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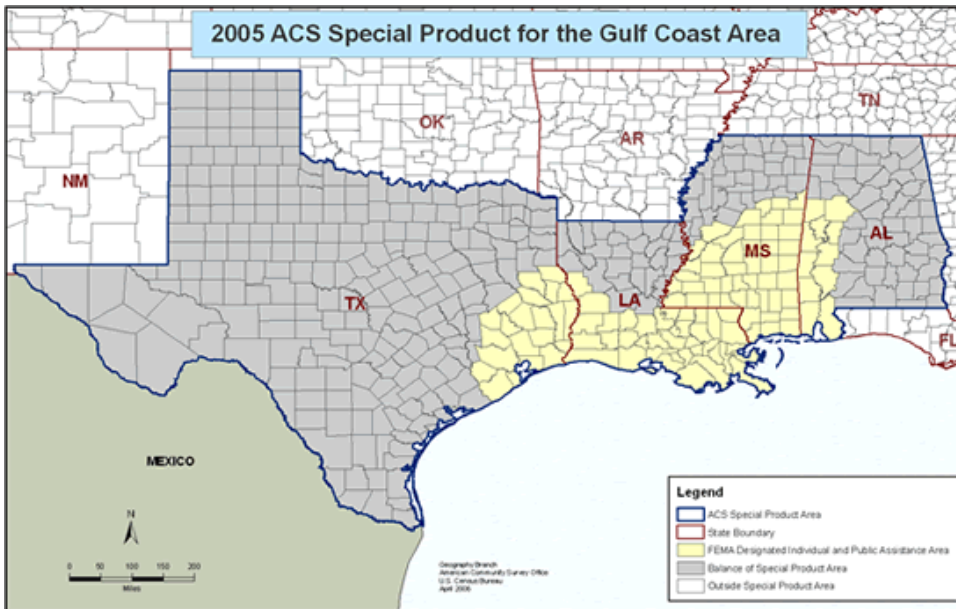
2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area

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The 2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area focuses on two distinct areas:

- 1) the 117 FEMA-designated IPA counties, and
- 2) the remaining counties in each state not identified as FEMA-designated IPA counties ("balance of the state").

The 2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area contains information for these two distinct areas for January through August of 2005 and for September through December of 2005.



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About the 2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that provides annually updated and accurate demographic, socioeconomic, and housing information for communities across the country. Approximately 3 million addresses are sampled annually. In 2005, ACS data collection took place in all counties in the United States, including all of the areas in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas that were most affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The ACS was not designed to produce estimates based on data for less than a full year, but due to the unprecedented effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, estimates are being released for the affected areas for the first eight months (January through August) of 2005 and the last four months (September through December) of 2005.

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The FEMA-designated IPA area includes parts of the following states, with the number of affected counties or parishes in parentheses:

- Texas (22 counties),
- Louisiana (37 parishes),
- Mississippi (47 counties), and
- Alabama (11 counties).

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The 2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area contains two snapshots:

- 1) the first eight months of 2005 (January through August), and
- 2) the last four months of 2005 (September through December).

The FEMA disaster designation includes two tiers: 1) counties designated for Individual and Public Assistance, and 2) counties designated for Public Assistance. Please see the FEMA web site (www.fema.gov) for press releases and maps that define the disaster counties. Since the initial disaster declarations issued by FEMA, updates have been made to the counties that are designated IPA counties. Several additional counties have been designated IPA counties and several counties are no longer designated IPA counties. These changes are not reflected in the 2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area.

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Content

Four data profiles for each geography were created. Estimates of general demographic characteristics, selected social characteristics, general economic characteristics, and selected housing characteristics are available for both time frames for all published geographies. The data for the two time periods are displayed side-by-side to facilitate comparison. The statistical significance of the difference between each estimate for both time periods is also listed. Below is a more detailed listing of the characteristics that are included in each of the four profiles.

