# Accessing and Interpreting Census Products for use in Environmental Justice Reports

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### **Decennial Census**

- Conducted every 10 years
  - COUNTS the population to support apportionment and redistricting
- Summary File 1
  - 100% count
- Summary File 2
  - Tables from SF1 cross-tabbed by race
  - 100 population threshold
- Summary File 3
  - Sample data
  - Characteristics of the population
- Summary File 4
  - Tables from SF3 cross-tabbed by race

# Summary File 1 (SF1) 100%

- Demographics
  - Total population
  - Sex
  - Age
  - Race
  - Hispanic or Latino origin
  - Household relationship
  - Household type
  - Household size
  - Family type
  - Family size
  - Group quarters

- Housing
  - Number of housing units
  - Occupancy status
  - Vacancy status
  - Tenure
    - Owner-occupied
    - Renter-occupied
  - Urban/Rural designations

# Summary File 3 (SF3) Sample data

- Characteristics of the population
  - Educational attainment
  - Marital status
  - Income
  - Language
  - Journey to work (commuting)
  - Employment status
  - Poverty status

- Characteristics of Housing
  - Number of rooms
  - Year structure built
  - Heating fuel
  - Vehicles available
  - Plumbing and kitchen facilities
  - Value of home
  - Monthly rent

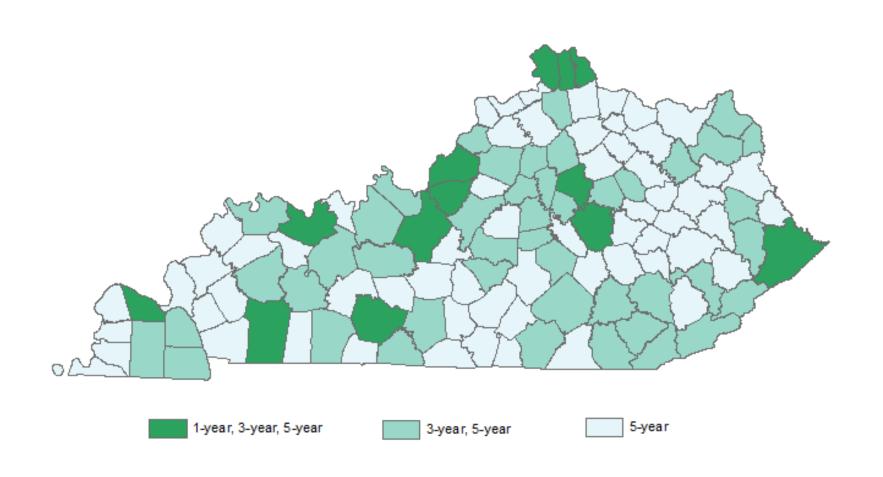
Discontinued after 2000 Census!!

- Rolling annual survey produces ESTIMATES on characteristics of the population
  - 1 in 40 households annually
- Updates every year!
- Smaller sample size than Census Sample data
- Larger standard error

- 1-year, 3-year, 5-year estimates
  - Average survey data to reduce margin of error
  - Data pertain to period of time, not specific point-in-time

Data collected between	Data pooled to produce	Data published for areas with
January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012	2012 ACS 1-year estimates	populations of 65,000+
January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2012	2010-2012 ACS 3-year estimates	populations of 20,000+
January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2012	2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates	populations of almost any size

1-year estimates	3-year estimates	5-year estimates
12 months of collected data	36 months of collected data	60 months of collected data
Data for areas with populations of 65,000+	Data for areas with populations of 20,000+	Data for all areas
Smallest sample size	Larger sample size than 1-year	Largest sample size
Less reliable than 3-year or 5-year	More reliable than 1-year; less reliable than 5-year	Most reliable
Most current data	Less current than 1-year estimates; more current than 5-year	Least current
Best used when	Best used when	Best used when
Currency is more important than precision  Analyzing large populations	More precise than 1-year, more current than 5-year  Analyzing smaller populations  Examining smaller geographies because 1-year estimates are not available	Precision is more important than currency  Analyzing very small populations  Examining tracts and other smaller geographies because 1-year estimates are not available



#### Table 1. Subjects Included in the American Community Survey

#### **Demographic Characteristics**

Age

Sex

Hispanic Origin

Race

Relationship to Householder (e.g., spouse)

#### **Economic Characteristics**

Income T

Food Stamps Benefit

Labor Force Status

Industry, Occupation, and Class of Worker

Place of Work and Journey to Work

Work Status Last Year

Vehicles Available

Health Insurance Coverage\*

#### **Social Characteristics**

Marital Status and Marital History\*

Fertility

Grandparents as Caregivers

Ancestry

Place of Birth, Citizenship, and

Year of Entry

Language Spoken at Home

Educational Attainment and School Enrollment

Residence One Year Ago

Veteran Status, Period of Military Service, and VA Service-Connected Disability Rating\*

