Q: What’s happening with adding the Middle East/Northern African race category to OMB 15?

A: Refer to this link: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/release/faqs-race-ethnicity.html

Q: Would people from Puerto Rico be considered foreign born or US born?

A: Hi, people from Puerto Rico are considered US born.

Q: As for ACS data availability, ZCTAs will have 5-years estimates, correct?

A: - Yes, 5 year data is available for ZCTAs

Q: For total populations what is the difference if any between the real Census 2020 and the ACS 1-year estimate for 2020

A: Hi! The ACS is an estimate while the Decennial Census is a 100% count. Data from the ACS is collected every month and release every year. Decennial data is collected and released once every 10 years.

Q: How can we get the total number of foreign born citizens living in the U.S base on a specific country? For example: how many Venezuelans (foreign born) are living in the US/ Florida/ Miami?

A: In data.census.gov, Table DP02 has region of birth. Just type DP02 in the simple search bar. Also, check table B05006 for a complete list of foreign born population by their country of birth.

Q: Does the estimate of ACS coincide with the Census for the same year

A: Please check out this link: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/about/acs-and-census.html
Q: What is the Margin of Error for these estimates? Should we send doses of vaccine to an area based on the estimated population of a community?

A: The MOEs are available in the tables on data.census.gov. You can consider the high and low range using the MOE. ACS estimates are calculated within the 95% and 90% confidence interval.

Q: What if ACS tells a population is 20 million and the census says it’s 22 million? Do they get adjusted to coincide with one another?

A: No. They are different programs with different data for different needs. Data from the ACS reflects a period of 1 year or 5 years. Data from the decennial census reflects the count of the population on April 1st of years ending in 0.

Q: Could you type the table IDs that Alexandra mentions in the chat, please? I just got DP02 so far. Thank you!

A: S0501 Selected Characteristics of the Native and Foreign-Born Populations, DP02 Selected Social Characteristics in the United States, B05006 Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population, B16001 Language Spoken At Home By Ability To Speak English For the Population 5 Years and Over, B04006 People Reporting Ancestry, and S0201 Selected Population Profile In The United States.

Q: If I just want to know how many people of a particular ancestry and age group reside in my state in 2020, should I use ACS or Census?

A: The 2020 Census does not collect data about ancestry. It offers data by race, Hispanic origin and age. These topics and Ancestry are available from the ACS.

Q: Any difference in accuracy between decennial and ACS?
A: These programs use different methodologies to collect data. The Census is a count of the population. The ACS is an estimate, therefore there are MOEs associated with it.

Q: Is there a way to look up foreign born and ancestry data together? For example when looking up stats on the Indo-Caribbean population

A: The only way to do this is to use the PUMS data. Here is a table that would work.
https://data.census.gov/mdat/#/search?ds=ACSPUMS5Y2020&cv=NATIVITY&rv=ANC1P&wt=PWGTP. It is not available below the PUMA level.

Q: How do you interpret the margins of error in the rightmost column?

A: She is explaining that now...THE MOE gives you the + and - range at the 90% confidence interval.

Q: To calculate cancer incidence rates

A: This might help you.
https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/programs-surveys/acs/about/ACS_Information_Guide.pdf

Q: Is it possible to analyze the American-born population of a given ancestry separately from the foreign-born population of that same ancestry?

A: Table S0601 has data on native born. Just type that in the single search bar...and select a geography if desired.
Q: Is there a way to look up Jewish data? Would one have to look for people whose language was listed as Yiddish?

A: The Census Bureau doesn’t collect data on religion.

Q: Is Margin or error the 90% CI? Where are the definitions of the columns?


Q: Will the Brazilian ancestry data be available from the 2020 ACS 5-year survey at some point?

A: The 2020 5-Year ACS table reporting on Brazilian ancestry table is table B04006: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=ancestry&tid=ACSDT5Y2020.B04006. For a detailed table about Brazilian ancestry, it is only available for 1-year estimates.

Q: Can you drill down to city like you can State?

A: Yes

Q: Can you get aggregated data for foreign-born persons from several countries?

A: See table B05006.

Q: The old census data contains Yiddish as a language. Where can I find this data?
A: The ACS reports on the Yiddish language in the 2020 %-year data in Table B16001 shown here: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=B16001. The last time Yiddish was reported separately was in 2015.

Q: How about indigenous American data?

A: If you are looking for the 2020 ACS 5-Year American Indian & Alaska Native Tables, we do not have a release date for this product yet. When it’s available, we will post the information on our website at https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/data/race-aian.html.

Q: Jewish is a considered a religion and the census doesn’t provide data on religions as far as I know.

A: The Census Bureau does not have religion data available.

Q: Did you say that the ACS does not get down to the block and tract level?

A: ACS does go down to the tract and block group levels.

Q: How can I find the ancestry results from the 2020 census for number of Serbians in the US. I am not interested in the American Survey. That survey totally underrepresents Serbians

A: The 2020 Census does not collect data on ancestry. Only the ACS.

Q: So, does ACS consider Jewishness a race, religion, or ethnicity?

A: The Census does not have Jewish as a race or ethnicity category. The Census reported the results of the American Religious Identification Study in the Statistical Abstract of 2012. You can view ancestry data for those born in the country of Israel.
Q: Sorry, I meant if I wanted to know about people of a given ancestry but excluded those who are born in the country of origin, would that be possible. Say, if I want to compare people of Brazilian ancestry born in the US with people of Brazilian ancestry born in Brazil, would I be able to do that?

A: The only way to do this is to use the PUMS data.

Q: What did she say about not selecting "place" for the NE?

A: To access data for cities and towns in NE, use the geography level "county subdivision". Although you can access data for cities and villages in NE using the "place" geography, if you are to access data for towns, their boundaries may not be accurate under the geography "places". Townships have their exact boundary reflected on data accessed by "county subdivision".

Q: Is there an index of group # e.g. B05006 and name?

A: The table lists can be found at Table Shells and Table List (census.gov) https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/table-shells.html