

# Creating Custom Tables Using the American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample

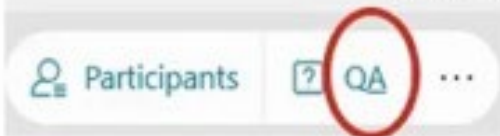
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## Outline

- **American Community Survey (ACS) and PUMS basics**
- PUMS Geography
- Accessing PUMS Data
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# The American Community Survey

## The Foundation

***The American Community Survey is on the leading edge of survey design, continuous improvement, and data quality***

- The nation's most current, reliable, and accessible data source for local statistics on critical planning topics such as age, children, veterans, commuting, education, income, and employment
- Surveys **3.5 million** addresses and informs over **\$675 billion** of Federal government spending each year
- Covers **40+ topics**, supports over **300** evidence-based Federal government uses, and produces **11 billion** estimates each year
- Three key annual data releases:
  - 1-year Estimates (for large populations)
  - 1-year Supplemental Estimates (for small populations)
  - 5-year Estimates (for very small populations)

The image shows the front cover of the American Community Survey questionnaire booklet. At the top left is the U.S. Census Bureau logo and the text 'The American Community Survey'. A green box in the upper center contains the text: 'This booklet shows the content of the American Community Survey questionnaire.' Below this is a 'Start Here' section with two options: 'Respond online today at: https://respond.census.gov/acs' and 'Complete this form and mail it back as soon as possible.' To the right of these options are fields for 'Last Name', 'First Name', and 'Area Code + Number'. Below the 'Start Here' section is a 'Your response is required by law' section, followed by a 'If you need help or have questions about completing this form, please call 1-800-354-7271.' section. To the right of these sections are instructions for 'How many people are living or staying at this address?' and 'Fill out pages 2 - 7 for everyone, including yourself, who is living or staying at this address for more than 2 months.' The bottom of the cover features a barcode and the text 'ACS-1B1FO(2021)'.

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## Content Overview

| POPULATION   |  | HOUSING   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>SOCIAL</b><br>Ancestry<br>Citizenship<br>Citizen Voting Age Population<br>Disability<br>Educational Attainment<br>Fertility<br>Grandparents<br>Language<br>Marital Status<br>Migration<br>School Enrollment<br>Veterans | <b>DEMOGRAPHIC</b><br>Age<br>Hispanic Origin<br>Race<br>Relationship<br>Sex<br><br><b>ECONOMIC</b><br>Class of Worker<br>Commuting<br>Employment Status<br>Food Stamps (SNAP)<br>Health Insurance<br>Hours/Week, Weeks/Year<br>Income<br>Industry & Occupation | Computer & Internet Use<br>Costs (Mortgage, Taxes, Insurance)<br>Heating Fuel<br>Home Value<br>Occupancy<br>Plumbing/Kitchen Facilities<br>Structure<br>Tenure (Own/Rent)<br>Utilities<br>Vehicles<br>Year Built/ Year Moved In |

- PUMS stands for the Public Use Microdata Sample
  - Microdata file is a subsample of the full ACS records
    - 1-year (approximately 1% of U.S. households)
    - 5-year (approximately 5% of U.S. households)
  - Additional data disclosure measures are applied to PUMS to protect confidentiality
- PUMS allows data users to create their own estimates which may not be published in [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov)
- Statistical programs, such as SAS, R, Python, or STATA are recommended to calculate PUMS estimates and MOEs

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## Why Use PUMS?

**DETAILED OCCUPATION FOR THE FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND CIVILIAN EMPLOYED FEMALE POPULATION 16 YEARS AND OVER**

Survey/Program: American Community Survey Universe: Full-time, year-round civilian employed female population 16 years and over TableID: B24126 Product: 2018: ACS 1-Year Estimates Detailed Tables

