



American Community Survey Update



What Is the American Community Survey?

A large, continuous demographic survey

- Produces annual and multi-year estimates of the characteristics of the population and housing
- Produces information for small areas including tracts, block groups and population subgroups - updated every year
- Produces *characteristics*, not a population *count*
- Key component of reengineered 2010 census



The Reengineered 2010 Census

The reengineered 2010 Census consists of three highly integrated activities designed to dramatically improve upon an already very good Census 2000.



Three Key Components of a Reengineered 2010 Census

The three integrated components are:

- A program of early planning, development and testing designed to completely restructure the management and conduct of a short-form only census in 2010
- Enhance and improve our existing address lists
- Collect and tabulate long-form data every year throughout the decade through the American Community Survey



Effects of the American Community Survey on the 2010 Census

Eliminate long-form

Better knowledge of local areas

Ongoing contacts with local
governments

Experienced field staff to help with
the short-form only census



Potential Benefits of the American Community Survey on the 2010 Census

Simplification

Better initial address lists

Cost savings during the census

Greater confidence of community
governments in the census results

Reduction of differential undercount



The 1999-2001 Comparison Study

Compare the results from American Community Survey to the Census 2000 long-form results

Understand and measure differences between the traditional census long-form and the American Community Survey

Provide a bridge to interpret changes between Census 2000 and the American Community Survey



31 American Community Survey Test Sites

- Jefferson Co., AR
- Pima Co., AZ
- San Francisco Co., CA
- Tulare Co., CA
- Broward Co., FL
- Lake Co., IL
- Black Hawk Co., IA
- De Soto Parish, LA
- Calvert Co., MD
- Hampden Co., MA
- Madison Co., MS
- Iron, Reynolds, and Washington Cos., MO
- Flathead and Lake Cos., MT
- Upson Co., GA
- Miami Co., IN
- Otero Co., NM
- Oneida and Vilas Cos., WI
- Ohio Co., WV
- Bronx Borough, NY
- Douglas Co., NE
- Rockland Co., NY
- Franklin Co., OH
- Multnomah Co., OR
- Fulton Co., PA
- Schuylkill Co., PA
- Sevier Co., TN
- Ft. Bend and Harris Cos., TX
- Starr Co., TX
- Zapata Co., TX
- Petersburg, VA
- Yakima Co., WA



Census 2000 Supplementary Survey (C2SS)

Census 2000 included a supplementary survey of 700,000 addresses in 1203 counties (operational test to determine whether Census Bureau could conduct ACS at the same time, but independent of the decennial census)

The survey was conducted throughout 2000 using the American Community Survey questionnaire and methodology

Data similar to that obtained by the Census 2000 long-form, was released in November of 2001 for the nation, all 50 states and counties and places with populations of 250,000 or greater



Continuing the Supplementary Survey

In 2001 and 2002 the Census Bureau continued the survey of 700,000 addresses in 1203 counties using the American Community Survey questionnaire and methodology



Next Data Releases From Census 2000 Supplementary Survey

Summer 2002

- Free CD-ROM with Census 2000 Supplementary Survey and 2000 American Community Survey test sites

Late 2002

- 2001 Supplementary Survey
- 2001 American Community Survey
- 1999-2001 3-year average estimates for the 31 American Community Survey test sites



Full Implementation 2003 and Beyond

(Pending Congressional Funding)

Implement a national sample of 3 million addresses in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native area, Hawaiian Homeland in the United States, and in Puerto Rico

Profiles every year for communities of 65,000 or more, beginning in 2004 and each year thereafter

3- to 5-year cumulations for communities of less than 65,000 population



Planned Data Release Nationwide

(Pending Congressional Funding)

Year	Population		
	65,000 or greater (1-year estimate)	20,000 or greater (3-year average)	Below 20,000 (5-year average)
2004	X		
2005	X		
2006	X	2003-2005	
2007	X	2004-2006	
2008	X	2005-2007	2003-2007
2009	X	2006-2008	2004-2008

X= Average for the previous calendar year



Standard Data Products

Tabular and narrative profiles of communities

Summary tabulations similar to those found in Census 2000 products

Public Use Microdata Sample files
(not available in 1999)



Where the ACS and C2SS Data Products Can Be Found

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Age, Hispanic or Latino Origin, Household Relationship, Owners and Renters, Race, Sex, and more...

