2005 American Community Survey:
Overview of Data Release Plan

The U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) is part of the 2010 Decennial Census Program. The ACS is a nationwide survey that provides annually updated, detailed demographic, socioeconomic, and housing information for communities across the United States and Puerto Rico.

By its sample design, the ACS accumulates independent monthly sample data as time passes. This allows for the release of estimates for smaller geographic areas once enough sample has been accumulated.

This chart explains the ACS release strategy, as it will unfold over the coming years.

Data Product	Population Threshold	Year of Data Release							
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1-year Estimates	65,000+	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
3-year Estimates	20,000+			2005-2007	2006-2008	2007-2009	2008-2010	2009-2011	2010-2012
5-year Estimates	All Areas					2005-2009	2006-2010	2007-2011	2008-2012

In 2006, the ACS will release estimates for areas with a total population of 65,000 or more. The releases are planned to occur in a phased approach starting in August 2006. Data from the Puerto Rico Community Survey will be released concurrently with its respective data from the ACS.

August 15, 2006:	Social and Demographic Characteristics
August 29, 2006:	Economic Characteristics; Public Use Microdata File
October 3, 2006:	Housing Characteristics; Narrative Profiles; Workplace Base Tables (tables for where a person works, not where he or she lives)
November 14, 2006:	Selected Population Profiles

Detailed information about the content of each release may be found on the following page.

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CONTENT OF ACS DATA RELEASES

August 15, 2006: Demographic and Social Characteristics

Demographic Characteristics
- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Hispanic or Latino
- Relationship
- Households by type

Social Characteristics
- School enrollment
- Educational attainment
- Marital status
- Fertility
- Grandparents
- Veteran status
- Disability status
- Residence one year ago
- Place of birth
- U.S. citizenship status
- Year of entry
- World region of birth
- Language spoken at home
- Ancestry

August 29, 2006: Economic Characteristics

- Employment status
- Commuting to work
- Occupation
- Industry
- Class of worker
- Income and benefits
- Poverty status

October 3, 2006: Housing Characteristics

- Housing occupancy
- Units in structure
- Year structure built
- Rooms
- Bedrooms
- Housing tenure
- Year moved into unit
- Vehicles available
- House heating fuel
- Occupants per room
- Value of owner-occupied units
- Mortgage status and selected owner costs (including owner costs as a percent of household income)
- Gross rent (including gross rent as a percent of household income)
- Additional Detailed Social and Economic Characteristics

November 14, 2006: Selected Population Profiles

- Profiles with characteristics above for selected age, race, origin, and ancestry groups

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2005 American Community Survey (ACS):
Overview of Data Products

The U.S. Census Bureau will begin to release 2005 ACS data, which are based on the first year of full implementation, in August 2006. These products will be produced for the United States and nearly 7,000 sub-national geographic areas, as well as Puerto Rico, as a whole, and over 80 geographic areas within Puerto Rico. 2005 ACS estimates will be released for geographic entities with a population of at least 65,000.

The following provides a description of each of the types of data products. All of the data products include sampling errors displayed as margins of error.

> **Base Tables** – Approximately 1,200 different tables that contain basic distributions of characteristics. These tables provide the most detailed data and are the basis for other ACS products. The base tables include tables iterated for nine race and Hispanic origin universes and tables that show imputation (allocation) rates for selected variables.

> **Data Profiles** – Detailed tables that provide summaries of demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics.

> **Narrative Profiles** – Data profile information presented in a user-friendly, text-and-graphic format that put various topics into words for the general user. (Note: Narrative profiles will not be released until October 3, 2006.)

> **Geographic Ranking Tables (state rankings)** – Over 80 different tables that compare indicators for the U.S., all states, and the District of Columbia. Ranking tables also can be viewed as charts that show the estimate as a point and the upper and lower bounds of the confidence interval as "wings" or "arms" extending to either side of the estimate. These tables and charts are available as Adobe Acrobat files.

> **Thematic Maps** – Display geographic variation in map format from the geographic ranking tables.

> **Geographic Comparison Tables** – Over 80 single-variable tables comparing key indicators for geographies other than states.

> **Subject Tables** – Approximately 50 tables that highlight a particular subject of interest.

These products are available on American FactFinder (AFF). Users can access AFF from the Census Bureau's home page, <http://www.census.gov/> or from the AFF link on the ACS home page < www.census.gov/acs/www/>. Users can view and download each data product.

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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.

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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	
Geographic Summary Levels						
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
Geographic Component – Each is Applied to Summary Levels 010, 020, 030, and 040 (Nation, Region, Division, and State)						
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**

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