Data Notes Selections Geographies Years Topic Survey Code 123 Hide Filter Sort Transpose Table Margin of Error Restore Layout Download Print Share More Data Map

|                                     | United States |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                                     | Estimate      | Margin of Error |
| ▼ Total:                            | 47,989,329    | +/-85,819       |
| Chief executives                    | 268,474       | +/-10,150       |
| General and operations managers     | 283,257       | +/-9,175        |
| Legislators                         | 4,890         | +/-1,111        |
| Advertising and promotions managers | 24,483        | +/-2,628        |
| Marketing managers                  | 263,399       | +/-9,099        |

- Data needs not supported by standard tables
  - Example: occupation by sex by marital status (“married female actuaries”)
- Can create new measures with unique combinations of person and/or household variables
  - Example: spouse’s occupation
- Users want to conduct sophisticated statistical analysis to understand relationship between variables
  - Example: correlation analysis

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## Summary Data vs. Microdata

|  | Louisiana |                 |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
|  | Estimate  | Margin of Error |
| ∨ Total:   | 2,015,672 | +/-17,879       |
| ∨ Male:  | 1,029,182 | +/-10,608       |
| ∨ Management, business, science, and arts occupations:       | 302,411   | +/-8,186        |
| ∧ Management, business, and financial occupations:           | 138,208   | +/-6,478        |
| ∨ Computer, engineering, and science occupations:            | 64,855    | +/-4,695        |
| ∨ Computer and mathematical occupations:                     | 22,827    | +/-2,629        |
| ∨ Computer occupations:                                      | 22,439    | +/-2,626        |
| Computer and information research scientists and analysts... | 2,287     | +/-781          |
| Software developers and programmers                          | 6,874     | +/-1,772        |

**Aggregated tables for a geography:**  
 “In 2018 in Louisiana, approximately 22,827 males work in computer and mathematical occupations.”

**Individual responses:**  
 “This male in Louisiana is a web developer.”

| RT | SERIALNO | SPORDER | ST | SEX | OCCP |
|----|----------|---------|----|-----|------|
| P  | 267855   | 2       | 22 | 1   | 6600 |
| P  | 267870   | 1       | 22 | 2   | 1020 |
| P  | 267870   | 2       | 22 | 1   | 1030 |
| P  | 267913   | 1       | 22 | 2   | 430  |
| P  | 267913   | 2       | 22 | 1   | 9620 |
| P  | 268097   | 1       | 22 | 2   | 4110 |
| P  | 268097   | 2       | 22 | 1   | 6260 |



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## Weighting in PUMS

- Data users must aggregate PUMS records to create weighted estimates
- PUMS weights and replicate weights are provided
  - WGTP: PUMS household weights
    - used to produce housing unit estimates
  - PWGTP: PUMS person weights
    - used to produce population estimates
  - WGTP1 – WGTP80, PWGTP1 – PWGTP80: PUMS Replicate Weights
    - used to calculate standard errors
- Use the variance formula to calculate the MOE

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## What is the Margin of Error (MOE)?

**Definition:** An MOE is a measure of the possible variation of the estimate around the population value

- At a given confidence level, the estimate and actual population value will differ by no more than the MOE
- 90% confidence level is the Census standard and ACS MOEs are provided in the same unit as the estimate

### Example: How many males under age 5 live in WY?

Lower bound =  $19,174 - 346 = 18,828$

Upper bound =  $19,174 + 346 = 19,520$

We are 90% confident the true number of males under age 5 in Wyoming falls **between 18,828 and 19,520**

|                 | Wyoming  |                 |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
|                 | Estimate | Margin of Error |
| ∨ Total:        | 583,200  | *****           |
| ∨ Male:         | 298,301  | +/-673          |
| Under 5 years   | 19,174   | +/-346          |
| 5 to 9 years    | 20,796   | +/-771          |
| 10 to 14 years  | 20,227   | +/-740          |
| 15 to 17 years  | 11,677   | +/-367          |
| 18 and 19 years | 7,605    | +/-364          |

