

How to Transition from American Fact-Finder to Data.census.gov



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Background:

- In March of 2020, the Census Bureau replaced the American Fact-Finder with a new site, [Data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov), that consolidates all census data in one centralized place.
- We are here to help you learn to use this new tool:
 - (1) "What Is data.census.gov" Resource Page?
 - (2) Deep Linking Guide for data.census.gov
 - (3) Data Gem Videos from Census Academy
 - (4) How to watch two Webinars: data.census.gov Q&A, and What's New with data.census.gov?

Census Data Website (screenshot)

Explore Census Data

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The screenshot shows a laptop displaying a data table titled "AGE DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES". The table has columns for "Year", "Population", "Housing Units", "Rents", and "Percentage of Total". The data is organized into sections for "Total", "Male", and "Female", with further breakdowns by age group (e.g., 0-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75+).

Year	Population	Housing Units	Rents	Percentage of Total
2019	334,174,000	131,000,000	1,100,000,000	100%
2018	332,800,000	130,000,000	1,090,000,000	100%
2017	331,400,000	129,000,000	1,080,000,000	100%
2016	330,000,000	128,000,000	1,070,000,000	100%
2015	328,600,000	127,000,000	1,060,000,000	100%
2014	327,200,000	126,000,000	1,050,000,000	100%
2013	325,800,000	125,000,000	1,040,000,000	100%
2012	324,400,000	124,000,000	1,030,000,000	100%
2011	323,000,000	123,000,000	1,020,000,000	100%
2010	321,600,000	122,000,000	1,010,000,000	100%
2009	320,200,000	121,000,000	1,000,000,000	100%
2008	318,800,000	120,000,000	990,000,000	100%
2007	317,400,000	119,000,000	980,000,000	100%
2006	316,000,000	118,000,000	970,000,000	100%
2005	314,600,000	117,000,000	960,000,000	100%
2004	313,200,000	116,000,000	950,000,000	100%
2003	311,800,000	115,000,000	940,000,000	100%
2002	310,400,000	114,000,000	930,000,000	100%
2001	309,000,000	113,000,000	920,000,000	100%
2000	307,600,000	112,000,000	910,000,000	100%

Tables

Check out our new table display which allows you to dynamically add geographies, topics, or any applicable filters. You can reorder, pin, and hide columns all with simple drag and drop functionality. Tab through different tables to make sure you found the right one, customize it, and then download multiple vintages of it quickly. If you don't see a functionality you need, find a bug, or have a comment, drop us a line at cedsci.feedback@census.gov.

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"What Is data.census.gov" Resource Page (1)?

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the data.census.gov website. It includes the United States Census Bureau logo, a search bar, and several menu items: BROWSE BY TOPIC, EXPLORE DATA, LIBRARY, SURVEYS/ PROGRAMS, INFORMATION FOR..., FIND A CODE, and ABOUT US. Below the navigation bar is an orange banner with a message: "Questions on how to use data.census.gov? Send along with your feedback to cedsci.feedback@census.gov".

The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: // Census.gov > Data > What is data.census.gov?. On the left, there is a sidebar with the following links: WHAT IS DATA.CENSUS.GOV?, About data.census.gov, News and Updates, Guidance for Data Users, Outreach, and < Back to Data.

data.census.gov Resources

The vision for data.census.gov is to improve the customer experience by making data available from one centralized place so that data users spend less time searching for data and content, and more time using it.



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Find out the latest news about data.census.gov and the Census API, including the most recent data releases and what you can expect to see in the coming months.

Data Users

Frequently Asked Questions

Check out our FAQs to learn about using data.census.gov and the Census API. Find out what data, features, and functionality are available.

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"What Is data.census.gov" Resource Page (2)?

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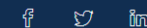
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- [Using data.census.gov - Accessing Race Iterated Tables](#) [< 1.0 MB]
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Data Features of the 2020 Planning Database

- The ACS 2014–2018 5-year Self-Response Rates (at the tract level).
- ACS 2014–2018 5-year tract person and household internet/technology variables.
- Additional ACS 2014–2018 ACS tract variables related to the coverage of young children.
- The Low Response Score, a model-based prediction of mail return rates by block group and tract.

Potential Uses Include:

- Community Outreach: Identifying geographic areas for special outreach and promotional efforts.
- 2020 Census Research: Examining expected completion rates at low levels of geography.
- Spatial Analysis: Linking with spatial map data to create thematic maps.
- Data Analysis: Generating reports, cross tabulations and simple analyses.
- Survey Recruitment: Planning recruitment activities for interviewer-administered surveys and censuses.

Using the 2020 Census in your Community Assessment

- Your best tool is to use the Planning database at https://www.census.gov/topics/research/guidance/planning-databases.2020.html?utm_campaign=20200724msdevs1ccdtast&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- The 2020 PDB contains select operational, demographic, and socio-economic statistics from the 2010 Census and the 2014-2018 5-year ACS, including the segmentation profile statistic carried forward from the 2019 PDB and current ACS response rates.
- Data are available at both the tract and block group levels.
- For 2020, non-operational statistics are also available at the state and county levels.

Data and Documentation

- [2020 Planning Database Block Group Documentation](#) [<1.0 MB]
- [2020 Planning Database Block Group Data](#) [118MB]
- [2020 Planning Database Tract Documentation](#) [1.0 MB]
- [2020 Planning Database Tract Data](#) [61MB]

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- [2020 State and County PDB Documentation](#) [<1.0 MB]
- [2020 State and County PDB Data](#) [7.6 MB]
- 2020 State and County PDB API: <https://api.census.gov/data/2020/pdb.html>

Website sources used in this presentation:

- The resource page for data.census.gov is at: <https://www.census.gov/data/what-is-data-census-gov.html>.
- How-to Materials for Using data.census.gov is at <https://www.census.gov/data/what-is-data-census-gov/guidance-for-data-users/how-to-materials-for-using-data-census-gov.html>.
- If you wish to view profiles like poverty data go to <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/profile?q=United%20States&g=0100000US>.
- If you want to view Labor Force Participation Rate—Population 16 Years And Over: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/map?q=Employment%20Status%20in%20the%20United%20States&g=0100000US.04000.001&hidePreview=false&tid=ACSST1Y2018.S2301&vintage=2018&cid=S2301_C02_001E&layer=VT_2018_040_00_PP_D1
- US Census Planning database: https://www.census.gov/topics/research/guidance/planning-databases.2020.html?utm_campaign=20200724msdevs1ccdtast&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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