

2012 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year Estimates

Pre-Embargo Release Webinar
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Webinar Outline

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- ACS Basics
- Using American FactFinder, My Congressional District
- Data Product Changes
- Topic Reports
- Comparison Guidance
- Navigating the ACS Website
- Keep in Touch with ACS

2012 ACS Release Schedule

2012 1-Year Estimates (Areas with population of 65,000+)

- Tuesday, September 17: Embargo Release
- Thursday, September 19: Public Release

2010-2012 3-Year Estimates (Areas with population of 20,000+)

- Tuesday, October 22: Embargo Release
- Thursday, October 24: Public Release

2008-2012 5-Year Estimates (All geographic areas)

- Tuesday, December 3: Embargo Release
- Thursday, December 5: Public Release

2012 ACS PUMS Release Schedule

- Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files contain individual housing unit and person records with limited geography to ensure confidentiality
- 2012 1-Year PUMS File: fall 2013
- 2010-2012 3-Year PUMS File: TBD
- 2008-2012 5-Year PUMS File: TBD

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/public_use_microdata_sample/

Basics: The Survey

- Ongoing survey that samples about 3.5 million addresses per year
- Designed to produce critical information that was previously collected in the decennial census
- Fully implemented in 2005
- Collects data on a wide range of demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics
- Publishes annual estimates for small geographic areas and population groups

Basics: 1-Year Geography

- All geographic areas of 65,000+ total population including
 - Nation
 - All States, DC, and Puerto Rico
 - All Metropolitan Areas
 - All Congressional Districts (113th Congress)
 - All Counties and Places of 65,000+
- Approximately 7,000 geographic areas

Basics: 1-Year Data Products

- Profiles (Social, Economic, Housing, Demographic)
- Comparison Profiles (2008 to 2012)
- Selected Population Profiles (Race, Hispanic Origin, Ancestry, Place of Birth)
- Ranking Tables and Geographic Comparison Tables (88)
- Subject Tables (70)
- Detailed Tables (1,474)

Using American FactFinder

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder website. At the top left is the U.S. Department of Commerce logo and the United States Census Bureau logo. The main header features the 'AMERICAN FactFinder' title with a magnifying glass icon over a map of the United States. Navigation links include 'Feedback', 'FAQs', 'Glossary', and 'Help'. A secondary navigation bar contains 'MAIN', 'COMMUNITY FACTS', 'GUIDED SEARCH', 'ADVANCED SEARCH' (highlighted with a red box), and 'DOWNLOAD OPTIONS'. Language options for 'English' and 'Español' are also present. On the left, a 'Community Facts' section is expanded, showing a description: 'Find popular facts (population, income, etc.) and frequently requested data about your community.' Below this is a search input field with the placeholder text 'Enter a state, county, city, town, or zip code:' and an example 'e.g., Atlanta, GA', followed by a 'GO' button. A list of search options includes 'Guided Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Download Options'. The right side of the page features a large photograph of a smiling young woman in a classroom setting.

<http://factfinder2.census.gov>

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MAIN COMMUNITY FACTS GUIDED SEARCH **ADVANCED SEARCH** DOWNLOAD OPTIONS

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

Your Selections
'Your Selections' is empty

Search using the options below:

- Topics**
(age, income, year, dataset, ...)
- Geographies**
(states, counties, places, ...)
- Race and Ethnic Groups**
(race, ancestry, tribe)
- Industry Codes**
(NAICS industry, ...)
- EEO Occupation Codes**
(executives, analysts, ...)

To search for tables and other files in American FactFinder:

- 1 Enter search terms and an optional geography and click **GO**

topic or table name state, county or place (optional) **GO** ?

topics race/ancestry industries occupations

-- or --

Select from **Topics, Race and Ethnic Groups, Industry Codes, EEO Occupation Codes.**

- these are added to 'Your Selections'
- the Search Results are updated

- 2 Next, select **Geographies** (states, counties, cities, towns, etc.)

- these are added to 'Your Selections'
- the Search Results are updated

- 3 Select one or more Search Results and click **View**

Selecting 2012 ACS 1-Year Estimates

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Enter search terms and an optional geography and click GO

Select Topics

Select Topics to add to 'Your Selections'

Search using the options below:

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- EEO Occupation Codes (executives, analysts, ...)