Disability \*

#### **Housing Characteristics**

Year Structure Built

Units in Structure

Year Moved Into Unit

Rooms

Bedrooms

Kitchen Facilities

Plumbing Facilities

House Heating Fuel

Telephone Service Available

Farm Residence

#### **Financial Characteristics**

Tenure (Owner/Renter)

Housing Value

Rent

Selected Monthly Owner Costs

<sup>\*</sup>Marital History, VA Service-Connected Disability Rating, and Health Insurance Coverage are new for 2008.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

# Content Changes: New and Modified Questions

- 2008
  - Marital history
  - Health insurance coverage
  - Service connected disability status and rating
  - Disability
- 2009
  - Bachelor's field of degree
- 2013
  - Computer ownership
  - Internet access

### 2012 ACS Release Schedule

- 2012 ACS 1-year estimates on Sept. 19, 2013
  - Areas with population 65,000+
- 2010-2012 ACS 3-year estimates on Nov. 14, 2013
  - Areas with population 20,000+
- 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates on Dec. 17, 2013
  - All areas, including sub-county geographies

## Data Comparisons

- Only compare the same type of estimate
  - 5-year estimates to other 5-year estimates
- Non-overlapping periods
  - 2007-2009 estimate to 2010-2012 estimate
- 2000 SF3
  - Some differences in phrasing of questions
  - Period estimates vs. point in time
    - Income, Vacancy rate, college students
  - For most population and housing subjects, comparisons can be made

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance\_for\_data\_users/comparing data/

### **Data Limitations**

- American Community SURVEY
  - Sampling and Non-Sampling Error
- Margins of Error reported for 90% confidence levels
- Test for reliability
  - Standard Error = Margin of Error / 1.645
  - Coefficient of Variation = (Standard Error / Estimate) \* 100
- Census says use caution when CV > 15%

### **Data Limitations**

- Estimates with overlapping confidence intervals
  - Cannot say with accuracy that one is larger than the other
- Difference in two estimates statistically significant?
  - Have to make sure difference is not due to sampling error

# **Accessing Data**

- American Fact Finder
- Guided search is useful for new users
- Advanced search for experienced users
- Download
  - CSV Best for GIS
  - Excel
  - PDF
  - RTF

http://factfinder2.census.gov



Community Facts

Find popular facts (population, income, etc.) and frequently requested data about your community.

Enter a state, county, city, town, or zip code:

e.g., Atlanta, GA

- Guided Search
- Advanced Search
- Download Options





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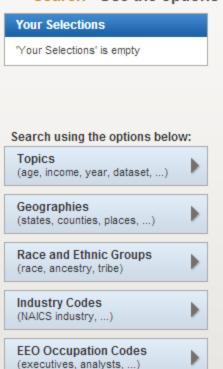
COMMUNITY FACTS

**GUIDED SEARCH** 

ADVANCED SEARCH

DOWNLOAD OPTIONS

#### Search - Use the options on the left (topics, geographies, ...) to narrow your search results

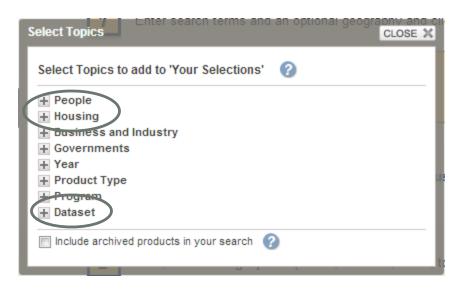


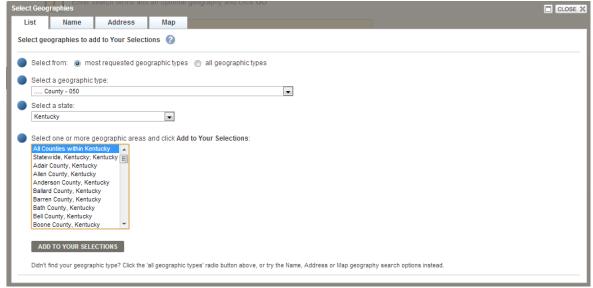
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I would like to use the latest ACS 3-year estimates but am not sure which counties are available...

