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Hi, I'm Maria. You, our data users, have requested changes to make using the Survey filter panel in the Advanced Search easier to use, and we have heard you! Recently we debuted our new Survey filter panel design. We know that we still have work to do to make it even easier to use, but we believe that this is a good start. So let's take a look!

Using Google Chrome, go to data.census.gov and click on the Advanced Search button located beneath the search bar. Then click on Surveys. I think the first thing that seasoned users of data.census.gov will notice is that the surveys are now collapsed into broader categories. This makes it much quicker to find exactly what you are looking for, and you can now zero in right away on the survey that you need, without having to look through a long list of options.

For example, if we click on the first option for the American Community Survey, you can choose whether you want to look at the 1-year estimates, the 5-year estimates, or the 1-year supplemental estimates. Then, if you click on either the 1-year or 5-year estimates, you can find the products that are available. Let's look at the 1-year estimates by clicking on it. You can see that you have all the different data products, ranging from the Comparison Profiles to the Data Profiles to the Subject Tables, available for selection.

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This same type of setup occurs with the other surveys as well. You can see that the Decennial and Economic Census products, which provide data for the United States and Puerto Rico, are separate from the respective censuses of the Island Areas, which provide data for the U.S. territories.

Then we have the Economic Surveys filter which covers major surveys ranging from the Annual Business Survey, County and ZIP code Business Patterns, to the Survey of Business Owners.

Also in that list, you'll find the filter for Population Estimates, which provides data from the Population Estimates Program.

Finally, there's the Public Sector filter that provides data from the Public Sector Annual Surveys, including data for state, county and local governments and public school systems.

Of course, if you don't know which survey or program you should use, you don't have to use this filter. You can still find Census data through the topics or geography filters or even just typing in the single search bar. But if you do want to specify a particular survey or program, we hope you find this a much easier navigational option. We plan to continue making improvements to the Advanced Search to make searching in data.census.gov quicker and easier. Please send us your feedback about our redesigned survey filter panel, as well as any comments or suggestions that you have about using data.census.gov. Thank you.