	+/-0.1	27.4%	+/-1.7
18 to 24 years	9.7%	+/-0.1	14.6%	+/-1.7
25 to 34 years	14.1%	+/-0.1	10.7%	+/-2.0
35 to 44 years	14.0%	+/-0.1	12.7%	+/-2.1
45 to 54 years	12.7%	+/-0.1	12.0%	+/-1.4
55 to 64 years	9.6%	+/-0.1	6.7%	+/-1.3
65 to 74 years	7.0%	+/-0.1	4.3%	+/-0.8
75 years and over	5.6%	+/-0.1	0.8%	+/-0.3
Median age (years)	34.1	+/-0.2	22.8	+/-1.2
18 years and over	72.6%	+/-0.1	61.8%	+/-1.1
21 years and over	68.6%	+/-0.2	53.6%	+/-1.8
62 years and over	15.2%	+/-0.2	6.3%	+/-1.3
65 years and over	12.6%	+/-0.1	5.1%	+/-1.1

American Fact Finder

- Additional user assistance can be found at the American Fact Finder (AFF) web page
- AFF includes a set of tutorials

Guide to the ACS Data Products

ACS Web site:
(www.census.gov/acs/www)

The screenshot shows the American Community Survey website in Microsoft Internet Explorer. The browser window title is "American Community Survey - Main Page - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en". The website content includes a search bar, a "2004 ACS Data Products Released!" section, a "Quick Start" section, an "In-depth Data" section, an "Advance Data Users" section, a "USING THE DATA" section, and a "SURVEY BASICS" section. A yellow box highlights the text "ACS Web site: (www.census.gov/acs/www)". A red circle highlights the link "new! Guide to the ACS Data Products" in the "SURVEY BASICS" section, with a yellow arrow pointing to it.

2004 ACS Data Products Released!
The complete line of 2004 ACS data products is now available at its new address on the [American FactFinder](#) website.

Quick Start
[Click here](#) for a quick look at 2004 data for the United States in American FactFinder's "Fact Sheet".

In-depth Data
Go to the [ACS Datasets Tab](#) to review the complete line of ACS data products for 2004.

Advance Data Users
The [ACS FTP site](#) is also available for downloads of 2004 ACS data products.

USING THE DATA

new! ACS Group Quarters Definitions - helping data users understand the scope of American Community Survey Group Quarters data collection.

Accuracy of the Data - 2004 - providing data users with a basic understanding of the sample design, estimation methodology, and accuracy of the data.

Quality Measures - 2004 data now available: response rates, coverage rates, sample size and allocation rates at the state and national level.

Subject Definitions - definitions on population and housing variables to help you understand the results of the American Community Survey.

[More in Using the Data>>](#)

SURVEY BASICS

new! Guide to the ACS Data Products
Learn about our new data products with these helpful pages designed for both new and experienced ACS data users. [The Guide](#) explains the changes to the data products.

new! Information about the American Community Survey is now available in the following languages (in pdf format):
[中文](#) [español](#) [한국어](#) [русский](#) [Việt Ngữ](#)

new! Information about [Group Quarters](#) are now available for the American Community Survey and Puerto Rico Community Survey.

Now available: [Puerto Rico Community Survey - A Handbook for Government Officials](#) (in pdf format).

[American Community Survey - A Handbook for State and Local Officials](#) (in pdf format).

ACS Media Tool Kit
"Current Information for [American Indian and Alaska Natives](#)" - new brochure in pdf format.

Congressional Tool Kit - "portable" information on the ACS in pdf format.

Federal Agency Information Program - assisting federal agency transition from Census long-form data to ACS data.

Learn more about the [Puerto Rico Community Survey](#) -- available in English and Spanish.

Other Survey Basics topics: [Survey Questionnaire](#), [Sample Size](#), [Sample Selection](#).

[More in Survey Basics>>](#)

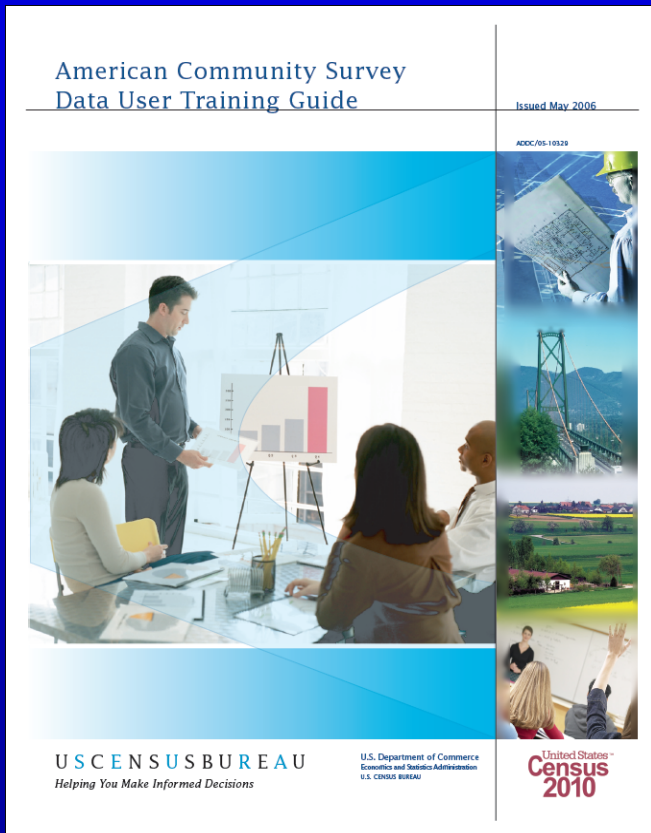
ACS Design & Methodology Paper



Important reference document covering all methods used in producing 2005 ACS data