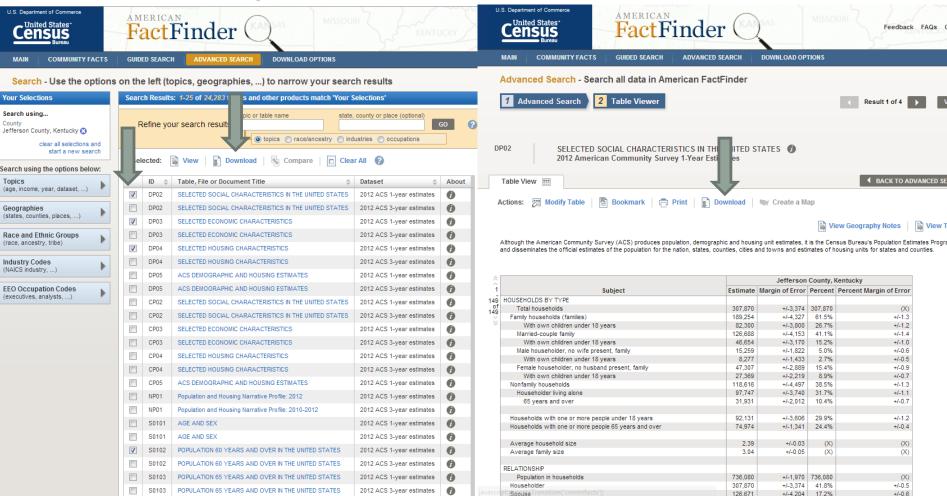
I need data for Adair County but am not sure of the most recent data available...





- American Community Survey summary tables
  - DP02 : Social Characteristics
  - DP03: Economic Characteristics
  - DP04: Housing Characteristics
- Comparison Tables
  - 2007-2009 and 2010-2012 with statistical significance
  - Single year estimate comparisons with statistical significance

Download up to 10 tables at the same time in CSV format using check boxes



Download in different formats using the

Table View screen

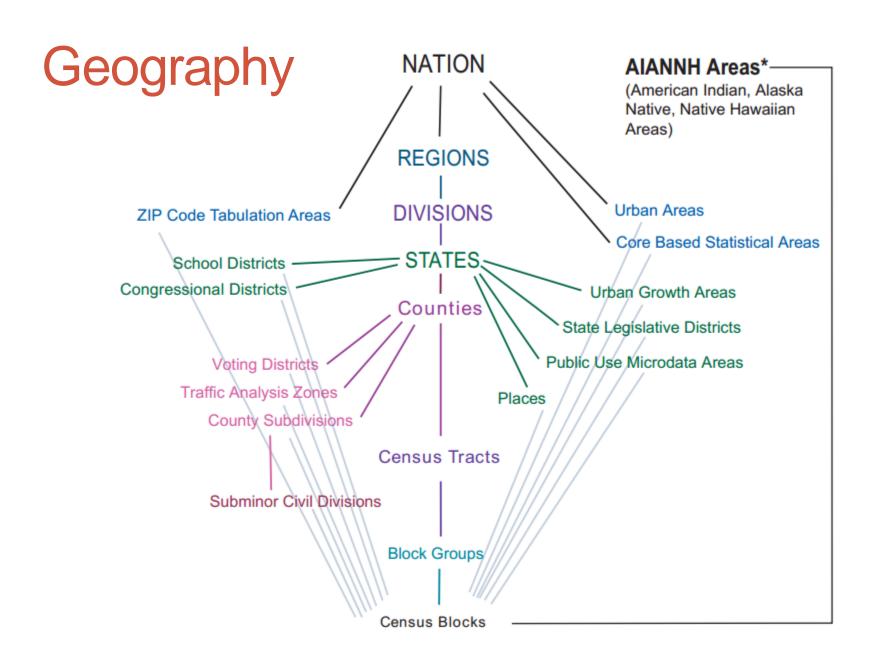
### **AFF Exercise**

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- Is this rate higher or lower than the percent of the population 25 and over who have less than a 9<sup>th</sup> grade education in Pulaski County?

### **AFF Exercise**

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  - 11.6% from the 2010-2012 ACS 3-Year Estimates
- Is this rate higher or lower than the percent of the population 25 and over who have less than a 9<sup>th</sup> grade education in Pulaski County?
  - 11.6% +/- 2.5 = 9.1% 14.1%
  - -9.4% + -1.1 = 8.3% 10.5%
  - Overlapping confidence intervals
  - Cannot say with accuracy that the rate is higher in Rowan County than in Pulaski County

