

Your Community by the Numbers

Accessing the most current and relevant Census data

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The screenshot shows the U.S. Census Bureau homepage. The main headline is '2010 RESIDENT POPULATION 308,745,538'. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Useful Tools' section with a red circle around the 'American FactFinder' link. Other sections include 'Publications', 'Are You in a Survey?', 'Regional Offices', and 'Getting Business with Us'. The main content area features 'Data Finders' with a 'Population Finder' tool showing 'U.S. 311,067,279' and 'World 6,909,824,956'.

American FactFinder


The screenshot shows an announcement for the 'NEW American FactFinder'. It states: 'The transition from the legacy American FactFinder to the NEW American FactFinder will continue through the fall of 2011. Data on the legacy FactFinder will be moved to the NEW FactFinder in the coming months. Frequently Asked Questions'. Below this, there are two boxes: one for 'NEW American FactFinder' for data from 'Census 2010 and 2000 and the 2010 American Community Survey' pointing to 'factfinder2.census.gov', and another for 'Legacy American FactFinder' for data from the '2000-2009 American Community Survey, the Economic Census, and Population Estimates' pointing to 'factfinder.census.gov'.

American FactFinder Components

- **Program**
 - Census or Survey
- **Data Sets**
 - Data File
- **Product Type**
 - Table or Map
- **Summary Levels**
 - Geography




Programs




Program

- **Decennial Census**
 - Every 10 years, Counts Residents
- **American Community Survey (ACS)**
 - Annual Social, Economic and Housing data
- **Other Surveys and Censuses**
 - Population Estimates
 - Economic Census



**Program (cont.)
Decennial Census**


- In 2000, 1 in 6 households received the 53 question, 40 page long form
 - Detailed social, economic & housing info
- 2010 Census was **Short Form Only!**
 - 10 Questions
- 2010 Questionnaire
 - Name - Race - Housing
 - Sex - Ethnicity Tenure
 - Age - Household Relationship



**Program (cont.)
American Community Survey (ACS)**

- Social and Economic information every year rather than just once a decade
- Took the place of the census long form (2005)
- At the start of each month, the questionnaire is mailed to a scientifically selected random sample of households in counties throughout the Nation
- The Census will continue to conduct a short-form-only Census every 10 years


- NOT A COUNT! VIEW TRENDS!



**Program (cont.)
American Community Survey (ACS)**

CURRENT DATA AVAILABLE FOR 2010

- Data is currently available for most geographic areas
 - Areas with a population **65,000+**: 1 Year Estimates (data avail. for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
 - Areas with a population **20,000+**: 3-Year Estimates (data avail. for 2005-07, 2006-08, 2007-09)
 - Areas **below 20,000** (incl. census tracts & block groups): 5-year estimates 2005-09 (first release 2010)




Data Sets




Data Sets
2010 Census

- 2010 Redistricting Data Demographic (P.L. 94-171)
- 2010 Demographic Profile
- 2010 Summary File 1
- 2010 Summary File 2 (Winter 2011)



Census 2010: Summary File 1
(SF1 = 100% Data)


- Household Relationship
- Sex
- Age
- Hispanic or Latino Origin
- Race
- Tenure (own/rent)
- Vacancy characteristics



**Census 2010: Summary File 2
(SF2 = 100% Data)**


Summary File 2

Cross references detailed race and ethnic groups with all data subjects in SF1



**Data Sets
2000 Census**

- 2000 Redistricting Data SF (P.L. 94-171)
- 2000 SF 1 100% Data
- 2000 SF 2 100% Data
- **2000 SF 3 Sample Data**
- **2000 SF 4 Sample Data**




**Summary File 3
(SF3 = Sample Data)**

Detailed Social, Economic, Demographic and Housing Characteristics

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Population <i>Marital Status, Place of birth, Citizenship, Entry year, School Enrollment/Ed, Attainment, Ancestry, Migration, Language spoken, Veteran status, Disability, Grandparents as caregivers, Labor force status, Place of work, Journey to work, Occupation, Industry, Class of worker, Work status in 1999, Income in 1999, Poverty status</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Housing <i>Value of home or monthly rent paid, Units in structure, Year structure built, Number of rooms and number of bedrooms, Year moved into residence, Plumbing and kitchen facilities, Telephone service, Vehicles available, Heating fuel, Farm residence, Utilities, Mortgage, Taxes, Insurance and fuel costs</i></p>
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Now collected by the ACS



**Summary File 4
(SF4 = Sample Data)**

Summary File 4
Cross references detailed race, ethnic, and ancestry groups with all data subjects in SF3


Now collected by ACS and available through Selected Population Profiles




**Data Sets
American Community Survey**

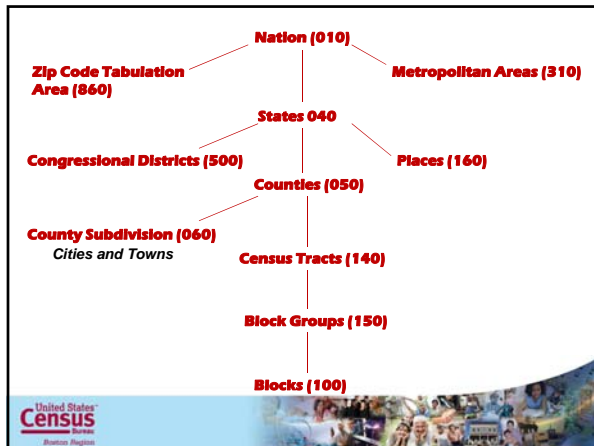
- 2008-2010 ACS 3yr Estimates
- 2010 ACS 1yr Estimates
- 2005-2009 ACS 5yr Estimates
- 2007-2009 ACS 3yr Estimates
- 2009 ACS 1yr Estimates
- 2006-2008 ACS 3yr Estimates
- 2008 ACS 1yr Estimates

.....and so on!



**Summary Level:
Geography**





Census Tract 9562, Washington Cty, ME

- **Census Tracts** generally have a population of 1,500 to 8,000 (optimum 4,000) and follow physical boundaries.

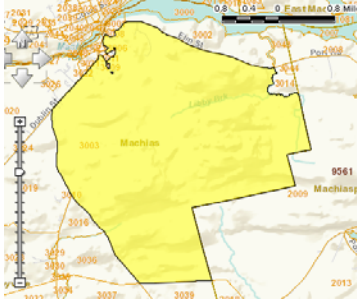
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BG 3, Tract 9562, Washington Cty, ME

- **Block Groups** generally have a population of 300 to 4,000 (optimum 1,500) and follow physical boundaries.

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Block 3003, BG 3, Tract 9562, Washington Cty,



▪ **Blocks:** the smallest geographic level for which census data is available. No population threshold. Size varies.



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FactFinder 101

1. Know the Data
You Want



2. Know Your
Geography