- 2000 Summary File 1 Complete geographic detail to the block level.
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- 1990 Summary Tape File 1 Similar subjects from the 1990 Census.

Ancestry, Citizenship, Disability, Educational Attainment, Income, Industry, Language Spoken at Home, Marital Status, Migration, Occupation, Place of Birth, Place of Work, Poverty, Rent, School Enrollment, Tenure, Units in Structure, and more...

- 2000 Summary File 3 Coming soon. See the [Release Schedule](#).
- 1990 Summary Tape File 3 Similar subjects from the 1990 Census.

Items of Interest

- 2000 Gateway
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- 2000 Notes and Errata (PDF - 1.5 MB)

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Using ACS to Address Rural Issues: Mobile Medical Van

"We can use profiles about our population from the American Community Survey to better identify the need for and benefit of a mobile medical van for medically underserved people. It will help us identify the parts of our service areas most in need."

**Fulton County Medical Center
Fulton County, Pennsylvania**





ACS and Health Care: Targeting Medical Services



"American Community Survey data will facilitate the Allen Pavilion's strategic planning process for the Bronx."

**New York Presbyterian Hospital,
Bronx, New York**

"Timely data are essential for the Bronx, as it will enable the Allen to more accurately assess community need and tailor culturally and linguistically appropriate services, which will have a greater success rate."



ACS and Education: Enrollment in Public Schools



"Enrollment was dropping in the Portland Public Schools so the challenge that the American Community Survey helped us understand was which grades were going to need teachers and which grades were not. This is important to planning teacher recruitment."