		Pulaski County, Kentucky				Rowan County, Kentucky			
Subject	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error	
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT									
Population 25 years and over	44,147	+/-222	44,147	(X)	13,747	+/-165	13,747	(X)	
Less than 9th grade	4,140	+/-499	9.4%	+/-1.1	1,597	+/-339	11.6%	+/-2.5	
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,335	+/-608	9.8%	+/-1.4	1,704	+/-427	12.4%	+/-3.1	
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	17,328	+/-876	39.3%	+/-2.0	4,121	+/-487	30.0%	+/-3.6	
Some college, no degree	7,863	+/-661	17.8%	+/-1.5	2,493	+/-451	18.1%	+/-3.3	
Associate's degree	3,592	+/-548	8.1%	+/-1.2	852	+/-216	6.2%	+/-1.6	
Bachelor's degree	4,030	+/-745	9.1%	+/-1.7	1,428	+/-336	10.4%	+/-2.4	
Graduate or professional degree	2,859	+/-483	6.5%	+/-1.1	1,552	+/-313	11.3%	+/-2.3	
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	(X)	80.8%	+/-1.8	(X)	(X)	76.0%	+/-3.9	
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	(X)	15.6%	+/-2.0	(X)	(X)	21.7%	+/-3.2	



# Geography





**Block** 

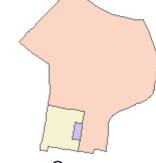
Group

Census Block

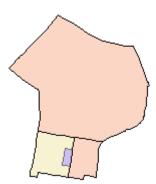


Census Blocks within Census

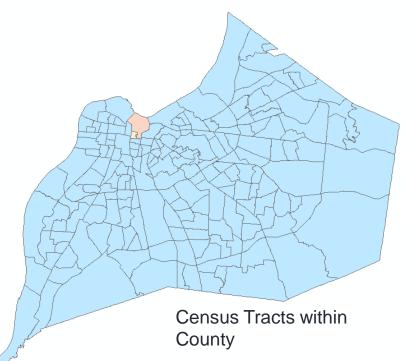
Block Group



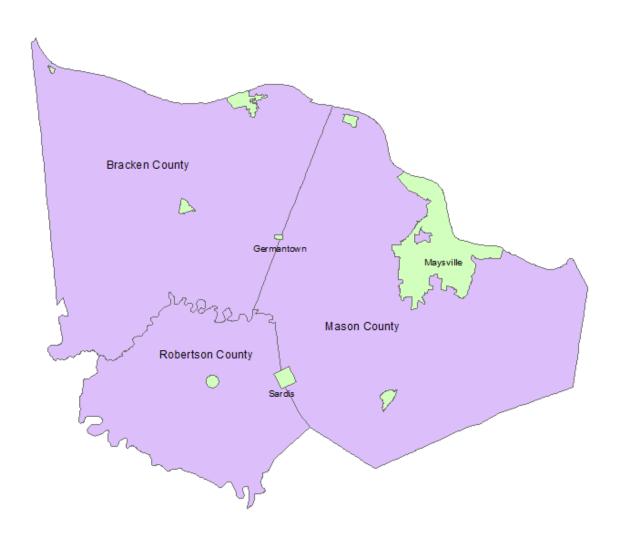
Census Tract



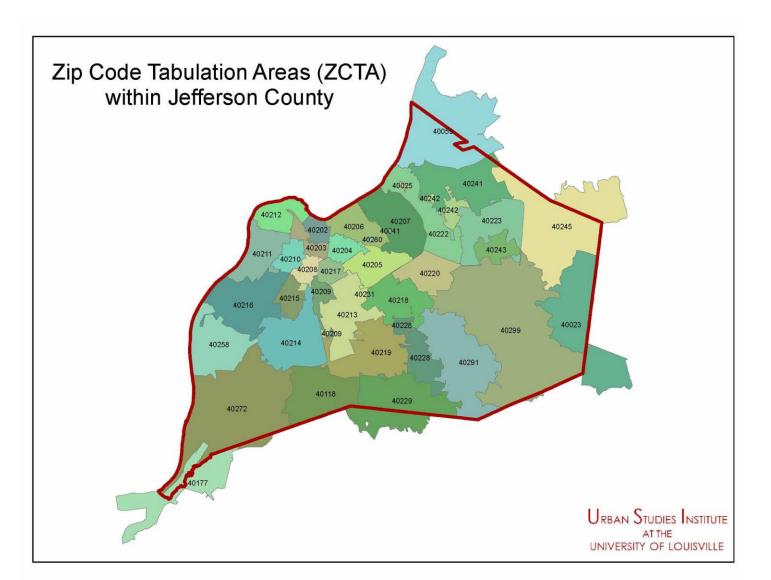
Census Block Groups within Census Tract



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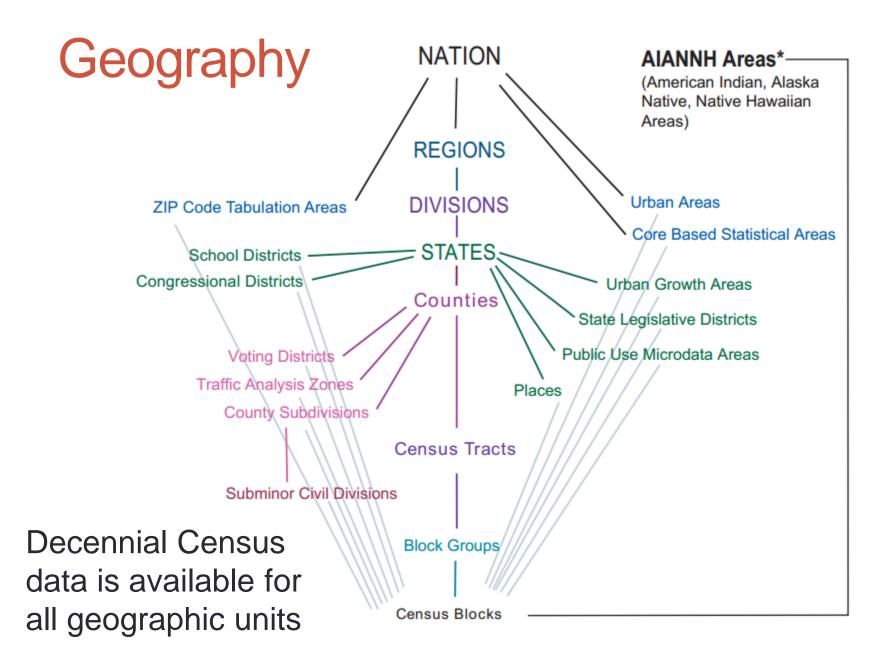


Table 1. Major Geographic Areas and Type of ACS Estimates Published

	Total	Percent of	total areas rec	eiving
Type of geographic area	number of areas	1-year, 3-year, & 5-year estimates	3-year & 5-year estimates only	5-year estimates only
States and District of Columbia	51	100.0	0.0	0.0
Congressional districts	435	100.0	0.0	0.0
Public Use Microdata Areas*	2,071	99.9	0.1	0.0
Metropolitan statistical areas	363	99.4	0.6	0.0
Micropolitan statistical areas	576	24.3	71.2	4.5
Counties and county equivalents	3,141	25.0	32.8	42.2
Urban areas	3,607	10.4	12.9	76.7
School districts (elementary, secondary, and unified)	14,120	6.6	17.0	76.4
American Indian areas, Alaska Native areas, and Hawaiian homelands	607	2.5	3.5	94.1
Places (cities, towns, and census designated places)	25,081	2.0	6.2	91.8
Townships and villages (minor civil divisions)	21,171	0.9	3.8	95.3
ZIP Code tabulation areas	32,154	0.0	0.0	100.0
Census tracts	65,442	0.0	0.0	100.0
Census block groups	208,801	0.0	0.0	100.0

