

2020 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

What You Need to Know

Question 1. Do you use population or demographic data in your work to allocate funds, conduct program evaluation, make decisions, or for other purposes?



You are not impacted by this announcement. For more information on how to make data-driven decisions for your program go to: Federal Data Strategy <<https://strategy.data.gov>>.

Question 2. Does the data you use for your program come from the U.S. Census Bureau?



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Explore Census data sources at <<https://data.census.gov>>. If you still have questions, please contact the Census Bureau's Customer Help Center at 1-800-923-8282 or <<https://ask.census.gov>>.

Question 3. Does the data you use come from the American Community Survey (ACS)?



You are not impacted by this announcement. For more information on how to make data-driven decisions for your program go to: Federal Data Strategy <<https://strategy.data.gov>>.



Learn more about the differences between the ACS and decennial census at <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/about/acs-and-census.html>, and about the questions on the ACS form at <www.census.gov/acs/www/about/why-we-ask-each-question/> to help identify whether the ACS is the source of your data. If you still have questions, please contact the Census Bureau's Customer Help Center at 1-800-923-8282 or <<https://ask.census.gov>>.

Question 4. Does the data you use come from ACS 1-year estimates or ACS 5-year estimates?

1-Year Estimates

You are likely impacted by this announcement. Work with legal and technical staff in your program to determine if one of the following options is feasible:

- 2019 ACS 1-year estimates in place of 2020 ACS 1-year estimates.
- 2015–2019 ACS 5-year estimates in place of 2020 ACS 1-year estimates.
- An alternative data source (i.e., Current Population Survey, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2020 ACS 1-year experimental estimates) in place of 2020 ACS 1-year estimates.

5-Year Estimates

You are not impacted by this announcement. The Census Bureau is currently analyzing the impact of COVID data collection issues on ACS 5-year estimates. At present, no action is necessary. However, we encourage you to retain the information you have collected in this review in case the Census Bureau determines that there are impacts on ACS 5-year estimates from the data collection issues that occurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I Don't Know

Learn more about the differences between ACS 1-year estimates and ACS 5-year estimates at <www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/estimates.html> to help identify the source of your data. If you still have questions, please contact the Census Bureau's Customer Help Center at 1-800-923-8282 or <<https://ask.census.gov>>. Our Customer Help Center representatives can connect you with the ACS Data Users team if additional assistance is needed.