**Population Research Center
Portland State University**

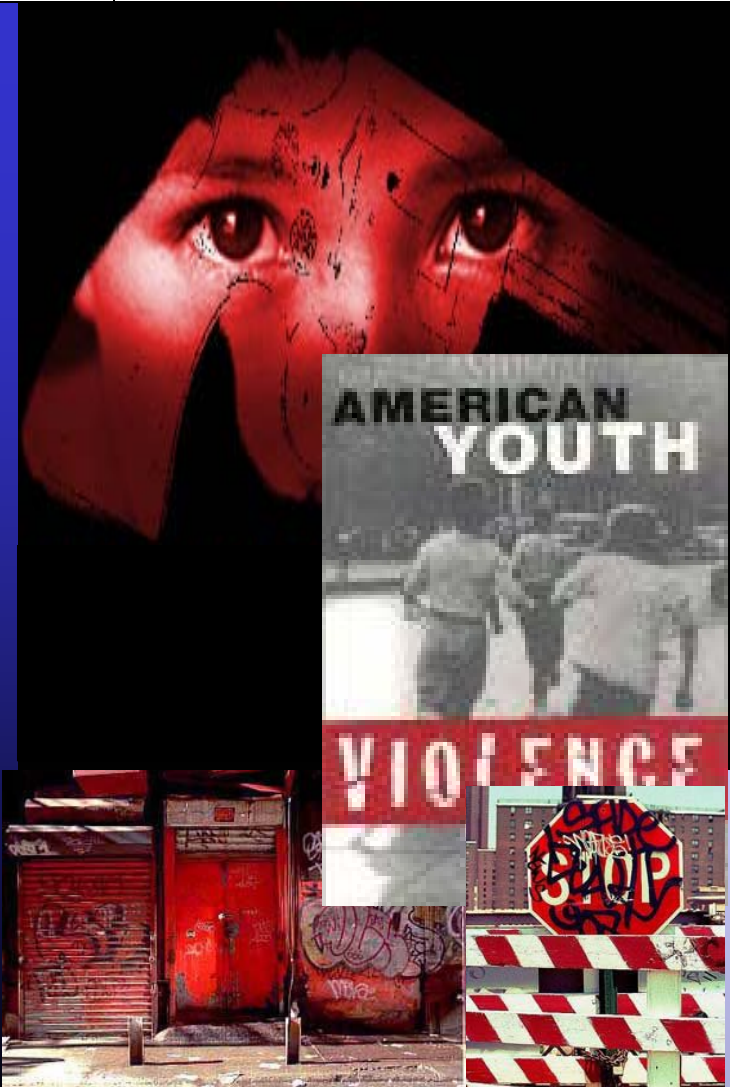


ACS Address Identification of Youth Violence – Springfield, MA

"We used Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software to show the incidence of arrests of youth in 1999 in the police districts of Springfield."

**Baystate Medical Center
Springfield, Massachusetts**

"Then we layered maps that showed relevant demographic, social, and economic characteristics from the 1999 American Community Survey for the area. Such information helps us tailor intervention strategies appropriate to our community's needs."



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What Others are Saying About the American Community Survey

"The American Community Survey represents one of the most valuable data projects taken on by the U.S. Census Bureau outside the decennial census and could revolutionize the quality of data available to public policy makers and private citizens about the demographic characteristics of out state, metropolitan areas, communities, and neighborhood."

ACCRA, formerly the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association

"ACS can be a catalyst for innovation and efficiency at the local level, (ACS is a federal investment that will yield significant dividends in better plans, better local decisions, better neighborhoods."

American Planning Association

"The [American Community Survey] offers the critical missing link necessary to assure governance decision-making can truly be optimized in our nations rural communities and counties."

Rural Policy Research Institute

"In a quickly changing environment Census data every 10 years is inadequate. Portland needs timely and reliable information for planning, evaluation and decision support. As an American Community Survey pilot site we have come to rely upon this more frequent form of Census information."

Vera Katz, Mayor, Portland, Oregon



Endorsements

The American Community Survey has been endorsed publicly by over 40 public and private entities including the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc., the Rural Policy Research Institute, Consortium of Social Science Associations, National Congress of American Indians, Target Corporation, and Federated Department Stores, Inc.



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Provided below is a chart displaying links to the different survey profiles through the years. You may skip this and go directly to our [latest data profiles](#).

Profiles Produced by Survey by Year

	American Community Survey	Supplementary Surveys *
2000	Narrative & Tabular Profiles produced for 67 areas	Narrative & Tabular Profiles produced for 796 areas
1999	Narrative & Tabular Profiles produced for 48 areas	No supplementary survey conducted

* The supplementary survey conducted in 2000 is referred to as the Census 2000 Supplementary Survey.

What Are Narrative Profiles?

Narrative Profiles are plain-language descriptions with representational graphs to complement the standard tabular profiles. These easy-to-read profiles summarize information on a wide array of subjects in words, rather than numbers, for the general-purpose users. Newspaper reporters and grant and loan applicants can quickly obtain information on a dozen or more key topics important to your community. Users will find simple charts and

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Step 2: Choose one of the two types of profiles. Select the button if selecting a Narrative Profile.
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 Tabular Narrative

Step 3 (Tabular ONLY): Choose one of the four tables described below and then select the button. **Display Sites**

- Demographic Characteristics**
 - Sex and Age
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USA Map for 2000 Profiles

STATES CONTAINING SITE PROFILES



Tabular Profiles

Census 2000 Supplementary Survey Profile Nevada



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TABLE 1. PROFILE OF GENERAL DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Total population	1,964,582	*****	*****
SEX AND AGE			
Male	994,037	*****	*****
Female	970,545	*****	*****
Under 5 years	133,964	124,948	142,980
5 to 9 years	147,998	138,647	157,349
10 to 14 years	141,907	133,396	150,418
15 to 19 years	122,343	112,700	131,986
20 to 24 years	122,389	113,393	131,385
25 to 34 years	299,997	289,069	310,925
35 to 44 years	332,691	322,649	342,733
45 to 54 years	263,327	253,778	272,876