<sup>\*</sup> 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 areas caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Louisiana PUMAs 1801, 1802, and 1805 no longer meet the 65,000-population threshold for 1-year estimates. With reference to Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) data, records for these PUMAs were combined to ensure ACS PUMS data for Louisiana remain complete and additive.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008. This tabulation is restricted to geographic areas in the United States. It was based on the population sizes of geographic areas from the July 1, 2007. Census Bureau Population Estimates and geographic boundaries as of January 1, 2007. Because of the potential for changes in population size and geographic boundaries, the actual number of areas receiving 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year estimates may differ from the numbers in this table.

- All geographies available for 2010 Census
  - Down to block
- Geographies down to Census Tract available from American Community Survey
- Block Group ACS data IS available
  - Limited tables available
  - Need statistical package or GIS software
  - Will discuss GIS data later
  - Can always contact KSDC for retrieval of block group ACS data

# Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

- Persons of Hispanic or Latino Origin also identify separate race category
- Adding White, alone and Hispanic (of any race) will double count!
- Use Non-Hispanic races to avoid double counting

Hi th	e 2010 Census
	NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 5 about Hispanic origin and Question 6 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?
PEO	No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
	Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
	Yes, Puerto Rican
	Yes, Cuban
	Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Pint oligin, for exemple, Agenthean, Colombian, Donitolan, Nicaraguan, Sakadoran, Spaniard, and so on. ?
6.	What is this person's race? Mark   ✓ one or more boxes.  ✓ White
6.	☐ White ☐ Black, African Am., or Negro
6.	White
6.	☐ White ☐ Black, African Am., or Negro
6.	White Black, African Am., or Negro American Indian or Alaska Native — Print rante of avoiled or principal tible.  Asian Indian Japanese Native Hawaiian Chinese Korean Guamanian or Chamorro
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# Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin

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4,339,367
4,264,159
3,809,537
337,520
10,120
48,930
2,501
55,551
75,208
4,339,367
132,836
82,110
11,454
9,323
29,949
4,206,531

Total:	4,339,367
Not Hispanic or Latino:	4,206,531
White alone	3,745,655
Black or African American alone	333,075
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	8,642
Asian alone	48,338
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	2,074
Some Other Race alone	4,634
Two or More Races	64,113
Hispanic or Latino:	132,836
White alone	63,882
Black or African American alone	4,445
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,478
Asian alone	592
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	427
Some Other Race alone	50,917
Two or More Races	11,095

How many minorities live in Kentucky?

