

## 2006 American Community Survey: Overview of U.S. Geographic Areas

The 2006 American Community Survey (ACS) data release provides data products for a set of geographic areas with a population of 65,000 or more. The population sizes are based on the July 1, 2006 Census Bureau population estimates. The table below shows the specific types of geographic areas covered by the 2006 ACS data release with an estimate of the total number of geographic areas that will receive 2006 ACS data.

In the 2006 ACS release, just over 7,000 geographic areas will receive data. These areas are large enough to meet the 65,000 population threshold for 1-year period estimates. Next year, in addition to the 1-year estimates, the Census Bureau plans to release 3-year period estimates. These estimates will allow for the release of data for more geographic areas – areas with a population of 20,000 or more. The table on the following page compares information about the geographic areas that will receive 1-year estimates this year with geographic areas that will receive 3-year estimates next year. For many types of geographic areas the release of 3-year estimates will allow a much larger number of geographic areas to qualify for data.

Type of Geographic Area	Estimated Number Included
<b>United States</b>	<b>7,045</b>
Nation	1
Census Regions	4
Census Divisions	9
States (and District of Columbia)	51
Counties (and county equivalents)	783
Minor Civil Divisions (townships, villages, etc.)	187
Places (cities, towns, and Census designated places)	504
Alaska Native Regional Corporation	3
American Indian and Alaska Native areas	14
School Districts	922
Urban Areas	379
Congressional Districts (including District of Columbia)	436
Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas	499
Principal Cities of Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas	350
New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs)	25
Principal Cities of NECTAs	20
Combined Statistical Areas (Metropolitan and NECTA)	131
Metropolitan and NECTA Divisions	38
Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs)	2,068
Geographic components( see table below for details)	621

*Note: There are more than 2,000 Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs), which are special, non-overlapping areas that partition a state. State governments drew the PUMA boundaries for the Census 2000 sample PUMS files. When originally designed, each PUMA contained a population of about 100,000. Over time, some of these PUMAs have gained or lost population. However, due to the population displacement in the greater New Orleans area caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Louisiana PUMAs 1801, 1802, and 1905 no longer meet the 65,000-population threshold for single-year estimates. With reference to PUMS data, records for these PUMAs were combined to ensure ACS PUMS data for Louisiana remain complete and additive. For further information, refer to the "Questions and Answers" document, accessible from the ACS home page.*

Code	Type of Geographic Area (without geographic components)	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 Number of Entities for this Type of Geographic Area
		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	Census Region	4	100.0	4	100.0	4
030	Census Division	9	100.0	9	100.0	9
040	State (and the District of Columbia)	51	100.0	51	100.0	51
050	County	783	24.9	1,820	57.9	3,141
060	County Subdivision	187	0.9	996	4.7	21,194
160	Place	504	2.0	2,102	8.4	25,106
500	Congressional District – 109 <sup>th</sup>	436	100.0	436	100.0	436
950	School District, Elementary	69	2.7	349	13.4	2,599
960	School District, Secondary	91	13.9	262	40.0	655
970	School District, Unified	762	6.9	2,818	25.6	10,994
795	Public Use Microdata Area	2,068	99.9	2,070	100.0	2,071
230	Alaska Native Regional Corporation	3	4.8	54	85.7	63
250	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Native Hawaiian Area	14	2.3	39	6.5	603
330	Combined Statistical Area	122	100.0	122	100.0	122
310	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	499	53.2	913	97.3	938
312	Principal City	350	1.3	2,744	10.3	26,556
314	Metropolitan Division	29	3.0	931	97.4	956
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 of NECTAs	20	0.1	2,136	8.5	25,157
355	NECTA Division	9	17.6	48	94.1	51
400	Urban Area	379	10.5	842	23.3	3,607

\*Estimates based on geographic boundaries as of January 1, 2006 and population sizes from the July 1, 2006 Census Bureau Population Estimates.

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		Count	Percent of All Such Areas
<b><i>Geographic Component</i></b>			
01	Urban**	65	100.0
43	Rural**	64	98.5
52	In metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area**	65	100.0
55	Not in metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area**	56	86.2
56	In metropolitan statistical area**	65	100.0
57	In metropolitan statistical area—in principal city**	64	98.5
58	In metropolitan statistical area—not in principal city**	63	96.9
60	In micropolitan statistical area**	60	92.3
61	In micropolitan statistical area—in principal city**	55	84.6
62	In micropolitan statistical area—not in principal city**	59	90.8
89	American Indian reservation and trust land –Federal Tribe***	1	100.0
91	Oklahoma tribal statistical area***	1	100.0
92	Tribal designated statistical area***	1	100.0
93	Alaska Native village statistical area***	1	100.0
94	State designated American Indian statistical area***	1	100.0

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\*\*These geographic components are provided for the nation, census region, census division, and state (summary levels 010, 020, 030, and 040).

\*\*\*These geographic components are provided for the nation (summary level 010) only.