Expand Topics

- People
- Housing
- Business and Industry
- Governments
- Year
- Product Type
- Program
- Dataset
 - 2012 ACS 1-year estimates (2,845)
 - 2012 Population Estimates (31)
 - 2012 Annual Survey of Public Pensions (6)
 - 2012 Annual Survey of State Government Tax Collections (8)
 - 2012 Census of Governments (27)
 - 2011 ACS 5-year estimates (2,145)
 - 2011 ACS 3-year estimates (2,751)

Expand Dataset

Select 2012 ACS 1-year estimates

Selecting Product Type

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'MAIN', 'COMMUNITY FACTS', 'GUIDED SEARCH', 'ADVANCED SEARCH', and 'DOWNLOAD OPTIONS'. Below this is a search instruction: 'Search - Use the options on the left (topics, geographies, ...) to narrow your search results'. On the left side, there's a 'Your Selections' box containing 'Search using...' with 'Dataset: 2012 ACS 1-year estimates' and a link to 'clear all selections and start a new search'. Below this are sections for 'Search using the options below:' including 'Topics (age, income, year, dataset, ...)', 'Geographies (states, counties, places, ...)', 'Race and Ethnic Groups (race, ancestry, tribe)', 'Industry Codes (NAICS industry, ...)', and 'EEO Occupation Codes (executives, analysts, ...)'. A 'Select Topics' dialog box is open, titled 'Select Topics to add to "Your Selections"'. It lists categories: 'People', 'Housing', 'Year', 'Product Type', 'Document Type', and 'Dataset'. Under 'Product Type', several options are listed with counts: 'Comparison Profile (5)', 'Data Profile (5)', 'Detailed Table (1,474)', 'Geography Comparison Table (1,193)', 'Geography Header (1)', 'Narrative Profile (1)', 'Public Use Microdata Sample (2)', 'Quick Table (5)', 'Ranking Table (88)', 'Selected Population Profile (2)', and 'Subject Table (70)'. Red arrows point from the 'Product Type' category and the 'Geography Comparison Table' option to the numbered instructions on the right.

1. Expand Topics
2. Expand Product Type
3. Select Product

Selecting Geography

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Your Selections

Search using...
Dataset:
2012 ACS 1-year estimates +
Product Type:
Comparison Profile +
[clear all selections and start a new search](#)

Search using the options below:

Topics
(age, income, year, dataset, ...)

Geographies
(states, counties, places, ...)

Race and Ethnic Groups
(race, ancestry, tribe)

Industry Codes
(NAICS industry, ...)

EEO Occupation Codes
(executives, analysts, ...)

Search Results: 1-5 of 5 tables and other products match 'Your Selections'

Select Geographies [CLOSE X]

List Name Address Map

Select geographies to add to Your Selections ?

Select from: most requested geographic types all geographic types

Select a geographic type:
-- select a geographic type --

Didn't find your geographic type? Click the 'all geographic types' radio button above, or try the Name, Address or Map geography search options instead.

Selected: [View] [Download] [Compare] [Clear All]

1. Expand Geographies

2. Select Geographic Type

Select Geography Type

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Finding Your Geography of Interest

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

Your Selections

Search using...
Dataset:
2012 ACS 1-year estimates
Product Type:
Comparison Profile

clear all selections and start a new search

Search using the options below:

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(age, income, year, dataset, ...)

Geographies
(states, counties, places, ...)

Race and Ethnic Groups
(race, ancestry, tribe)

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EEO Occupation Codes
(executives, analysts, ...)

Select Geographies CLOSE

List Name Address Map

Select geographies to add to Your Selections

Select from: most requested geographic types all geographic types

Select a geographic type:
..... Place - 160

Select a state:
Illinois

Select one or more geographic areas and click **Add to Your Selections**:

- All Places within Illinois
- Arlington Heights village, Illinois
- Aurora city, Illinois
- Bloomington city, Illinois
- Bolingbrook village, Illinois
- Champaign city, Illinois
- Chicago city, Illinois**
- Cicero town, Illinois
- Decatur city, Illinois
- Elgin city, Illinois

ADD TO YOUR SELECTIONS

Didn't find your geographic type? Click the 'all geographic types' radio button above, or try the Name, Address or Map geography search options instead.

AFF Search Results

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

Your Selections

Search using...