Available at
[http://www.census.gov/acs/
www/Downloads/tp67.pdf](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/tp67.pdf)

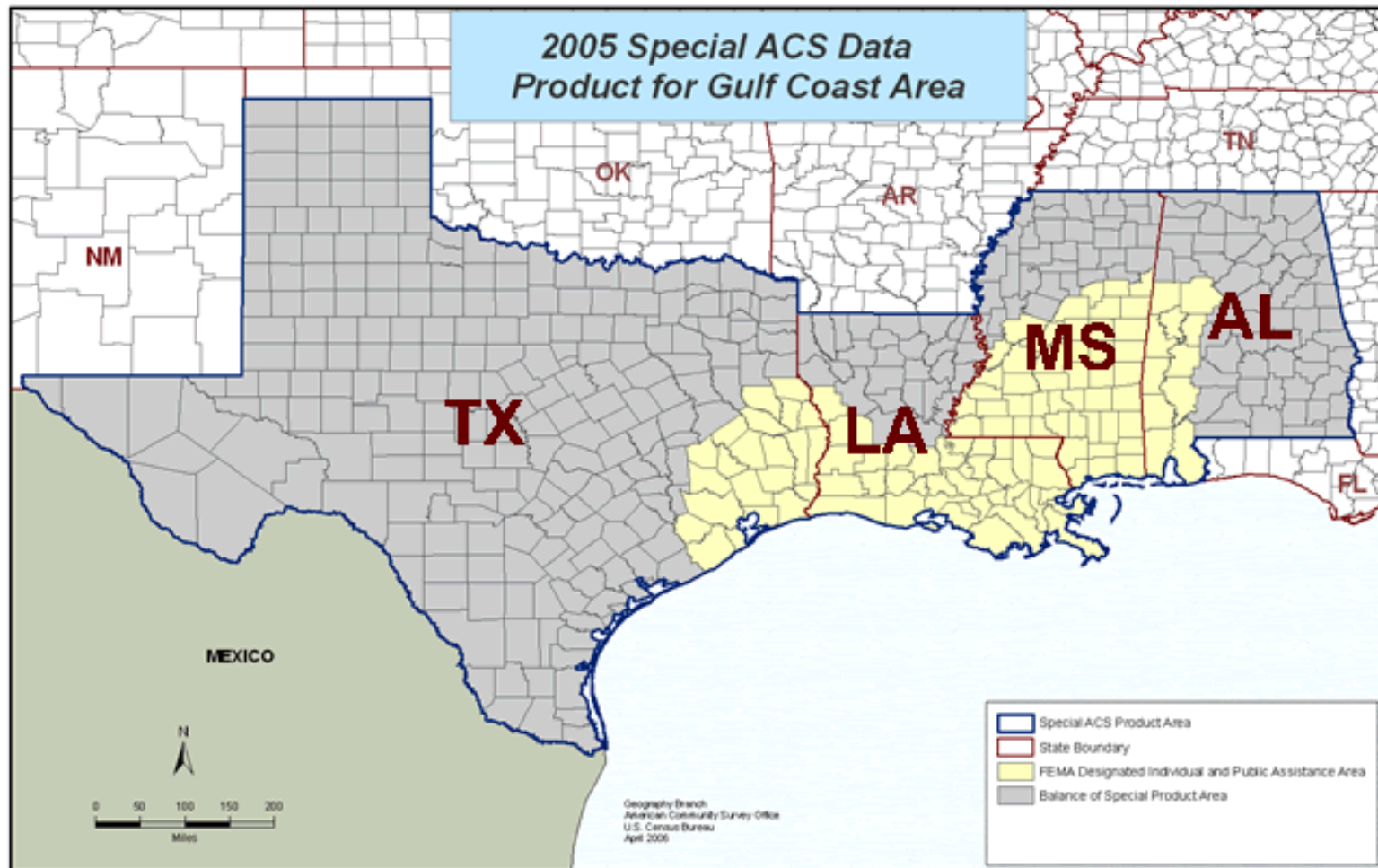
ACS Data User Training Guide



Set of Power Point presentations on ACS basics, including data products

Includes examples and exercises

Support of Gulf Coast Recovery



2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area

- General demographic characteristics
- Social characteristics
- Economic characteristics
- Housing characteristics

2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area

- Percentage of households receiving Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months increased in the hurricane affected areas of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas
- Percentage of vacant housing units increased in Louisiana
- Racial composition of the household population in the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA Metro Area changed
 - Black or African American alone or in combination with another race decreased from 37% to 22%
 - White alone or in combination with another race increased from 59% to 73%

For More Information

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ACS Alert

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Special/Alerts.htm>

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