General Demographic Characteristics

Sex and age
Race
Hispanic origin
Relationship of the household population
Households by type

Selected Social Characteristics

School enrollment
Educational attainment
Marital status
Veteran status
Disability status
Residence 1 year ago
Place of birth
Language spoken at home

General Economic Characteristics

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

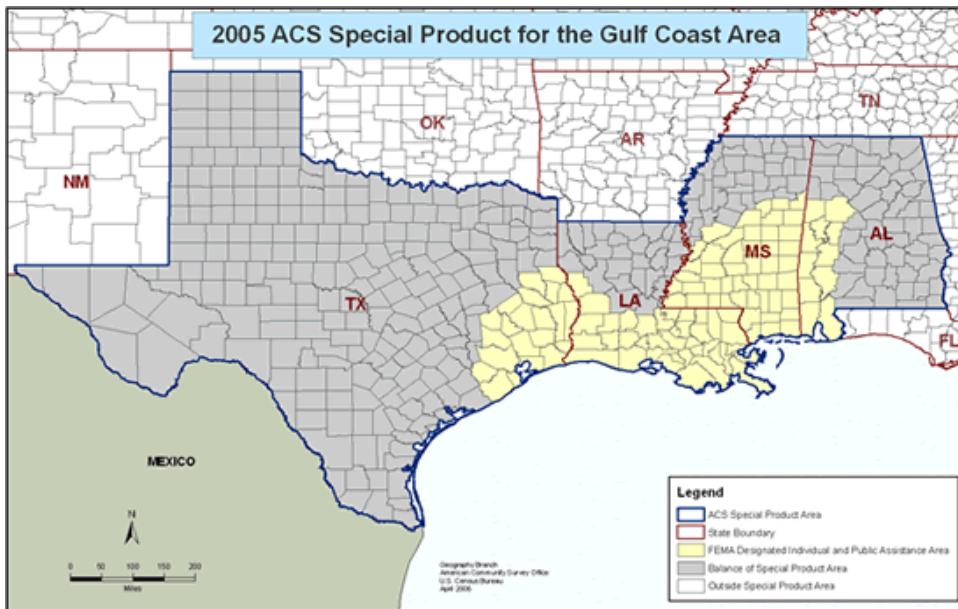
Selected Housing Characteristics

Housing occupancy
Units in structure
Year structure built
Rooms
Bedrooms
Housing tenure
Year householder moved into unit
Vehicles available
House heating fuel
Occupants per room
Value
Mortgage status and selected monthly owner costs
Gross rent
Selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income
Gross rent as a percentage of household income

The *2005 ACS Special Product for the Gulf Coast Area* includes the margin of error for each estimate, which is the 90 percent confidence interval. The sample estimate and its standard error permit the construction of a confidence interval that represents the degree of uncertainty about the estimate. A 90 percent confidence interval can be interpreted roughly as providing 90 percent certainty that the true number falls between the upper and lower bounds. A margin of error is the difference between an estimate and its upper or lower confidence bounds.

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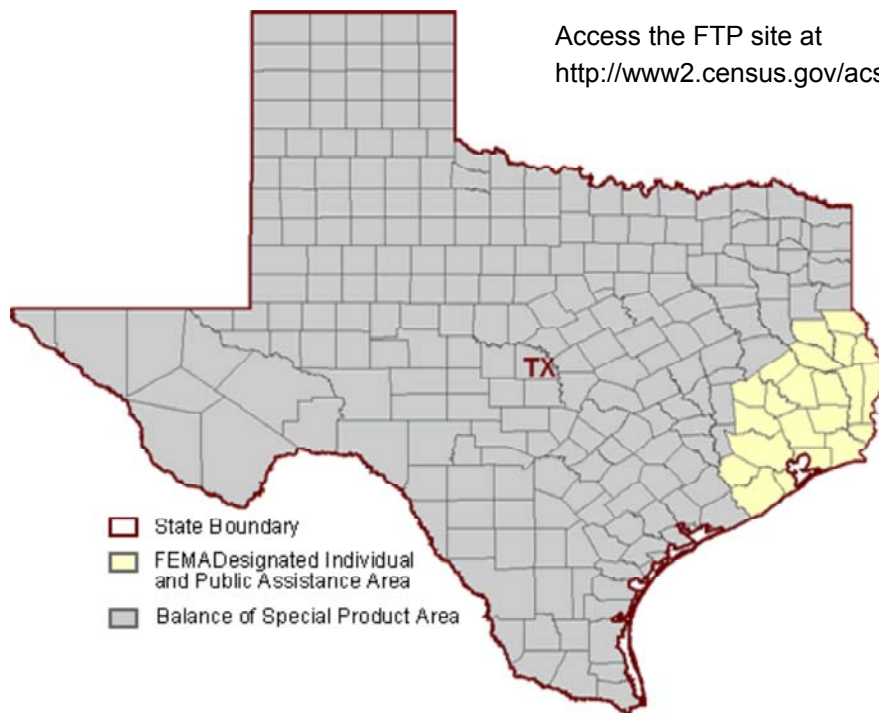


- State Boundary
- FEMA Designated Individual and Public Assistance Area
- Balance of Special Product Area

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Texas Data Profiles



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