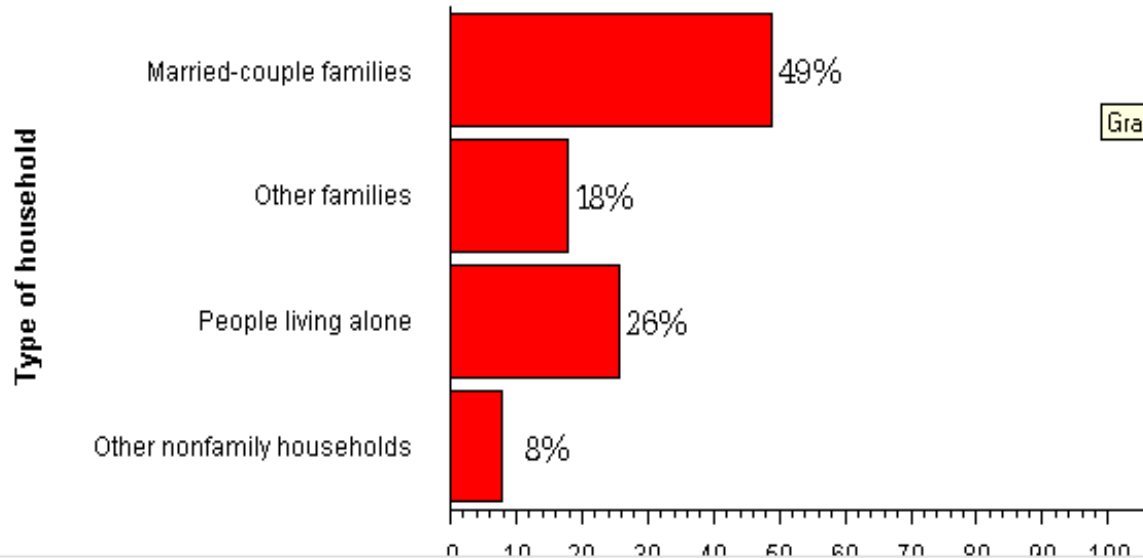


Narrative Profiles

HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: In 2000 there were 770,780 households in Nevada. The average household size was 2.55 people.

Families made up 67 percent of the households in Nevada that year. This figure includes both married couple families (49 percent) and other families (18 percent). Non-family households made up 33 percent of all households in Nevada. Most of the non-family households were people living alone, but some were people living in households maintained by non-relatives.