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## 5-year PUMS Files

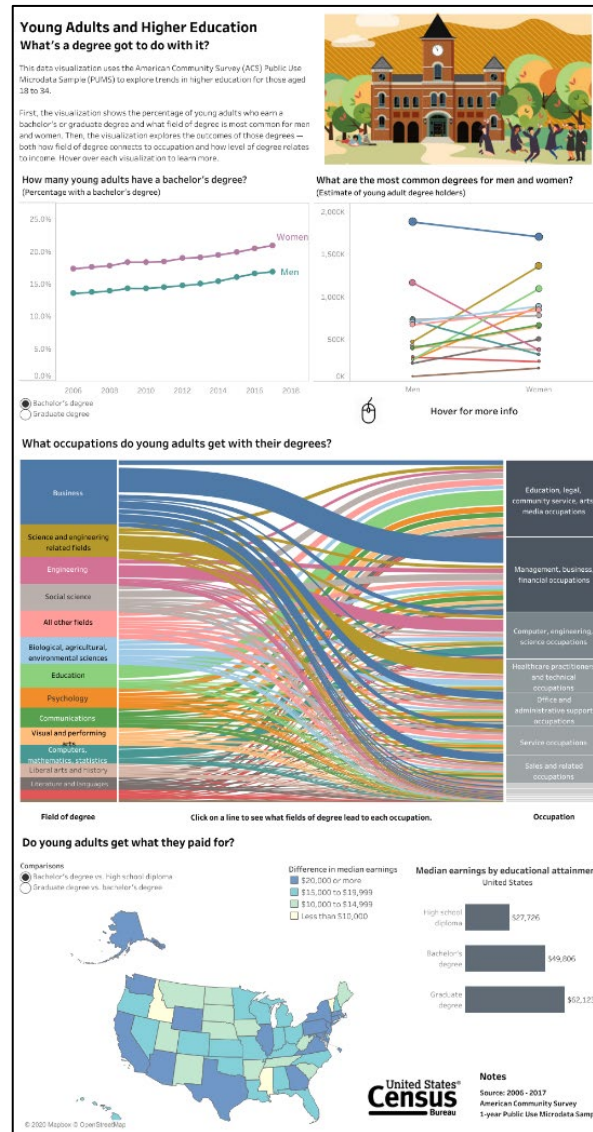
- 5-year PUMS files contain the same cases as their component 1-year files

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{2016\ ACS\ 1-year\ PUMS} \\ \mathbf{2017\ ACS\ 1-year\ PUMS} \\ \mathbf{2018\ ACS\ 1-year\ PUMS} \\ \mathbf{2019\ ACS\ 1-year\ PUMS} \\ \mathbf{2020\ ACS\ 1-year\ PUMS} \end{array} \right. = \mathbf{2016-2020\ ACS\ 5-year\ PUMS}$$

- Why do we release multiyear PUMS?
  - New weights are produced using latest population estimate “vintages”
  - Coding schemes and dollar amounts are standardized to latest year in the multi-year file

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## Example of PUMS in Action



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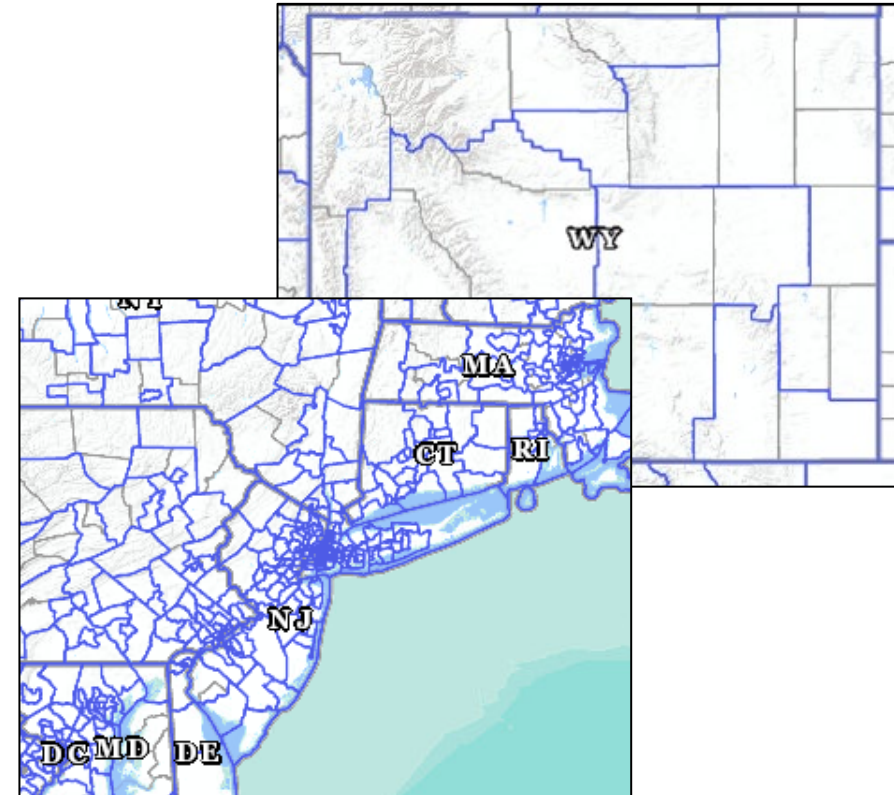
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## Levels of Geography

