



# ACS, Decennial and [Data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov)

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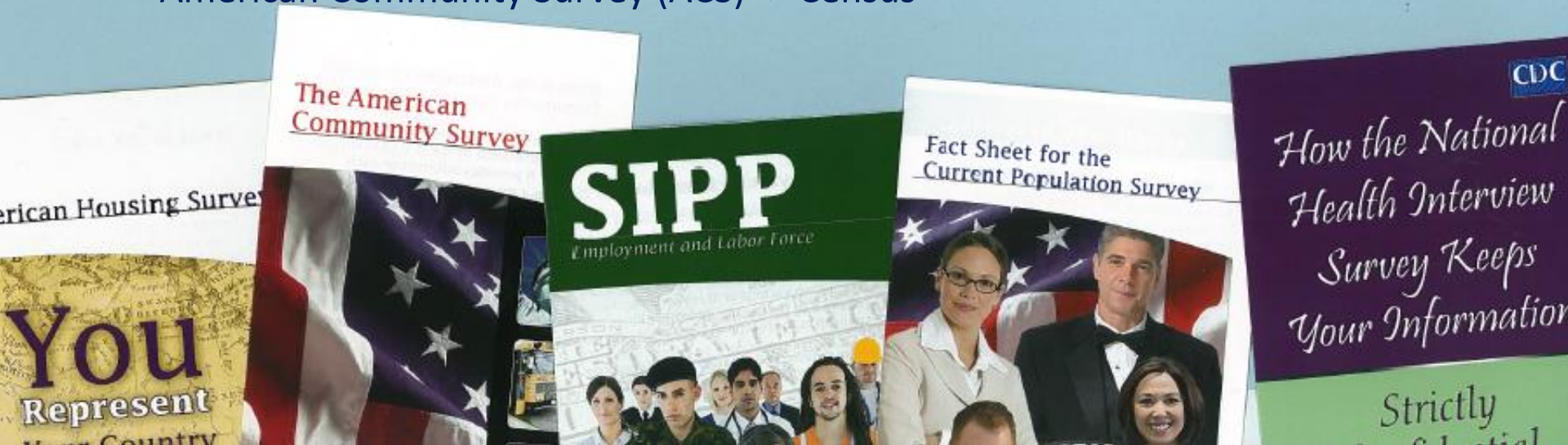
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# “Current” Surveys

- American Housing Survey (AHS) -> HUD
- Housing Vacancy Survey (HVS) -> NYC
- Consumer Expenditure -> US Dept Labor
- Current Population Survey (CPS) -> US Dept Labor
- Nat'l Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) -> US Dept Justice
- Nat'l Health Interview (HIS) -> CDC
- Survey of Income & Program Participation (SIPP) -> Census
- Nat'l Ambulatory Medical Care Survey -> CDC
- Nat'l Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care -> CDC
- American Community Survey (ACS) -> Census

