Q: What is the URL for the Census Academy, where this (and other trainings) are posted?

A: https://www.census.gov/data/academy.html

Q: Can I receive the slides sooner than 30 days of the video being posted?

A: The slides and the presentation are released to the Census Academy site at the same time. You may reach out to Marilyn for specific requests.

Q: Are there slides we can follow along with?

A: You should be able to view the slides now on the screen.

Q: Will you please provide Marilyn’s email?

A: marilyn.e.stephens@census.gov

Q: Does Title 13 authorize a census in ALL of the US territories (inc. DC))? 

A: Yes

Q: Are the 2020 Census results available?

A: The list of products and when they will be released are located at Next 2020 Census Data Products to be Released in 2023
Q: What does the 3.5 annually mean?

A: Approximately 3.5 million households (250,000 monthly) are in sample annually for participation in the American Community Survey.

Q: Is there supposed to be a slideshow accompanied with the webinar currently? I am not seeing anything on my end so I just need to see if my Webex is not responding properly.

A: You may need to log off and come back in again - try using Chrome.

Q: The ACS can go down to what? County, town or just state?

A: ACS can show nation, state, county, tract, block group data, zip code, census tract, and more. Check out the options in the geography filter on data.census.gov, advanced search.

Q: I am not seeing the link to ACS in the chat. Could you share?

A: ACS link: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs.html

Q: How does the Census handle US military members and Military bases (inc. base in Cuba)?

Q: How is the ACS information collected? What is the response rate?

A: Like the 2020 Census, the ACS can be completed online or by mail. Non responding households can expect a visit from a field representative to complete the interview. See this link to the ACS portal. American Community Survey (ACS) (census.gov)

Q: There was no link for the "Next 2020 Census Data Products"...

A: For 2020 data go to:

Q: Have the links to the ACS DPs been posted in the chat?

A: Data Profiles
DP05 – Demographic and Housing Estimates - DP05: ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING... - Census Bureau Table
DP02 – Selected Social Characteristics - DP02: SELECTED SOCIAL... - Census Bureau Table
DP03 – Selected Economic Characteristics - DP03: SELECTED ECONOMIC... - Census Bureau Table
DP04 – Selected Housing Characteristics - DP04: SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS - Census Bureau Table
Q: Is there any LGBTQ+ info in the census data?

A: The question on household relationship has expanded to include same-sex couples. Next year when the 2020 Census demographic and housing data files are released, a more definitive profile can be developed. See these links:

Data Collection for Same-Sex Married Couple Households - A Timeline (census.gov)
Same-Sex Couples Visualizations (census.gov)
Gender Identity in the CPS: Focus Groups with Transgender Population (census.gov)

Q: How does Census define Hispanic v. Latino?

A: Hispanic or Latino refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. Hispanics can be of any race. This includes people who reported detailed Hispanic or Latino groups such as:

- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- Cuban
- Dominican Republic
- Central American (excludes Mexican)
  - Costa Rican
  - Guatemalan
  - Honduran
  - Nicaraguan
  - Panamanian
  - Salvadoran
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- Other Central American
- South American
- Argentinian
- Bolivian
- Chilean
- Colombian
- Ecuadorian
- Paraguayan
- Peruvian
- Uruguayan
- Venezuelan
- Other South American
- Spaniard
- All other Hispanic or Latino

Q: What does ACS stand for?

**A:** American Community Survey (ACS)

Q: How about single fathers?

**A:** In the DP02 ACS table, single fathers are listed under the heading, Households by Type. Scroll down to the line, male householder, no spouse/partner present. Next line, with own children of the householder under 18. Here is the link to the table. You can change the geography, as you desire.

[DP02: SELECTED SOCIAL... - Census Bureau Table](https://census.gov/academy)
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Q: What time of year does the new ACS become available?

A: The 1-year estimates are released in mid-September; and the 5-year estimates are released in early December. Check the website and sign up for notifications for releases. https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acss/news/data-releases.html-

Q: I am a little confused by the poverty thresholds the presenter is discussing. I live right outside New York City which has a high cost of living. Wouldn't my poverty threshold be different than a village in an area with a low cost of living?

A: The official poverty thresholds do not change for different regions in the nation. Poverty is measured the same. Threshold Tables: Poverty Thresholds (census.gov)

Q: How do you find blocks for a specific area so you know which block to get data for?

A: Use the Census Geocoder Census Geocoder

Q: How do I find a census tract for a location?

A: Use this link: Census Geocoder
Q: Is the official 2020 census completed?
   A: Yes. The redistricting data has been released, as required by law. In Spring 2023, demographic, and housing tables from the 2020 Census will be released.