Dataset:
2012 ACS 1-year estimates

Product Type:
Comparison Profile

Place within State
Chicago city, Illinois

clear all selections and start a new search

Search using the options below:

Topics (age, income, year, dataset, ...)

Geographies (states, counties, places, ...)

Race and Ethnic Groups (race, ancestry, tribe)

Industry Codes (NAICS industry, ...)

EEO Occupation Codes (executives, analysts, ...)

Search Results: 1 of 4 tables and other products match 'Your Selections'

topic or table name state, county or place (optional) GO

Refine your search results: topics race/ancestry industries occupations

Selected: View Download Compare Clear All

	ID	Table, File or Document Title	Dataset	About
<input type="checkbox"/>	CP02	SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES	2012 ACS 1-year estimates	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	CP03	SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS	2012 ACS 1-year estimates	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	CP04	SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS	2012 ACS 1-year estimates	i
<input type="checkbox"/>	CP05	ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES	2012 ACS 1-year estimates	i

Selected: View Download Compare Clear All

1. Results Limited to Your Selections

2. View Search Results

3. Click Table Title to View

Comparison Profile

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Advanced Search - Search all data in American FactFinder

1 Advanced Search 2 **Table Viewer**

Result 2 of 2 VIEW ALL AS PDF

CP03 | **SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS** *i*
 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Subject	Chicago city, Illinois								
	2011 Estimate	2010 Estimate	2011 - 2010 Statistical Significance	2009 Estimate	2011 - 2009 Statistical Significance	2008 Estimate	2011 - 2008 Statistical Significance	2007 Estimate	2011 - 2007 Statistical Significance
COMMUTING TO WORK									
Workers 16 years and over	1,199,278	1,168,318	*	1,271,744	*	1,260,188	*	1,230,933	*
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	49.9%	50.2%		50.8%		50.4%		51.2%	
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	9.0%	9.4%		9.9%	*	10.3%	*	10.4%	*
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	27.6%	26.5%		26.5%		26.7%		26.7%	
Walked	6.3%	6.5%		5.9%		5.9%		5.4%	*
Other means	2.9%	2.8%		2.7%		2.5%	*	2.6%	
Worked at home	4.3%	4.7%		4.2%		4.2%		3.7%	*
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	33.5	32.9	*	33.2		34.5	*	34.4	*

Ranking Table

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Result 1 of 1 VIEW ALL AS PDF

R0801 MEAN TRAVEL TIME TO WORK OF WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER WHO DID NOT WORK AT HOME (MINUTES) - United States -- States; and Puerto Rico
 Universe: Workers 16 years and over who did not work at home ⓘ
 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Table View BACK TO ADVANCED SEARCH

Actions: [Modify Table](#) | [Bookmark](#) | [Print](#) | [Download](#) | [Create a Map](#) | [With Statistical Significance](#)

Geography:

Stat Sig: Geographical Area:

Rank	Geographical Area	Stat Sig?	Minute	Margin of Error
1	United States		25.5	+/-0.1
2	Maryland		32.2	+/-0.2
3	New York		31.5	+/-0.2
4	New Jersey		30.5	+/-0.2
5	District of Columbia		30.1	+/-0.5
5	Illinois	##	28.2	+/-0.2
6	Massachusetts	#	28.0	+/-0.2
7	Virginia		27.7	+/-0.2
8	California		27.1	+/-0.1

Geographic Comparison Table

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Advanced Search - Search all data in American FactFinder

1 Advanced Search 2 **Table Viewer** Result 3 of 3 VIEW ALL AS PDF

GCT0801 | MEAN TRAVEL TIME TO WORK OF WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER WHO DID NOT WORK AT HOME (MINUTES) - United States -- County by State; and for Puerto Rico
 Universe: Workers 16 years and over who did not work at home ⓘ
 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Geographic Area	Minute	Margin of Error
Illinois	28.2	+/-0.2
Adams County	16.6	+/-1.1
Champaign County	17.5	+/-0.8
Cook County	31.9	+/-0.3
DeKalb County	25.5	+/-2.3
DuPage County	28.5	+/-0.6
Kane County	29.2	+/-1.2
Kankakee County	24.3	+/-1.8
Kendall County	36.1	+/-2.8
Lake County	29.8	+/-0.7
LaSalle County	22.6	+/-1.5
McHenry County	35.1	+/-1.5
McLean County	17.5	+/-0.9
Macon County	18.0	+/-1.0

