

README File for 2005-2007 ACS 3-Year Summary File via FTP

Finding the Data

Directory Structure

Under the main FTP directory at http://www2.census.gov/acs2007_3yr/summaryfile/ there is a directory for each of the 50 states, Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, the United States (excluding Puerto Rico), and for example SAS programs on how to read the Summary Files into SAS. The directory structures are named in the following fashions.

1 The directories are named by the individual state name (DistrictofColumbia, PuertoRico, and UnitedStates as well).

2 A state that has spaces in the name is compressed to remove the space(s) with the first letter of each word capitalized; Example: DistrictofColumbia.

3 The SAS Example program directory is named "SASExamplePrograms" and shows the directory at the top of the directory structure through FTP (the SASReadme.txt file gives additional information on the example programs).

Geography Information

Within each of the data directories, 50 states, Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, and U.S., there will be a geography file named in the following convention.

Constant letter "g" followed by the year (2007) then followed by the estimate type (3 for 3-Year estimates) then a state 2-digit alpha FIPS code. The .txt file extension is located at the end of the file. For example, the geographic file for Alabama is "g20073al.txt."

For more information on the Summary File Geography file go to the following URL:
http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/sf/tech_doc.htm

Zip Files (Compressed Files)

The data are available in the following fashion under the data directories:
20073<State 2-digit alpha FIPS code><Four Digit Sequence Number>000..zip

Alabama as an example for sequence number 0144: 20073al0144000.zip. For more information on the data in the Summary Files are available on the following URL:
http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/sf/tech_doc.htm

Please note the sequence numbers go from 0001 to 0153.

The zipped files (compressed files) each contain 3 text files in the following format

Estimate Files - letter 'e' followed by year '2007' followed by time period '3'<State 2-digit alpha FIPS code><Four digit Sequence Number>000.txt

Margin of Error Files - letter 'm' followed by year '2007' followed by time period '3'<State 2-digit alpha FIPS code><Four digit Sequence Number>000.txt

Standard of Error Files - letter 's' followed by year '2007' followed by time period '3'<State 2-digit alpha FIPS code><Four digit Sequence Number>000.txt

Using Alabama sequence number 0144 as an Example

Estimate File - e20073al0144000.txt

Margin of Error File - m20073al0144000.txt

Standard Error File - s20073al0144000.txt

Please note that because of added and dropped tables for the 2005-2007 ACS 3-Year estimates, a lot of the special sequence numbers have been moved around. For example, B24010 used to be in 0106 and 0107, but is now in 0111 and 0112. For more details, please reference the list of detailed tables is located on:

http://www2.census.gov/acs2007_3yr/summaryfile/merge_5_6_final.xls