- Region, division, state, and Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA)
- PUMAs can identify most cities of 100,000+ and many metropolitan areas, but not all
- PUMS is not designed for statistical analysis of small geographic areas

# The American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA)

- An area with 100,000+ population
- Identified by five-digit code (unique within each state)
- Nest within states or equivalent entities
- Geographically contiguous
- Defined after each census
  - 2010 Census PUMAs first used in the 2012 ACS
  - Census tracts and counties are the building blocks



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## Approximate PUMAs using MCDC's GEOCORR

### MCDC Data Applications

Missouri Census Data Center

Home Data Population Geography Help About MCDC

## Geocorr 2018: Geographic Correspondence Engine

**Beta version, revised 12/04/2018 with 2016 geographies**

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#### INPUT OPTIONS

Select the state(s) to process: 🗨

- Missouri
- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut

(ctrl-click to select multiple)

Select one or more source geographies: 🗨

- Entire Universe [no code]
- State
- 2010 Geographies:
  - County
  - County Subdivision/Town(ship)/MCD
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  - Census Tract
  - Census Block Group
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  - Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA)

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**Notes for geography selectors:**

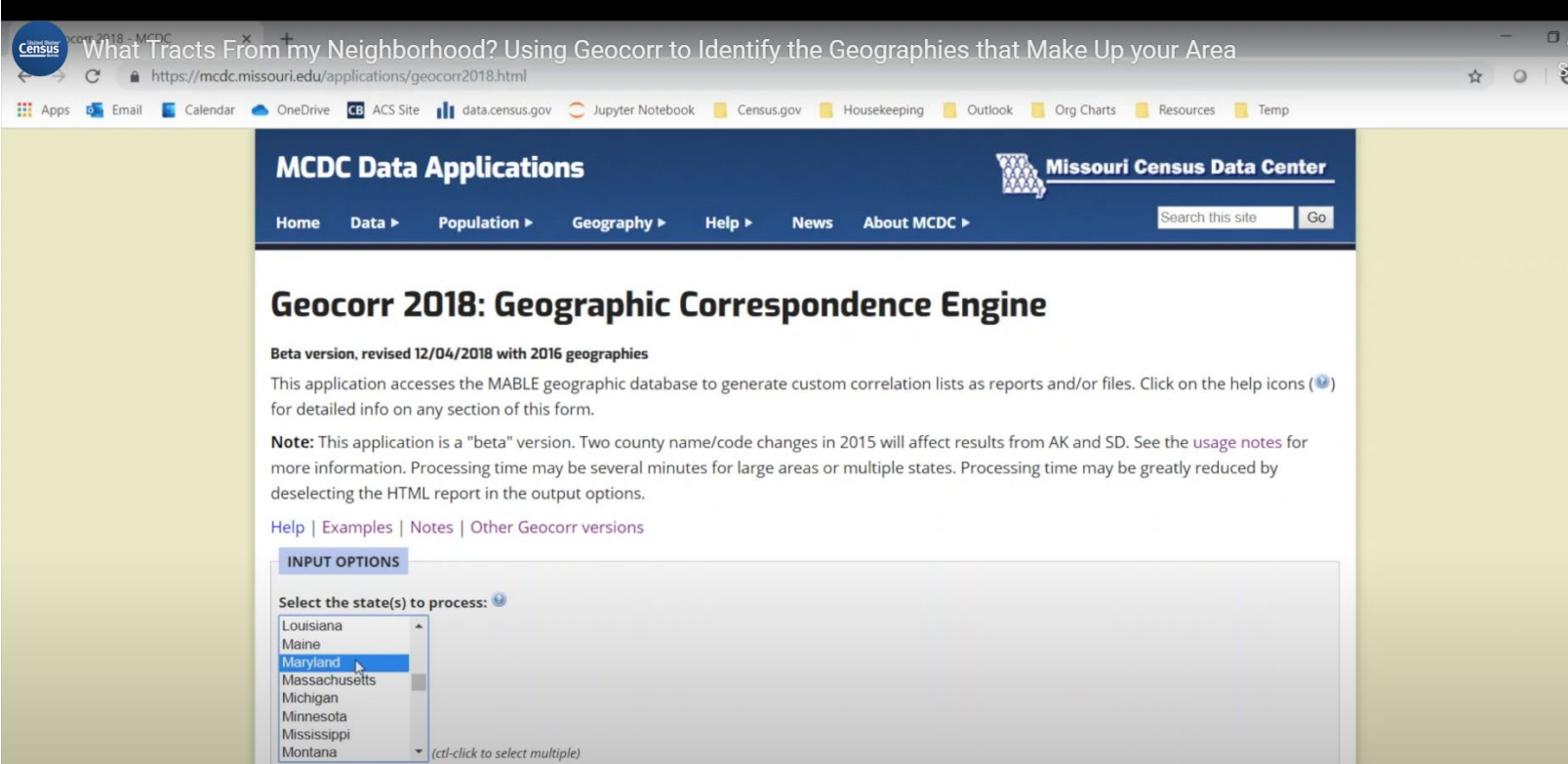
- \* If you chose census block, you may not choose more than 13 states.
- \*\* If you chose "Concentric Ring Pseudo-Geocode" from either list, you *must* specify either **Point and Distance** or **Ring Geocode** options below.

See the [geographic glossary](#) for descriptions of the source and target geocodes used here.



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## Approximate PUMAs using MCDC's GEOCORR



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://mcdc.missouri.edu/applications/geocorr2018.html>. The page title is "What Tracts From my Neighborhood? Using Geocorr to Identify the Geographies that Make Up your Area". The browser's taskbar shows various applications like Email, Calendar, OneDrive, ACS Site, data.census.gov, Jupyter Notebook, Census.gov, Housekeeping, Outlook, Org Charts, Resources, and Temp.

The website header includes "MCDC Data Applications" and "Missouri Census Data Center" with a search bar. The navigation menu has links for Home, Data, Population, Geography, Help, News, and About MCDC.