My Congressional District

The screenshot shows the 'My Congressional District' website. At the top, it says 'My Congressional District' in blue, with '113th Congress' in a red banner below it, and 'POWERED BY The American Community Survey' in red. Below the title are two dropdown menus: the first is labeled '1' and contains the text 'Select a State'; the second is labeled '2' and is empty. To the right of the dropdowns are five icons with labels: 'People' (two figures), 'Jobs' (briefcase), 'Housing' (house), 'Economic' (dollar sign), and 'Education' (graduation cap). Below the dropdowns is a map of the United States with state boundaries. To the right of the map is a text box with the following text: 'My Congressional District gives you quick and easy access to selected statistics collected by the U.S. Census Bureau through the American Community Survey. The American Community Survey provides updated detailed demographic, social and economic statistics every year for the nation's communities. With My Congressional District, you can view statistics covering age, employment, education, and much more. My Congressional District is powered by the American Community Survey and Census Application Programming Interface (API)'. At the bottom left of the screenshot is the 'United States Census Bureau' logo and the text 'U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration U.S. CENSUS BUREAU census.gov'.

<http://www.census.gov/mycd>


My CD Results Page


My Congressional District


113th Congress POWERED BY The American Community Survey


1 Texas


2 Congressional District 1

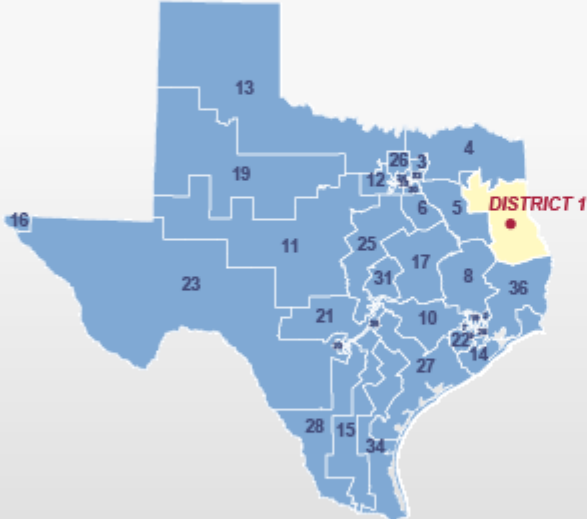

People


 Jobs


 Housing



 Economic


 Education





Congressional District 1, Texas

Sex and Age	Estimate
Total population	703,177 (+/- 3,940)
Male	343,419 (+/- 2,888)
Female	359,758 (+/- 3,256)
Under 5 years	49,978 (+/- 1,551)
5 to 9 years	51,186 (+/- 2,659)
10 to 14 years	47,971 (+/- 3,064)
15 to 19 years	51,780 (+/- 2,608)
20 to 24 years	54,541 (+/- 2,553)
25 to 34 years	87,182



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Display Margin of Error



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New Tables

- New Detailed Table in order to publish nativity information for more geographies in Puerto Rico ([B05012PR](#))
- 2 new Detailed Tables for health insurance coverage status and private health insurance by sex by enrollment status for young adults aged 19-25 ([B27022](#) and [B27023](#))
- New Collapsed Table on household type that uses the most up-to-date relationship categories based on 2008 questionnaire changes ([C09019](#))

New 1-Year Selected Population Profile (SPP) Iteration Groups

- 2 groups added
 - Inupiat tribal grouping alone (188)
 - Inupiat tribal grouping alone or in any combination (494)
- 1 group published for 2012 but not 2011
 - Ancestry=Somalian

Noteworthy Data Product Modifications

- Subject Table S2701 for health insurance contains a new line with an estimate of total uninsured for ages 19-25
- “Year of Entry” and “Year of Naturalization” categories have been shifted from “2000 or later” to “2010 or later” as the highest category
- “Year Structure Built” and “Year Householder Moved Into Unit” has been shifted from “2005 or later” to “2010 or later”

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2012_data_product_changes/

Geography Updates

- Data products using 113th Congressional Districts available
- 2012 ACS data release marks the first time estimates based on 2010 Census definitions for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs), Urban Areas, and Urban/Rural are available

