

# README File for The 2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area Delivered via FTP

## Data Available at this FTP Site

The directories on this FTP site are subdivided into the following directories: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Each of these directories contains spreadsheets for the state, area of the state in the FEMA area, area of state out of the FEMA area, and separate directories for each county and FEMA area. The county and FEMA area directories contain county and FEMA area spreadsheets. A spreadsheet for the total FEMA area, a set of user notes, and the accuracy of the data document is located next to the state directories.

## About the FTP Application

This FTP (File Transfer Protocol) application is intended for users of census data, compressed files, and spreadsheet/database software. It provides quick access to data users, such as State Data Centers and news media, who need to begin their analysis immediately upon data release.

Each state directory provides all files available for the identified state. Once downloaded, the data are in Excel or PDF format. No software is provided. Users of the FTP application can then import it into the spreadsheet/database software of their choice for data analysis and table presentation.

## FTP File Transfer

To facilitate transferring files, we suggest using features commonly found in most vendors' FTP utility. When testing the download in a PC environment, we used the ws\_ftp product. This product, and many other FTP products developed for the PC environment, allows individual or multiple file selection using the control key or block multiple file selection using the shift key.

In the UNIX environment, the "mget" command allows the transferring of single or multiple files. Using the ftp command mget, followed by a single filename, will allow a single file to be downloaded. Using the command mget followed by a wildcard character such as \*, or \*.\* , allows multiple files to be downloaded. For example, once you have navigated into the 2004 Profile directory for California, you can download all of the spreadsheets in the County Level subdirectory with the following ftp commands:

ftp>binary	(set file transfer mode to binary)
ftp>prompt off	(to avoid being asked for verification of each file, optional)
ftp>mget *.*	(to copy multiple files)
ftp>quit	(to exit ftp)