The Types of Households in Nevada in 2000



Graph of The Types of Households



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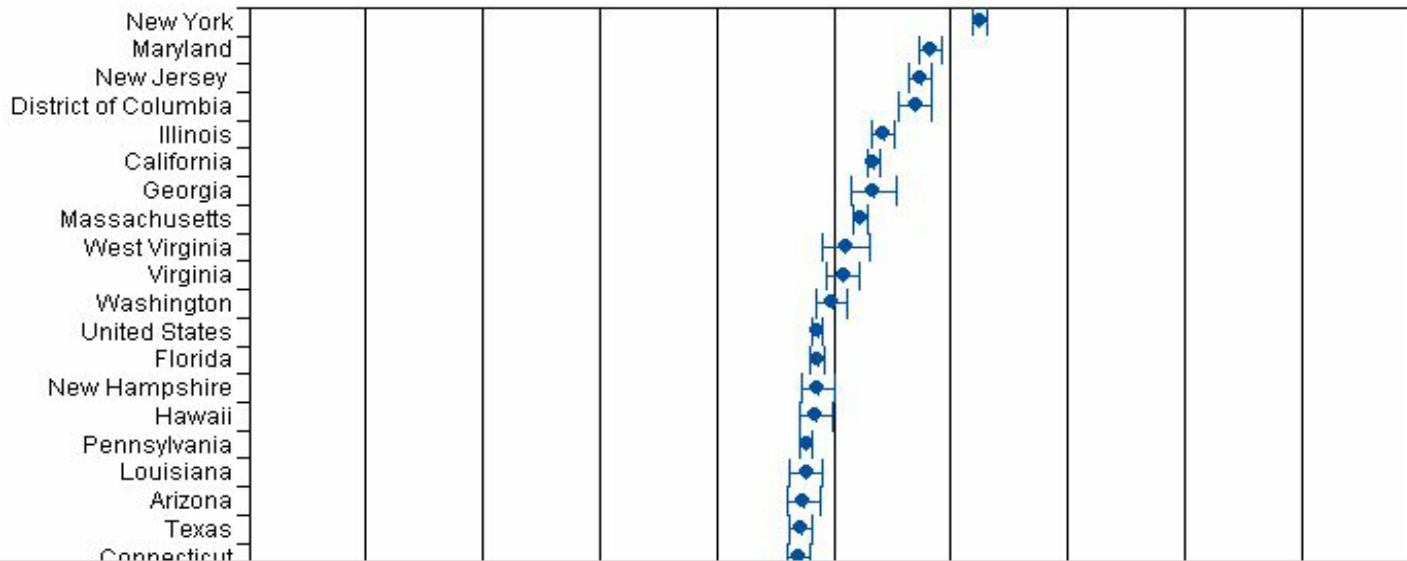
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The Public Use Microdata Sample files, or PUMS, are a sample of the actual responses to the American Community Survey and include most population and housing characteristics. They provide you with the flexibility to prepare customized tabulations and can be used for detailed research and analysis. These files have been edited to protect the confidentiality of all individuals and of all individual households.

PUMS

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There were no Public Use Microdata Samples produced for 1999-2001. The table to the right offers past years data.

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Notice About Using the 1999 American Community Survey Estimates

Special Limitations of the 1999 American Community Survey Estimates

The 1999 American Community Survey estimates have some limitations, which they will not have in future years and therefore should be considered experimental. First, these estimates do not reflect certain kinds of change in the racial and Hispanic origin distributions of the population in selected counties. Second, there are potential problems caused by differences between the race and Hispanic origin questions on the American Community Survey questionnaire and the wording of these questions on the 1990 census.

In 2002, we will reissue the 1999 tables using weights based on Census 2000. We expect at that time that the tables for all the sites will provide accurate profiles.

In all counties but Bronx County, NY, we think the American Community Survey experimental estimates are generally representative of the characteristics of the counties. We will be able to confirm this conclusion when Census 2000 information is available in 2001.

However, in Bronx County, NY, the differences between the 1990 and 2000 questions, and the procedures that depend on the 1990 census, combine to distort the American Community Survey estimates. In particular, the statistical methods we used appear to overstate the number of people who identified as Black Hispanics, understate the number of people identified as Black non-Hispanics or White Hispanics, and greatly understate

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	Alabama	Alaska
Under 1 year	45,657	3,754
1 and 2 years	115,738	23,143
3 and 4 years	116,718	21,945
5 years	85,378	13,843
6 years	41,624	13,002

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NOTE. Data based on twelve monthly samples during 2000. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/exp_c2ss.html.

United States	Estimate	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Total:	273,643,274	*****	*****
White alone	212,031,850	211,668,743	212,394,957
Black or African American alone	32,147,382	31,784,793	32,509,971
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2,119,942	1,953,393	2,286,491
Asian alone	10,418,131	10,240,050	10,596,212
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	436,647	394,707	478,587
Some other race alone	10,685,528	10,454,335	10,916,721
Two or more races:	5,803,794	5,645,057	5,962,531
Two races including Some other race	1,500,963	1,432,821	1,569,105
Two races excluding Some other race, and three or more races	4,302,831	4,178,167	4,427,495

Notes

The Census 2000 Supplementary Survey universe is limited to the household population and excludes the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate is represented through the use of a confidence interval. The confidence interval computed here is a 90 percent confidence interval and can be interpreted roughly as providing 90 percent certainty that the true number falls between the lower and upper bounds.



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