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/geography/

ACS Topic Reports

- In addition to the tabulated data products, the Bureau will also be releasing a series of ACS topic reports over the next several months
- Three reports will be embargoed Sept 17th for release on Sept 19th
 - Poverty: 2000 to 2012
 - Household Income: 2012
 - Mitigating the Loss of Private Insurance with Public Coverage for Under-65 Population: 2008 to 2012

Comparison Guidance

- Compare across geographies and population subgroups using 2012 ACS
- Compare 2011 ACS and 2012 ACS estimates but use caution when comparing
 - Income, Earnings, and Poverty
- Compare percents, means, medians, and rates instead of totals whenever possible
- Don't expect ACS estimates to match decennial census counts or estimates from other surveys

CPS vs. ACS

- 2012 income, poverty, and health insurance estimates from the 2013 Current Population Survey (CPS) will be released Tuesday, September 17th
- Estimates from CPS and ACS differ for a number of reasons, but trends over time tend to be similar across the surveys
- Recommendation:
 - National estimates=CPS
 - Subnational estimates=ACS
- Random Samplings blog at <http://blogs.census.gov/>

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Question Corner for Survey Respondents

Q Do I have to fill out the questionnaire?

Yes. You are legally obligated to answer all the questions, as accurately as you can. [More](#).

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Language Brochures

Questions and Answers about the American Community Survey in 11 languages. [pdf format]

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中文 Chinese
English English

What is the American Community Survey?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing statistical survey that samples a small percentage of the population every year -- giving communities the information they need to plan investments and services. [Learn more](#).

How do I respond to the survey?

Learn ways to [respond to the ACS](#) or [get help with the survey](#). Learn more about how we [protect your privacy](#); why you were [selected](#); why it's important to [participate](#); why we ask specific [questions](#) and more in [About the Survey](#).

How do I get started using ACS data?

Start learning about the ACS with three tips about the data. Find additional information about geography in the ACS, comparison guidance, and user specific handbooks. Learn more in [Guidance for Data Users](#).

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Current Data Profiles

Social, Economic, Housing and Demographic Characteristics

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- Age and Sex / Aging
- Ancestry
- Disability
- Commuting to Work
- Education

<http://www.census.gov/acs>

Comparison Guidance

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Comparing 2012 American Community Survey Data

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Subject Area ^{1*}	2012 ACS ACS 1-Year, 2010-2012 ACS ACS 3-Year, and 2008-2012 ACS ACS 5-Year with Census 2000	2012 ACS ACS 1-Year with 2011 ACS 1-Year	2012 ACS ACS 1-Year, 2010-2012 ACS ACS 3-Year, and 2008-2012 ACS ACS 5-Year with 2010 Census
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- + Age and Sex (01)
- + Race (02)
- + Hispanic Origin (03)
- + Ancestry (04)
- + Foreign Born; Citizenship; Year of Entry; Nativity (05)
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http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance_for_data_users/comparing_data/

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Data Releases

We release 1-year, 3-year and 5-year data products every year.

- **Get 2012 Data Release information**

Online Data Products

We publish data in many forms on the Census Bureau's **American FactFinder website**, including:

- Data Profiles - social, economic, housing and demographic data tables
- Geographic Comparison Tables - tables comparing selected data characteristics for geographies.
- And more

Other Data Options:

- [Summary File](#) - comma-delimited files containing all Detailed Tables produced from ACS

Census Bureau Sets Tentative Dates for the American Community Survey 2012 Data Release

The Census Bureau plans to release:

- 2012 ACS 1-year estimates on **Sept. 19, 2013**
- 2010-2012 ACS 3-year estimates on **Oct. 24, 2013**
- 2008-2012 ACS 5-year estimates on **Dec. 5, 2013**

The full [release schedule](#) is now available.

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Current Data Profiles

Social, Economic, Housing and Demographic Characteristics

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Website Feedback

Tell us how to make this website better.

Data by Topic

People

- Age and Sex / Aging
- Ancestry
- Disability
- Commuting to Work
- Education

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/data_main

2012 Data Release Information

The screenshot shows the United States Census Bureau website. The top navigation bar includes links for People, Business, Geography, Data, Research, and Newsroom. The main content area is titled "American Community Survey" and features a sidebar with a "Data Releases" menu. The "2012 Data Release" section is highlighted, showing a list of links for various years and product changes. The main content area displays the "2012 Data Release" heading, followed by a "New and Notable" section titled "2012 ACS 1-year estimates" posted on September 12, 2013. Below this, there are sections for "New tables for the 2012 ACS 1-year release" and "2012 ACS 1-year table shells".

