

## **American Community Survey (ACS) Wave 3 Data Release**

### ***Selected Population Profiles***

You can use the new American Community Survey Selected Population Profiles to access tables on the demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics of 120 racial, ethnic, and ancestry groups at the national and state level. Korean, Cherokee, Colombian, German, Armenian, and Sub-Saharan African are just a few examples of the Race, Ethnic, and Ancestry groups for which you can access Selected Population Profiles.

### **Getting Started**

First click on the link for “American FactFinder” in the blue column on the left-hand side of the U.S. Census Bureau’s home page.

### **Choose a Data Set**

Position your cursor over “Data Sets” in the left hand column of American FactFinder’s Main Page, and click “American Community Survey”. It is the second link in the blue pop-up box. You are now on the American Community Survey Page. Click the “2004 American Community Survey” (which will be the initial default data set), and choose “Selected Population Profiles” in the purple box on the right hand side of the page.

### **Choose a Geography**

Now you will choose one or more geographies. Data are currently available for the Nation or state if the geographic unit meets the selected population threshold of 250,000. Click as many geographic units as you like from the drop-down boxes then click the “Add” button to display your selections. (You also can remove an unwanted geography by selecting it and clicking the “Remove” button.) When the lower box shows the geographies you want, click “Next” to continue.

### **Choose a Race, Ethnicity, or Ancestry**

You can access data for many different population groups. Click the tab you want: — “Race and Ethnic Groups” or “Ancestry Groups” — click one of the groups to select it, and click “Show Result” to display the data you requested. You can print or download the tables, too, if you click the “Print/Download” link in the blue bar above the data. If the group that you chose does not meet the population threshold of 250,000, you will not get any data.

### **If You Want to Look at Other Data**

You also can change selections without starting over. Just click one of the step-by-step links under the “American Community Survey - Selected Population Profile” title at the top of the

page, or choose one of the links under “Change...” in the blue column at the left of your table.

### ***Median Age at First Marriage***

This is the first time that the U.S. Census Bureau has published data on the median age at first marriage. Data are available for geographic units that meet the population threshold of 250,000. The Census Bureau previously released tables on marital status (whether a person is currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married) but that data did not show patterns of prior marriage. This release marks the largest available sample for median age at first marriage.

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### **Choose a Geography**

Now you will choose the geography you want. Select your choices from the drop-down boxes then click the “Add” button to display your selections. (You also can remove an unwanted geography by selecting it and clicking the “Remove” button.) When the lower box shows the geographies you want, click “Next” to continue.

### **Choose a Table**

The tables you want are the B12007 series. You can access the data three ways.

- 1) Click the “by keyword” tab, type the words *first marriage* in the “Enter a keyword” box, and click “Search”. All of the “Age at First Marriage” tables will be displayed. Select as many as you want and click “Add”. Click the “Show Result” button to see the data.
- 2) Click the “show all tables” tab and scroll down until you see the B12007 series (this is the default tab when a user first gets to this screen). Select as many as you want and click “Add”. Click the “Show Result” button to see the data.
- 3) Click the “by subject” tab, select “Marital status” from the drop-down box, and click the “Search” button. Scroll down to the B12007 series, select the ones you want, and click “Add”. Click the “Show Result” button to see the data.

## **If You Want to Look at Other Data**

You also can change selections without starting over. Just click one of the step-by-step links under the “Detailed Tables” title at the top of the page.

### ***Workplace Tables***

The American Community Survey has released 25 new tables that show characteristics of the workplace-based population, including one table iterated by 9 major race and ethnic groups. The major workplace-based table topics include: sex by age; travel time to work; and means of transportation to work indexed by 15 other topics including citizenship status, workers earnings, time arriving at work, and household type. These ACS workplace-based tables will aid users building on other related data products from Census 2000 (e.g., the county-to-county worker flow files and the daytime population estimates).

➤ *Note the difference between these new workplace-based tables and previously released tables that present data by place of work. Previous place-of-work tables provide an estimate of all the potential workers **living** in a geographic area. The new workplace-based tables estimate the number of all workers **commuting** into a geographic area.*

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### **Choose a Geography**

Now you will choose the geography for the data you want. You can access data for most places with populations 250,000 or more. Select the geographic types you want from the drop-down box, click to select your choices, then click the “Add” button to display your current geography selections. (You also can remove an unwanted geography by selecting it and clicking the “Remove” button.) When the lower box shows the geographies you want, click “Next” to continue.

### **Choose a Table**

There are three ways to access the tables you want (B08406 – B08541).

- 1) Click the “by keyword” tab, type the word *workplace* in the “Enter a keyword” box, and click “Search”. All of the work-related tables will be displayed. Scroll down until you see Table B08406, the first new table. Select as many of the new tables as you want and click “Add”. Click the “Show Result” button to see the data.
- 2) Click the “show all tables” tab and scroll down until you see the workplace tables that begin with Table B08406 (this is the default tab when a user first gets to this screen). Select as many of the new tables as you want and click “Add”. Click the “Show Result” button to see the data.
- 3) Click the “by subject” tab, select “Workplace” from the drop-down box, and click the “Search” button. Scroll down to Table B08406, select the ones you want, and click “Add”. Click the “Show Result” button to see the data.

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### ***Subject Tables***

Seven new Subject Tables were included in the January 26, 2006 ACS data release. Subject tables provide data on popular topics for a single geographic area. There are now a total of 53 available subject tables covering 19 different topics such as education, income, poverty and veterans. The tables are available only for populations that meet the population threshold of 250,000 in the Nation, the states, and the District of Columbia.

The Subject Tables are:

S0102 Population 60 Years and Over  
S0103 Population 65 Years and Over  
S0901 Children Characteristics  
S1001 Grandchildren Characteristics  
S0902 Teenagers’ Characteristics (age 15 to 19)  
S0803 Workers 16 Years and Over  
S0602 Selected Characteristics of the Native and Foreign-Born Populations

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### **Choose a Geography**

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### **Choose a Table**

Now you can select a Subject Table from the list of 53 Subject Tables. Select a topic from the drop-down box at the top of the page and click “Go”, or scroll down to see all of the available tables. Click the table you want to display the data.

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