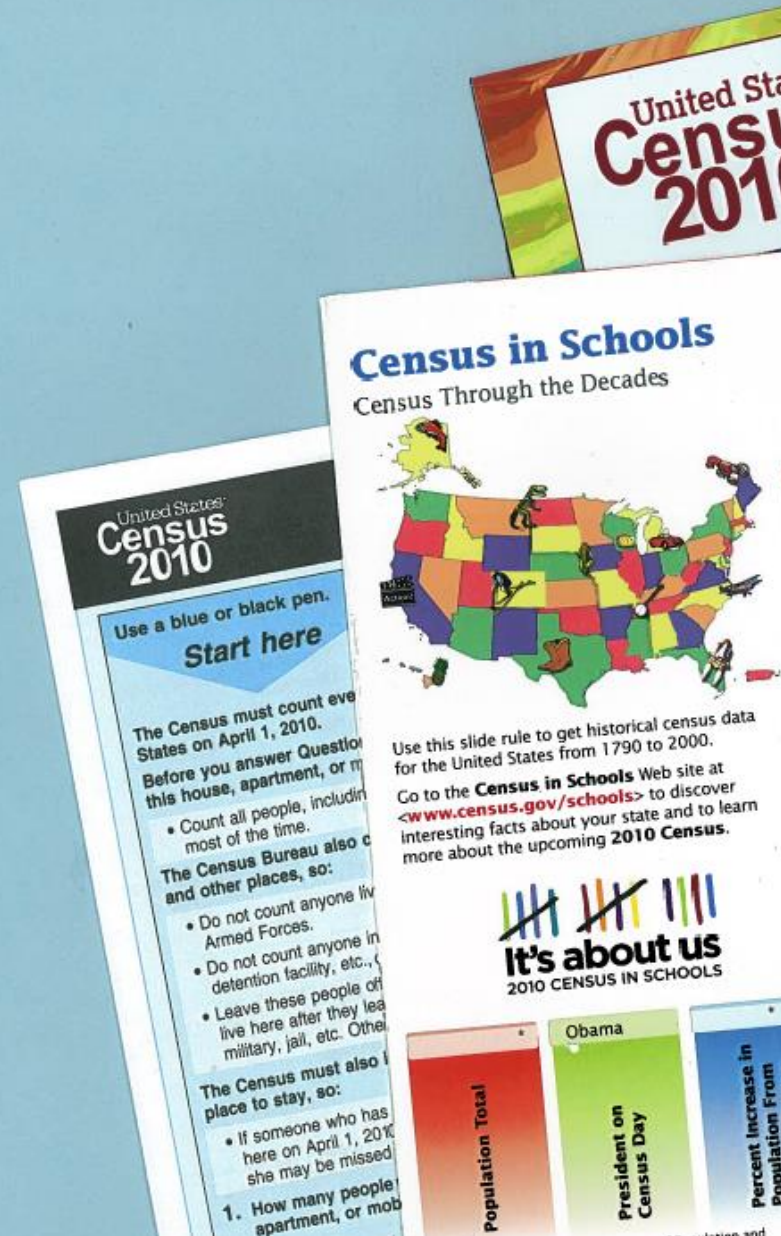




# DECENNIAL VS. ACS

## ■ Decennial Census

- A snapshot every 10 years
- Official count of the population
- Basic Characteristics.
- In tables “2010 Data” or “SF-2, -3, -4, etc.”
- Block-level availability



# DECENNIAL VS. ACS

## ■ American Community Survey

- A moving picture: monthly
- Impartial address selection
- Sample count based on population thresholds.
- “Deep” Characteristics
- In tables, refer to: “B-, C-, S-, and DP” id’s
- Tract-level availability



# ACS

## ■ Social Characteristics (DP02)

- Educational Attainment
- Marital Status
- Fertility
- Grandparents/Caregivers
- Veterans
- Disability
- Place of Birth
- Citizenship Status
- Language
- Ancestry/Tribal
- School Enrollment
- Degree







## ■ Economic Characteristics (DP03)

- Income & Earnings
- Class of Worker
- Employment Status
- Occupation
- Industry
- Commute
- Place of Work
- Health Insurance
- Food stamps/SNAP

# ■ Housing Characteristics (DP04)

- Tenure
- Occupancy & Structure
- Housing Value
- Taxes & Insurance
- Utilities
- Mortgage/Monthly Rent
- Year Structure Built
- Year Householder moved
- Vehicles
- Monthly costs



# The ACS Questionnaire

## Questions 5 & 6

-Is Person X of  
Hispanic, Latino,  
or Spanish Origin?

-What is Person  
X's race?

→ **NOTE:** Please answer BOTH Question 5 about Hispanic origin and Question 6 about race. For this survey, Hispanic origins are not races.

**5** Is Person 5 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

☐ No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

☐ Yes, Puerto Rican

☐ Yes, Cuban

☐ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – *Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.*

**6** What is Person 5's race? Mark (X) one or more boxes.

☐ White

☐ Black or African Am.

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.*

☐ Asian Indian

☐ Chinese

☐ Filipino

☐ Other Asian — *Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.*

☐ Japanese

☐ Korean

☐ Vietnamese

☐ Native Hawaiian

☐ Guamanian or Chamorro

☐ Samoan

☐ Other Pacific Islander — *Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.*

☐ Some other race — *Print race.*



# The ACS Questionnaire

## Questions 13 & 14

-What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?

-Does this person speak a language other than English at home?

**13** What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?

(For example: Italian, Jamaican, African Am., Cambodian, Cape Verdean, Norwegian, Dominican, French Canadian, Haitian, Korean, Lebanese, Polish, Nigerian, Mexican, Taiwanese, Ukrainian, and so on.)

**14** a. Does this person speak a language other than English at home?

☐ Yes

☐ No → SKIP to question 15a

b. What is this language?

For example: Korean, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese

c. How well does this person speak English?