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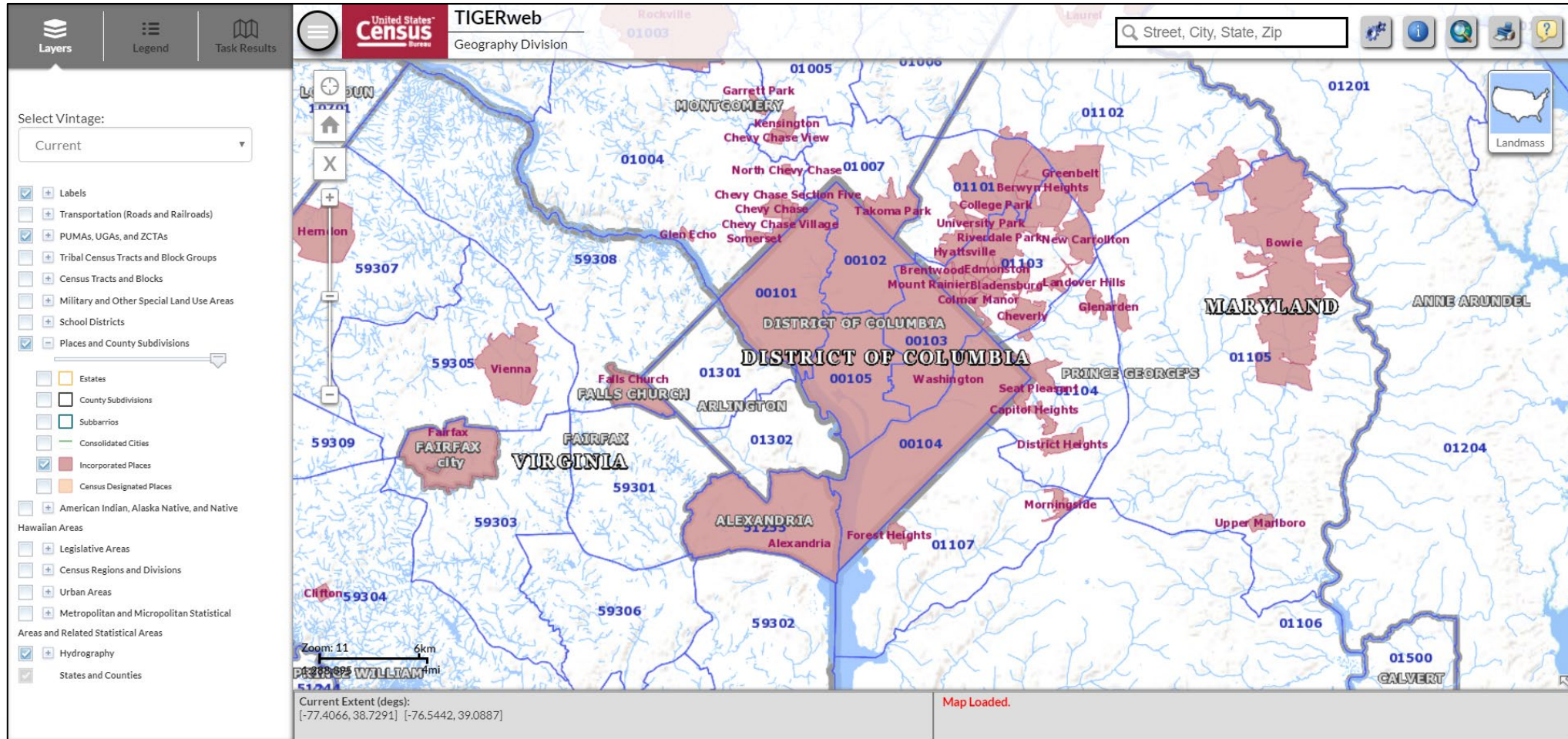
Select the state(s) to process: (?)

- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Montana

(ctrl-click to select multiple)

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## Visualize PUMA Boundaries for Your Area Using TIGERweb



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## Accessing PUMS Data on [census.gov/acs](https://census.gov/acs)

The screenshot shows the ACS website interface. At the top is a dark blue navigation bar with links: BROWSE BY TOPIC, EXPLORE DATA, LIBRARY, SURVEYS/ PROGRAMS, INFORMATION FOR..., FIND A CODE, and ABOUT US. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: // Census.gov / Our Surveys & Programs / American Community Survey (ACS) / Microdata.

On the left side, there is a sidebar menu under the heading "WITHIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS)". The menu items are: "Accessing PUMS Data" (highlighted with a red box), "How to Use PUMS on data.census.gov", "PUMS Documentation", and "PUMS FAQs". Below the menu is a "Respond to the ACS Learn how" button with an icon of three people.

The main content area features the title "Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS)" in large blue font. To the left of the title are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. The text below the title explains that ACS PUMS files enable users to create custom estimates and tables, free of charge, and that they include disclosure protection. It also mentions that the Census Bureau produces ACS 1-year and 5-year PUMS files, accessible via [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov) and the Census Bureau's FTP site. A link to "Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs)" is provided. A small thumbnail image of a handbook cover is shown, with a caption: "Download Understanding and Using the American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample Files [PDF - 4.6 MB]".