# Pay Attention to the Universe!

B17001	POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS BY SEX BY AGE Universe: Population for whom poverty status is determined 2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
B17019	POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS OF FAMILIES BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY TENURE Universe: Families    2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
B17017	POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER Universe: Households   2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
B17006	POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS BY FAMILY TYPE BY AGE OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS Universe: Related children under 18 years 2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

P16	POPULATION IN HOUSEHOLDS BY AGE Universe: Population in households 2010 Census Summary File 1
P22	HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER Universe: Households 2010 Census Summary File 1

### **Technical Documentations**

- Table subjects and corresponding table numbers
- ACS data, shows which tables are available at block group level
- 2010 Census SF1
   <a href="http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/sf1.pdf">http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/sf1.pdf</a>
- ACS different for every release

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\_documentation/sum

mary\_file/





### Additional Data Sources

- EPA's EJView
  - Interactive map, define area of interest
  - Reports with environmental, health, and demographic data
  - 2006-2010 ACS
  - http://epamap14.epa.gov/ejmap/entry.html
- Census Population Estimates
  - Annual estimates of the population by age, sex, race
  - Smallest geography available: County
  - Available on American Fact Finder
- Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates
  - Annual estimates of poverty by special age groups and median household income
  - Smallest geography available: County
  - http://www.census.gov/did/www/saipe/data/interactive/#

### Additional Data Sources



### Kentucky State Data Center

LOUISVILLE

426 W.Bloom St. Louisville-40208 | Ph.[502] 852-7990 | Email: ksdc@louisville.edu

http://ksdc.louisville.edu/

- Census Profiles
  - State, ADDs, County, Cities
  - -1980 2010
- Population Estimates
- Projections
- Vital Statistics
- Descriptions of all kinds of Census databases
- Other useful links
  - Kids Count, Kentucky Health Facts
- Data Requests

### **TIGER**

- Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing
- Shapefiles available for download
  - State
  - County
  - Census tracts, block groups, blocks
  - Places
  - School districts
  - ZCTAs
  - Roads
  - Rail
  - Water

### **TIGER**

- Shapefiles are comprised of four files ending with
  - .dbf
  - .prj
  - .shp
  - .shx
- TIGER files also come with XML file
  - Metadata

#### **TIGER**

- Different vintages available
- Use the vintage that matches the dataset

purposes does not constitute a determination of jurisdictional authority or rights of ownership or entitlement.

Geographies change over time!!



### TIGER prejoined with Data

- 2007-2011 ACS
  - Including block group data!
- 2006-2010 ACS
- 2010 Census Demographic Profile
- Downloads with metadata table describing coded field names

#### **GIS** Exercise

- County data prejoined with 2010 Census Demographic Profile
- Prejoined data files are for entire nation
- Use state of Kentucky shapefile to select counties within the state
- Export shapefile of Kentucky counties
- Metadata table

## Joining Data

- FIPS: Federal Information Processing Standards
  - Unique identifier for every geographic unit
- Length of FIPS code determined by scale of geographic unit
- State: 2 digits
  - Kentucky: 21
- County: 3 additional digits, 5 digits total
  - Franklin County: 21073
- Census Tract: 6 additional digits, 11 digits total
  - Tract 704.01 in Franklin County: 21073070401
  - Tract 705 in Franklin County: 21073070500
  - Tract 9081 in Jefferson County: 21111980100
- Block Group: 1 additional digit, 12 digits total
- Block: 3 additional digits, 15 digits total

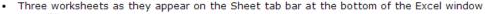
## Joining Data

- Modifications need to be made to data downloaded from American Fact Finder
- Import into Excel using "Get External Data from Text" function
- Select Delimited, Next, Check Comma, Next
- FORMAT FIPS as TEXT
  - Prevents loss of leading zeros
  - Join will not work if not formatted correctly
- Data labels cannot have characters other than underscore
  - Remove hyphens and periods
- Save as Excel workbook

#### **Excel and ArcGIS**

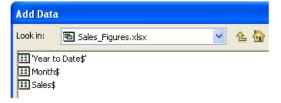
- Import using Add Data
- Each worksheet in Excel workbook is separate table in ArcGIS