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New and Notable

2012 ACS 1-year estimates

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New tables for the 2012 ACS 1-year release

Visit [2012 Product Changes](#) for a list and description of new, modified, and deleted tables.

2012 ACS 1-year table shells

[Table shells](#) for the 2012 ACS 1-year estimates are available on the FTP site.

2012 ACS 1-year reference maps

These [Reference Maps](#) highlight areas that will be published in the 2012 ACS 1-year data release.

Select documentation released

[Supplemental documentation](#) has been released to help users access the release of the 2012 ACS 1-year estimates. Additional

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2012_release

Documentation

The screenshot shows the United States Census Bureau website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About Us, Subjects A to Z, FAQs, and Help. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories: People, Business, Geography, Data, Research, and Newsroom. A search box is located on the right. The main content area is titled "American Community Survey" and features a breadcrumb trail: Census.gov > American Community Survey > Data & Documentation: Documentation. A secondary navigation bar highlights "Data & Documentation" in red. A left sidebar menu lists various options, with "Documentation" highlighted in red. The main content area is titled "Documentation" and includes links for Print, Share this page, and Connect with us. A paragraph states: "The documentation below is provided in support of the American Community Survey data." Below this is a year selector with tabs for 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, and All. Three content boxes are visible: "Code Lists" (with a link to 2012 Code Lists PDF), "Subject Definitions" (with a link to 2012 Subject Definitions PDF), and "Group Quarters Definitions". To the right, there are sections for "Comparison Guidance" and "Accuracy of the Data".

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/documentation_main/

Upcoming Webinars

- **ACS PUMS overview**
Thur, Oct 17th 1:00-2:30 PM EST
- **2008-2012 ACS 5-year webinar**
Date TBD
- **ACS Summary File overview**
Tue, Dec 10th
- **Working with 2000 & 2010 PUMA boundaries**
Tue, Jan 14th

<http://www.census.gov/mso/www/training/>

ACS “On the Road”

- **Association of Public Data Users**
(Washington, DC), September, 16-17th
- **Independent Sectors**
(New York City, NY), September 29th - October 1st
- **National Congress of American Indians**
(Tulsa, OK), October 13-18th
- **Community Indicators Consortium Impact Summit**
(Chicago, IL), October 17-18th
- **Southern Demographic Association**
(Montgomery, AL), October 23-25th
- **Applied Geography Conference**
(Annapolis, MD), October 30th – November 1st



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA USERS GROUP

- Purpose of ACS DUG is to improve understanding of the value and utility of ACS data and to promote information sharing among data users about key ACS data issues and applications
- Membership is free and open to all interested ACS data users
- Webinars and special sessions at professional meetings planned
- Data users conference planned for spring 2014
- Users group website and online community planned for launch in fall 2013

Get Email Updates

The screenshot shows the American Community Survey website interface. At the top, there's a navigation menu with links for 'Main', 'About the Survey', 'Guidance for Data Users', 'Data & Documentation', 'Methodology', and 'Library'. Below this is a 'Question Corner for Survey Respondents' section with three articles: 'What is the American Community Survey?', 'How do I respond to the survey?', and 'How do I get started using ACS data?'. There's also a 'Respond Online' section for 'My Congressional District' with a 'Now Available' banner and a 'Get the latest, easy-to-use data tool' link. A 'Contact & Help' section is visible at the bottom right of the page, containing links for 'Contact ACS', 'Get Email Updates', 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Site Map'. A red arrow points from this section towards the right side of the slide.

This inset box highlights the 'Contact & Help' menu. The menu items are: 'Contact ACS', 'Get Email Updates' (highlighted with a red border), 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Site Map'. A red arrow points from the bottom right of this box towards the right side of the slide.

<http://www.census.gov/acs/>

Recap

- Wide range of local statistics
- People, housing and economy
- Embargo begins **Tuesday, September 17th**
at 2 p.m. EDT
<http://www.census.gov/newsroom/embargo.html>
- Public release on **Thursday, September 19th**
at 12:01 a.m. EDT

Questions?



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http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/news_conferences/20130917_acs1yr2012.html