
6. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ACS PUMS Documentation

<www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/microdata/documentation.html>

This Web page includes information about the American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), as well as the PUMS technical documentation.

U.S. Census Bureau, Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data: What All Data Users Need to Know

<www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/handbooks/general.html>

This handbook provides an overview of the ACS to help data users understand the basics of the survey, how the data can be used, how to judge the accuracy of ACS estimates, and how to access ACS data.

Webinar: Calculating Margins of Error the ACS Way

<www.census.gov/data/academy/webinars/2020/calculating-margins-of-error-acs.html>

In this Webinar, U.S. Census Bureau staff discuss how to calculate variances, standard errors, and margins of error using the Successive Difference Replicate method.

Webinar: Introduction to the Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) File

<www.census.gov/data/academy/webinars/2020/introduction-to-american-community-survey-public-use-microdata-sample-pums-files.html>

In this Webinar, U.S. Census Bureau staff discuss foundational aspects of working with the ACS PUMS files, including the organization of the files, the confidentiality of the files, accessing the data, geographic availability, and the PUMS documentation. This Webinar also explores how to use new features on data.census.gov to create custom PUMS tables.

Geography and ACS

<www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/geography-acs.html>

This Web page includes information about changes in geographic boundaries in the ACS, key concepts and definitions, and reference maps.

Using Microdata Access

<<https://www2.census.gov/data/api-documentation/using-microdata-access/microdata-access-1-year-acs-pums.pdf>>

This document provides a step-by-step guide for using microdata access on data.census.gov to create your own tables using the ACS PUMS files.

ACS Online Community

<<https://acsdatacommunity.prb.org/>>

The ACS Online Community is a site where people can share messages, materials, and announcements related to ACS data, methods, and events.