Q: How do you choose a nonstate area, such as a US territory?
   A: The island areas are located under state in the geography filter of the advanced search at data.census.gov

Q: Is there a website where the different ACS characteristics tables are listed - somewhere we can find all the links (DPO5, DP03, etc.)? Thank you
   A: Table Shells and Table List (census.gov)

Q: My biggest issue with data.census.gov is that I'll do a search for a topic (let's say ancestry, internet, or rent) and select my geography, and then I'll get 300+ results. I don't know how to filter my results further, and it's such a pain to page through all of these results that are not relevant, looking for the one or two tables that are actually helpful to me. From this training, it looks like you just have to know what are the best tables to use beforehand.
   A: Here is the link to the table list and the detailed table list. Table Shells and Table List (census.gov)
   Whenever you are having challenges accessing the data you are seeking, contact us at 1-844-ASK-DATA. The Data Profiles are very...
comprehensive tables that capture most of the frequently searched data. The filters on the left of data.census.gov can assist your fine-tuning of the list of tables. Please refer to the Census Academy for webinars of data gems to assist you in refining your search for information.

Q: Did I miss the links to the 2 articles she referenced earlier (proposals that successfully used data to show a need)?
   A: Link to article: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/about/acs-data-stories/grant-steps.html
   A: Link to article: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/about/acs-data-stories/vulnerable-population-study.html

Q: Why would you turn off the margin of error function?
   A: If you need to keep the MOE, that's fine, many times it makes the table more 'cluttered' but it is useful to understand the MOE when you have a small number or percent to evaluate the relevance of the result.

Q: With DP02 can you see how many veterans there are?
   A: Yes, the DP02 has veteran info.
Q: Other than downloading to Excel and adding a formula, is there a way to generate a report that combines data over multiple geographic areas (ie multiple zip codes)?

A: As demonstrated in the webinar, you can select multiple geographies for a single table. In this manner, once the Excel spreadsheet is downloaded all of your geographies will be side by side.

Q: Is there a difference between the ACS 1-year and the ACS 5-year estimates?

A: 1-year vs 5 year estimates: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/estimates.html

Q: Is there a resource page that provides all the codes and what data is associated with them? For example, DP05, P1, etc.

A: Yes. Use this link: Check the Table List link and the Detailed Table List link.
   [Table Shells and Table List (census.gov)]

Q: Can the DP information be filtered specifically per state and/or county?

A: Yes, by changing the geography level.
Q: Is there a category for people affected by violent crime?

A: Crime statistics are reported through the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Q: Is there a place to find the census tract numbers for a particular place?


Q: Can you search for tables by census tract number?

A: Yes, you can change the geography level to tract in the tool.

Q: How are incarcerated folks counted in census data?

A: This information is captured as part of our group quarters data.

Q: How do you decide whether or not to select the Margin of Error?

A: More on margins of error: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/training-presentations/acs-moe.html

Q: I would like to know how to select a two or three zip code area for any demographic.
A: Using the Geography filter option on the left, you can request results for multiple geographies.

Q: If we pull data from a specific chart, can you share how we should cite the source when using it in grants? For instance, if we pulled data from DP05 in example.

A: The citation information is located on the notes’ icon at the top of the table.

Q: Do I click "geos" to change the geography level?

A: Use the Filter "Geography" on the left of the table.

Q: Is there a list of all the subject tables that exist? (Besides children, grandparents)?


Q: Is there a way to easily compare a county to a state data and get them on the same search?

A: Yes. Select the state AND county, place (city) or US in the geography filter, in the advanced search of data.census.gov
Q: Can searches be saved or downloaded?

A: Searches can be saved and downloaded using the icons at the top of each table.

Q: What about Tribal geographies?

A: There are several different ways to search for tribal areas: off reservations, on reservation, subdivision, tribal area, Hawaiian homeland, etc.

Q: Can you share the contact info for us to reach out to you guys for help while we're searching for data?

A: Contact us: Census.askdata@census.gov, 1-844-ASK-DATA

Q: Do the results show the most recent census data only? Also, is the most recent census data from 2020?

A: The 2021 ACS will be released soon: 1-year estimates, mid-September; and 5-year estimates, early December.

Q: Many of my projects involve irregular areas that contain portions of several different census blocks. Is there a way that I can combine data from a custom defined area?

A: You can custom your table by selecting the blocks where you are engaged with your target group.
Q: Where can I find a metro area?

A: Metropolitan statistical areas can be accessed in the geography filter in data.census.gov, advanced search.

Q: Is there consideration of filtering by school districts?

A: School districts are located in the geography filter in data.census.gov, advanced search.

Q: Who did you say to contact to get school district specific data?

A: School districts can be accessed in the geography filter on data.census.gov, advanced search.

Q: Will results from a specific geographic search show up on the screen or will user need to download report?

A: Yes. Whatever geography or geographies you select will populate the table on the screen.
Q: Are prisons part of our census data? We have two state prisons in my county but they don't all stay when they get out.

A: Prisons and jails are enumerated in our group quarters operation for decennial censuses and the American Community Survey (ACS). Remember, data is captured for a certain time. In the same manner that the noninstitutionalized population fluctuates, so does the group quarters population.

Q: How do you sign up for statistics in school?

A: This is the link to the Statistics in Schools portal.