Welcome! An Introduction to American Community Survey
American Community Survey Overview
### ACS History

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Differences Between Decennial Census and ACS

**Census**
- Every 10 Years
- 100 Percent Data
- Official Count
- Point In Time (April 1st)

**ACS**
- Yearly
- Sample Data (3.5 million year/291K monthly)
- Estimates (trends/comparisons)
- Period of Time (1yr, 3yr, 5yr)
American Community Survey

Social
- Household Type
- Marital Status
- Education
- Grandparent Caregivers
- Veterans
- Disability Status
- Poverty
- Citizenship
- Language

Demographic
- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Hispanic Origin

Economic
- Income
- Benefits
- Employment Status
- Occupation
- Industry
- Commuting to Work
- Place of Work

Housing
- Tenure
- Housing Value
- Occupancy
- Taxes & Insurance
- Household Size
- Utilities
ACS Period Estimates

1-Year Estimates
- Geographies of 65,000 or more

5-Year Estimates
- All geographies
### ACS Data Products
**Annual Releases with Population Thresholds**

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*All Areas = All legal, administrative, and statistical geographic areas down to the block group level.

Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) estimates first became available in 2012, with the 2007 – 2011 estimates.
Now to American FactFinder!
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