

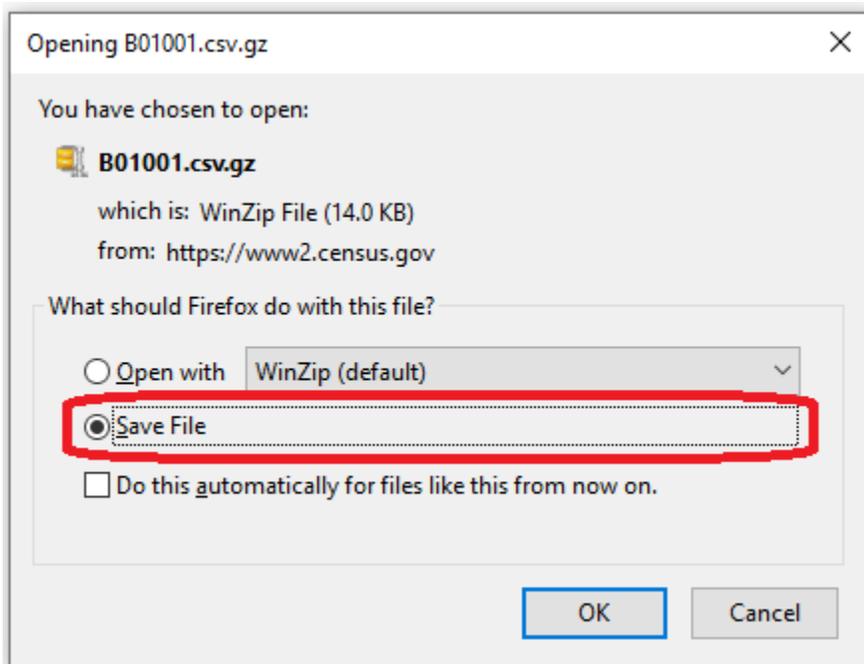
User Note on Uncompressing Files for Variance Replicate Estimate Tables

The Variance Replicate Estimate data are provided to data users in a comma-separated value (CSV) format. Due to the large number of geographies, especially at more detailed geographic summary levels, the data are compressed using the gzip format. Zipped files under this format end with '.gz'.

Data users may experience an issue after downloading a compressed file where the file extension is changed and becomes unusable after download. This behavior has been observed when using Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) and Microsoft Edge internet browsers. It also occurs in Mozilla Firefox if the data user selects opening the zipped file using WinZip. However, there appears to be no issue if the data user chooses to first download the file using Firefox before uncompressing the file. This issue was not observed in either the Google Chrome or Apple Safari browsers.

There are a couple solutions for this issue:

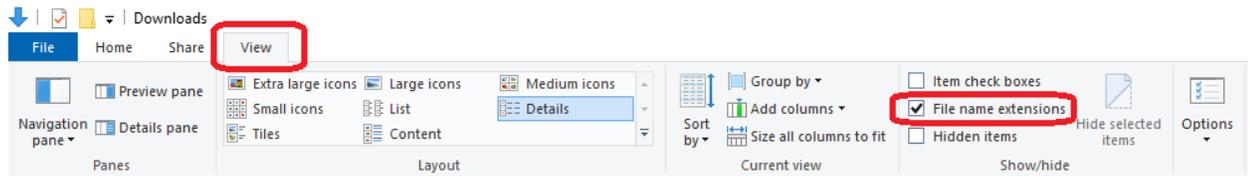
1. Use either the Chrome or Safari browsers to download and open the compressed file(s).
2. If using Firefox, choose the option to save the file. Uncompress the file after it has been downloaded.



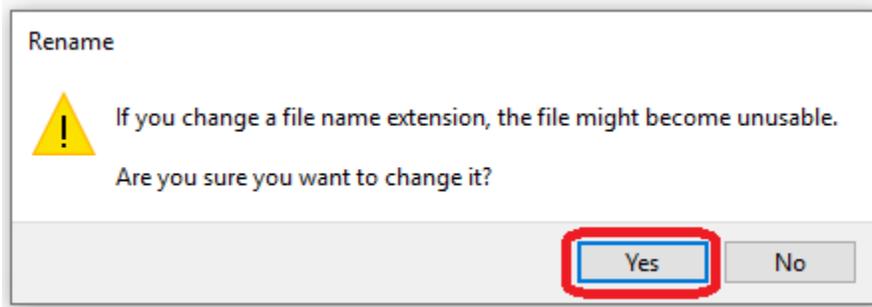
3. If using Internet Explorer (IE) or Edge, download the file and then rename the file extension to end in '.gz' after downloading it. The file name should have the format of table ID followed by '.csv.gz'. For example, for table ID B01001, the file's name would be 'B01001.csv.gz'.

How to change the file extension:

- Save the file.
- Click on “View” in the file folder.
- Click on the box next to “File name extensions”.



- Delete ‘.tar’ at the end of the file name and replace it with ‘.gz’.
- If a warning message comes up, click “Yes”.



- Unzip the file.

Please feel free to e-mail acso.users.support@census.gov if you have any additional questions.