

2005 American Community Survey (ACS): Overview of U.S. Geographic Areas

The 2005 ACS will provide data for a set of geographic areas with a total population of 65,000 or more. The annual sample size expanded from about 800,000 addresses in 1,240 counties in 2004 to approximately 3 million addresses in 3,141 U.S. counties in 2005. As a result, the 2005 ACS data provide information for many geographic areas that did not receive ACS data in previous years.

The table below shows the geographic levels covered by the 2006 data release with an estimate of the total number of geographic areas that will receive the 2005 ACS data:

United States – Total	6,930
Nation	1
Census Regions	4
Census Divisions	9
States (and District of Columbia)	51
Counties	775
Minor Civil Divisions (townships, villages, etc.)	186
Places (cities, towns, and Census designated places)	492
American Indian and Alaska Native areas	14
School Districts	878
Urban Areas	363
Congressional Districts (including District of Columbia)	436
Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas	492
Principal Cities of Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas	330
New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs)	25
Principal Cities of NECTAs	19
Combined Statistical Areas (Metropolitan and NECTA)	129
Metropolitan and NECTA Divisions	38
Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs)	2,071
Other (urban/rural components of states, etc.)	617

Detailed information about the geographic areas that will receive 2005 ACS data can be found in the table on the following page.

Code	Geographic Type	Number of geographic areas with a population of 65,000 or more		Number of geographic areas with a population of 20,000 or more		Total Geographic Count
		Count	Percent of All Such Areas	Count	Percent of All Such Areas	
<i>Geographic Summary Levels</i>						
010	Nation	1	100.0	1	100.0	1
020	Region	4	100.0	4	100.0	4
030	Division	9	100.0	9	100.0	9
040	State	51	100.0	51	100.0	51
050	County	775	24.7	1,812	57.7	3,141
060	County Subdivision	186	0.9	984	4.6	21,200
160	Place	492	2.0	2062	8.2	25,112
500	Congressional District – 109th	436	100.0	436	100.0	436
950	School District, Elementary	65	2.5	326	12.3	2,648
960	School District, Secondary	89	13.5	252	38.4	657
970	School District, Unified	724	6.5	2,679	24.2	11,089
795	Public Use Microdata Area	2,071	100.0	2,071	100.0	2,071
250	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Native Hawaiian Area	14	2.3	36	6.0	603
330	Combined Statistical Area	120	100.0	120	100.0	120
310	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	492	52.6	905	96.7	936
312	Principal City	330	1.2	2,641	9.9	26,550
314	Metropolitan Division	29	3.0	923	96.8	954
335	Combined New England City and Town Area	9	90.0	10	100.0	10
350	New England City and Town Area	25	58.1	40	93.0	43
352	Principal City	19	0.1	2,050	8.1	25,163
355	NECTA Division	9	17.6	48	94.1	51
400	Urban Area	363	10.1	809	22.4	3,607
<i>Geographic Component – Each is Applied to Summary Levels 010, 020, 030, and 040 (Nation, Region, Division, and State)</i>						
01	Urban	65	100.0	65	100.0	65
43	Rural	64	98.5	65	100.0	65
52	In metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area	65	100.0	65	100.0	65
55	Not in metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area	57	87.7	65	100.0	65
56	In metropolitan statistical area	65	100.0	65	100.0	65
57	In metropolitan statistical area—in principal city	64	98.5	65	100.0	65
58	In metropolitan statistical area—not in principal city	63	96.9	65	100.0	65
60	In micropolitan statistical area	60	92.3	65	100.0	65
61	In micropolitan statistical area—in principal city	55	84.6	65	100.0	65
62	In micropolitan statistical area—not in principal city	59	90.8	65	100.0	65
	TOTAL	6,930	--	18,919	--	125,106