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a note: "\*Please note that the 2020 ACS 1-year PUMS with Experimental Weights will not be available on data.census.gov. However, previous years are available. See the note below for more information."

On the right side, there is a "Related Information" section with sub-sections: "PUBLICATION" (What ACS Public Use Microdata Sample File Users Need to Know), "TRAINING" (Introduction to the American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files, Calculating Margins of Error the ACS Way), and "You May Be Interested In". Below this is a "RELATED TOPICS" section with a link to "PUMS on Data.census.gov Guide", an "AROUND THE BUREAU" section with a link to "Email Updates", and a "MOST POPULAR" section with a link to "Share Your ACS Data Story".



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## Accessing PUMS Data on the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) Site

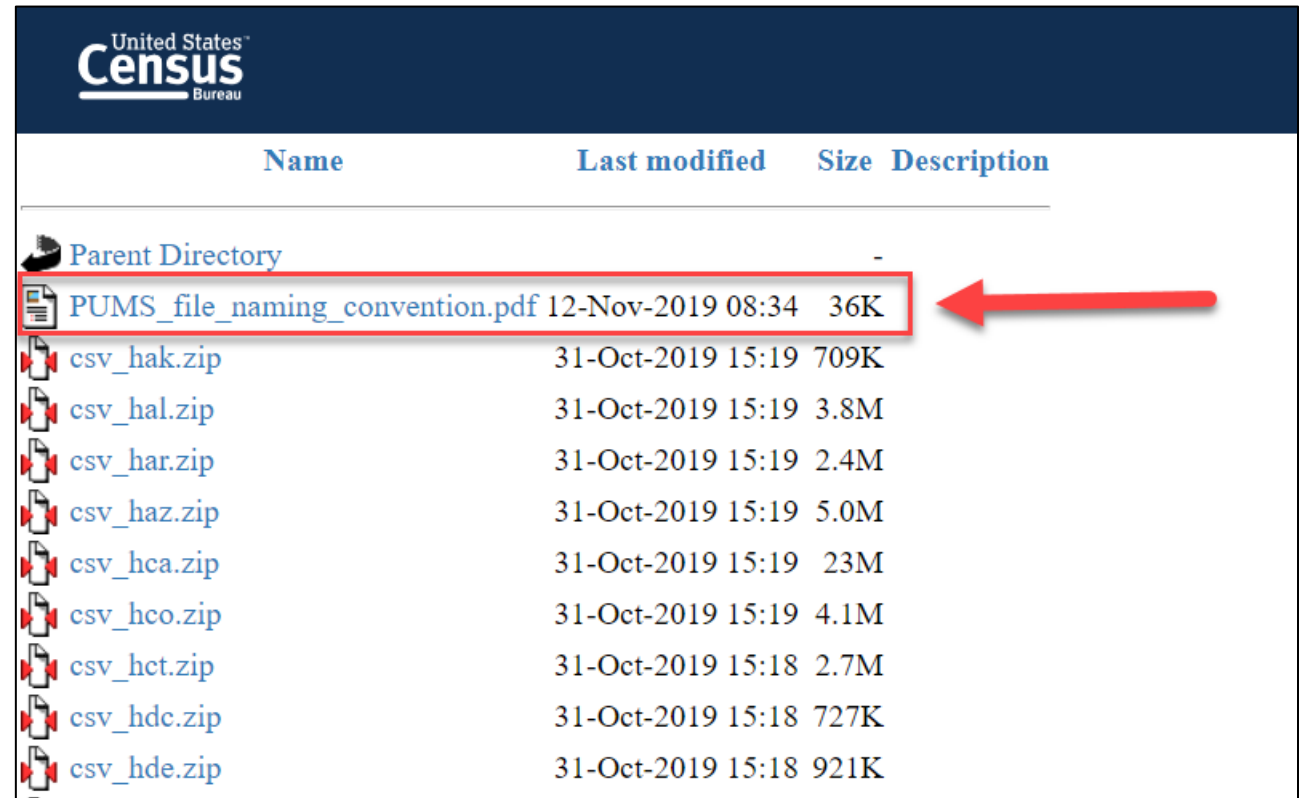
- Go to [census.gov/acs](https://census.gov/acs)
- Navigate to Microdata > Accessing PUMS Data
- Select the desired year and dataset (1-year vs. 5-year)
- Select format (CSV or SAS)
- Select geography and type
  - (Housing or Population)
- Unzip the files
  - (National will have two to four files)