☐ Very well

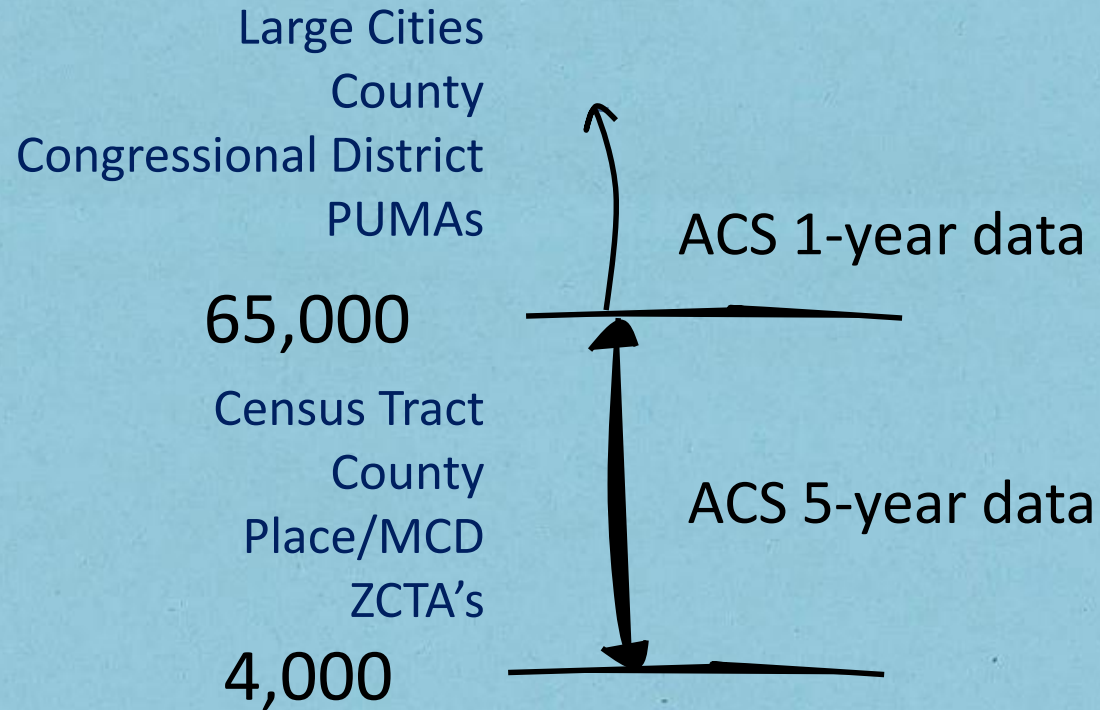
☐ Well

☐ Not well

☐ Not at all

**15** a. Did this person live in this house or apartment

# Thresholds for ACS data



Geographies available – large MOE's

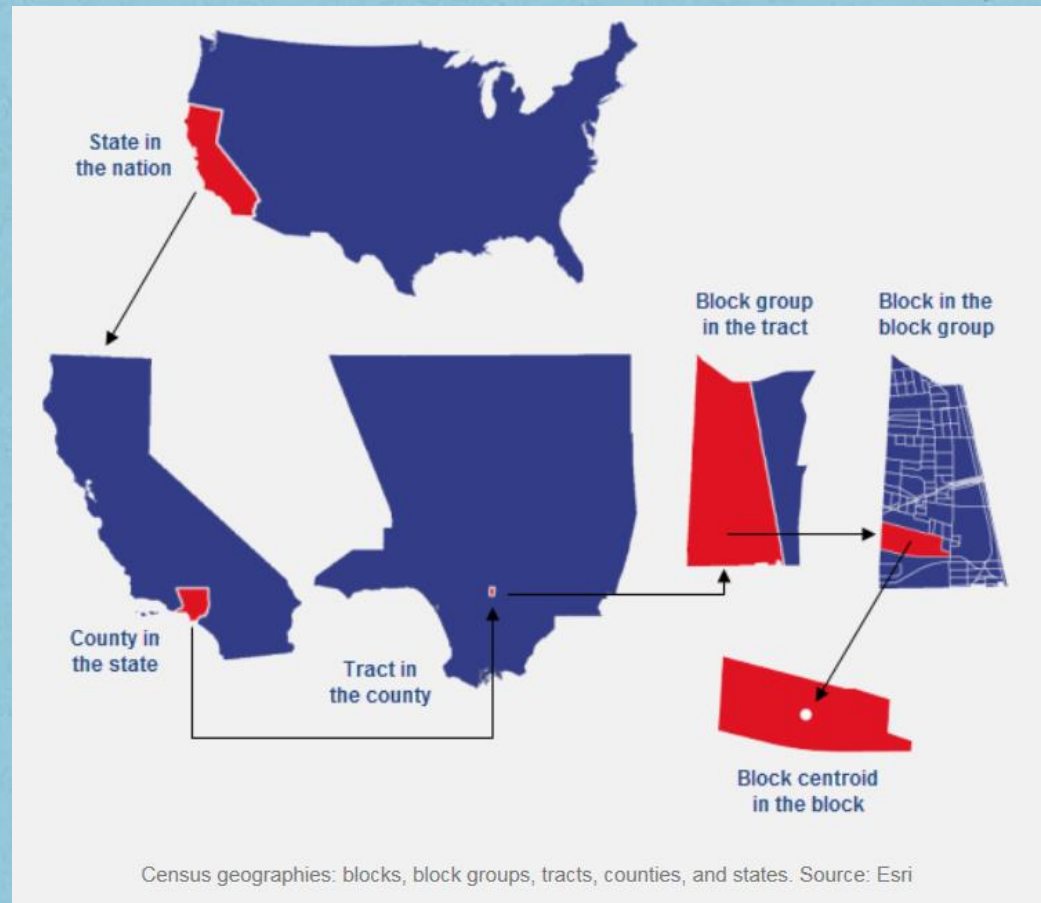
# Census Geographies in a Nutshell

Others:

- ZCTA
- Place
- MCD
- Congressional District

**In NJ:**

- County Subdivision=  
Municipality





# Table ID's explained

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/which-data-tool/table-ids-explained.html>

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Initial character=  
Type of Table  
B = Base  
DP = Data Profile  
S = Subject  
Etc.

Suffix – indicates  
Table repeated  
for 9 major races.

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