 If using Office 2010 must have 2007 Office System Driver installed for ArcGIS to read .xlsx files





Available worksheets inside the sales\_figures workbook on the ArcMap Add Data dialog box



- Tables are read-only
  - Make all modifications in Excel before adding to ArcGIS
  - Export table to .dbf format to make modifications to table in ArcGIS

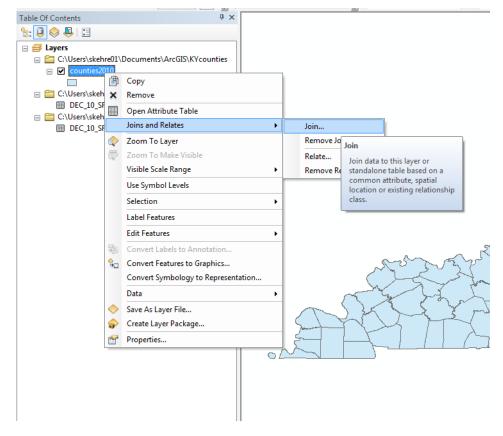




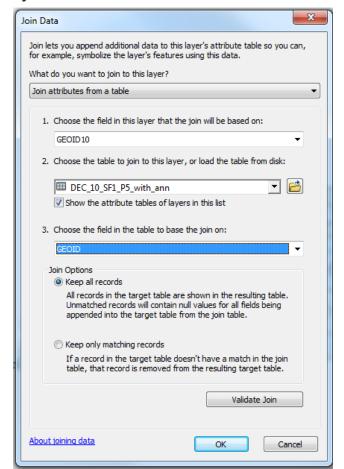
This download will install a set of components that can be used to facilitate transfer of data between 2007 Microsoft Office System files and non-Microsoft Office applications.

# Joining Data

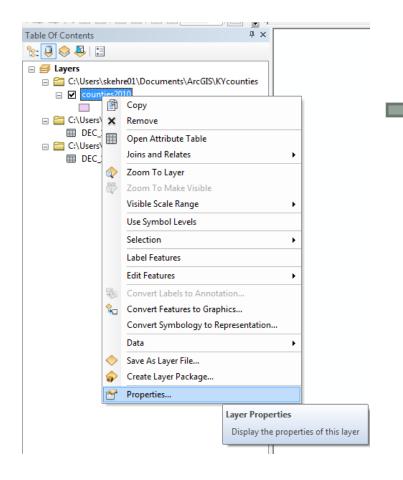
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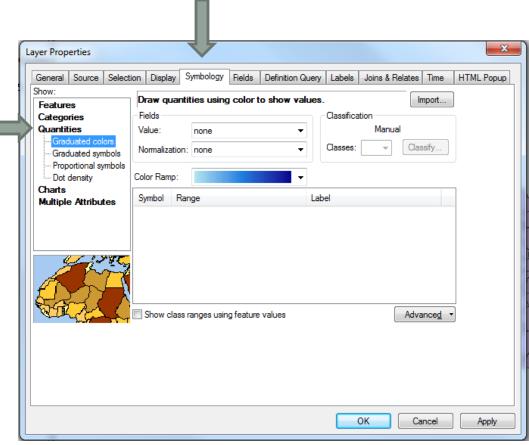


Choose field with FIPS code from shapefile and table.
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# Choropleth Map





### Choropleth Map

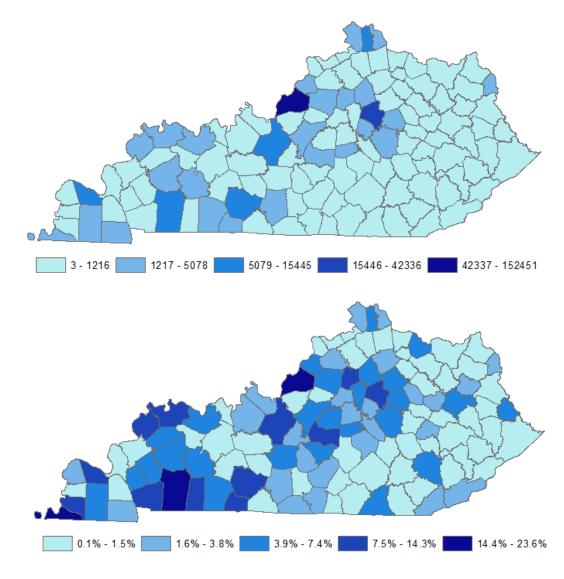
- Classification Methods
  - Natural Breaks
  - Quantile
  - Equal Interval
  - Standard Deviation
  - Manual
- Number of classes
  - Between 3 and 10
- Logical color scheme