The screenshot shows the 'Accessing PUMS Data' page on the Census Bureau website. The page has a dark blue header with navigation links: BROWSE BY TOPIC, EXPLORE DATA, LIBRARY, SURVEYS/ PROGRAMS, INFORMATION FOR..., FIND A CODE, and ABOUT US. Below the header, the breadcrumb trail reads: // Census.gov / Our Surveys & Programs / American Community Survey (ACS) / Microdata / Accessing PUMS Data. The main content area is titled 'Accessing PUMS Data' and includes a social media sharing section with Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn icons. The text explains that PUMS files are a set of untabulated records about individual people or housing units, and that supporting documentation is available on the PUMS Documentation page. It also mentions that PUMS files on the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site are available in CSV and SAS formats, and that PUMS data prior to 2005 can be found on the FTP site. A year selector shows 2019 as the selected year, with options for 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, and a 'MORE' dropdown. Below the year selector, there are two columns of links: 'Access on FTP site' and 'Access on data.census.gov'. The 'Access on FTP site' column has a red box around it and contains two links: '2019 ACS 1-Year PUMS' and '2019 ACS 5-Year PUMS'. The 'Access on data.census.gov' column contains two links: '2019 ACS 1-Year PUMS' and '2019 ACS 5-Year PUMS'. At the bottom of the page, there is a note: 'For PUMS documentation by year visit our PUMS Documentation page and select the specific year of interest.' and a footer: 'Last Revised: November 19, 2021'.

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## Accessing PUMS Data on [census.gov/acs](https://www.census.gov/acs)

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|  csv_hal.zip                     | 31-Oct-2019 15:19 | 3.8M |             |
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|  csv_hde.zip                   | 31-Oct-2019 15:18 | 921K |             |

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## Accessing PUMS Data on data.census.gov

**BROWSE BY TOPIC**   **EXPLORE DATA**   **LIBRARY**   **SURVEYS/ PROGRAMS**   **INFORMATION FOR...**   **FIND A CODE**   **ABOUT US**

// Census.gov / Our Surveys & Programs / American Community Survey (ACS) / Microdata / Accessing PUMS Data

**WITHIN MICRODATA**

- [Accessing PUMS Data](#)
- [How to Use PUMS on data.census.gov](#)
- [PUMS Documentation](#)
- [PUMS FAQs](#)

**Accessing PUMS Data**

The American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files are a set of untabulated records about individual people or housing units. Supporting documentation for the data below is available on the [PUMS Documentation](#) page. To learn more, visit our [PUMS Handbook](#).

PUMS files on the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site are available in CSV and SAS formats. PUMS data prior to 2005 can also be found on our [FTP site](#). Microdata access from 2005–current is available on data.census.gov.

2020   **2019**   2018   2017   2016   2015   2014   2013   [MORE](#) ▾

## 2019

**Access on FTP site**

- [2019 ACS 1-Year PUMS](#)
- [2019 ACS 5-Year PUMS](#)

**Access on data.census.gov**

- [2019 ACS 1-Year PUMS](#)
- [2019 ACS 5-Year PUMS](#)

For PUMS documentation by year visit our [PUMS Documentation](#) page and select the specific year of interest.

**Related Information**

- PUMS Documentation**
- PUBLICATION**  
[What ACS Public Use Microdata Sample File Users Need to Know](#)
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[Introduction to the American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample \(PUMS\) Files](#)

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## Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data



Understanding and Using American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample Files: What Data Users Need to Know

[census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/handbooks.html](https://census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/handbooks.html)

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## How to Use PUMS in data.census.gov

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[census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/microdata/mdat.html](https://census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/microdata/mdat.html)

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## PUMS Documentation Page

|   |   |
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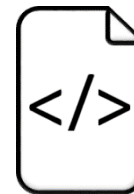
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