- Important Elements
  - Legend
  - Data source
  - Scale
  - North arrow

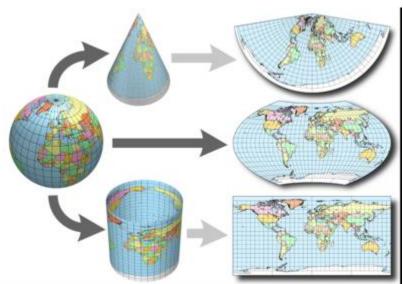
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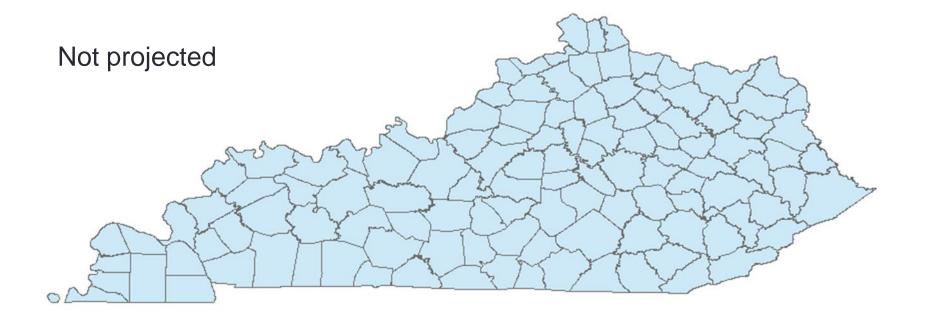
 Both maps show the Black population by county using Natural Breaks classification

 Which displays data in a more meaningful way?



- Defined geographic coordinate system
  - North American Datum 1983
- No defined projected coordinate system
- Projections display objects in 3-dimensional space (latitude/longitude) on a 2-dimensional surface
- Required for distance to be displayed correctly



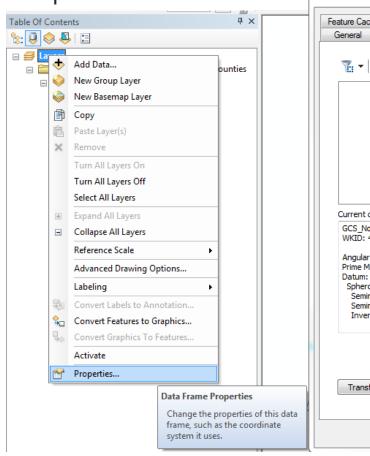




- State Plane Projected Coordinate System
- Multiple zones for each state
- 3 options in Kentucky
  - Kentucky FIPS 1600
    - State scale
  - Kentucky North FIPS 1601
  - Kentucky South FIPS 1602

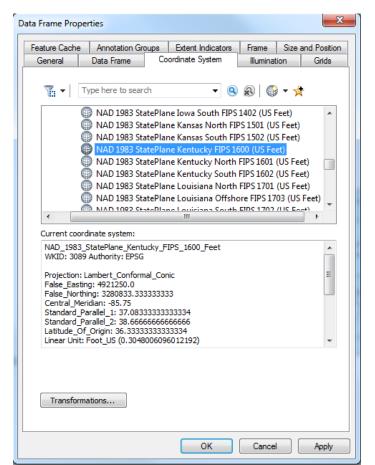


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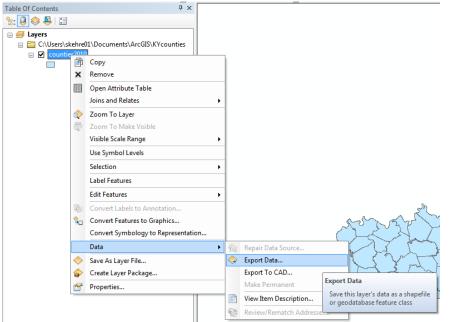
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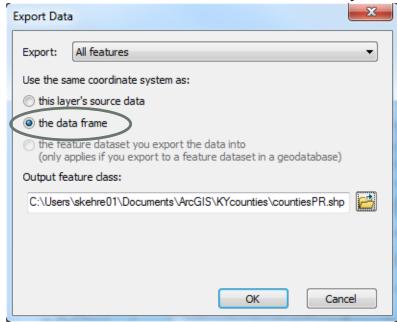




- The previous steps project "on-the-fly"
  - Data Frame is projected
  - Underlying shapefile is not
- To avoid these steps every time you start a new ArcMap session, save Projected shapefiles

Right click file name → Data → Export Data Select the data frame coordinate system





#### Final Exercise

 Create a choropleth map displaying the percent of occupied housing units with no vehicles available for all census tracts in McCracken County