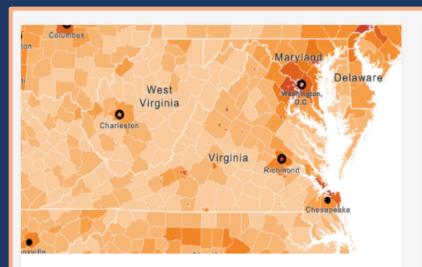
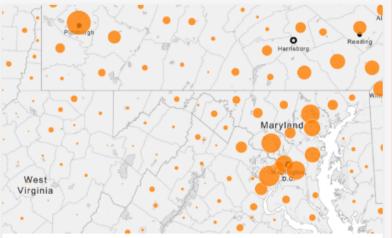
CITY 185 Visualizing Census Data



U.S. Decennial Censuses on 2010 Geographies

This unique dataset gives you a chance to explore and compare decennial census data from 1970 to 2000 on 2010 geography. This dataset makes it easy to track demographic changes in the United States



U.S. Citizen Voting Age Population

Explore the Citizen Voting Age Population data from 2000 to 2015 on multiple geographic levels, including areas as small as tracts and block groups.

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What is the census?

- The process by which the government counts all the people living in United States
- Enshrined in the constitution
- Decennial Census happens every 10 years on April 1 since 1790
- Age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, household relationship, housing tenure (own/rent)

Every year since 2005, a sample of the population is given the **American Community Survey** that documents social, economic, demographic and housing characteristics

The American Community Survey

How is the American Community Survey Different from a Census?

	ACS	Census
Purpose	Sample estimates	Official counts
Collects	Detailed social, economic, housing, and demographic characteristics	Basic demographics
Produces	Population and housing characteristics	Population and housing totals
New Data Every	Year	10 years
Data Reflect	Period of time	Point in time



Social, economic, housing and demographic characteristics of America's communities

The American Community Survey

Content Overview

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



U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration U.S. CENSUS BUREAU Census.gov

How is ACS census data used?

To reflect what the communities look like, how communities have changed and how those changes impact our daily lives

Determine the needs of the community: new roads, schools, after-school programs, parks, hospitals, community programming, business plans, housing, food assistance programs, occupation trends, education, transportation routes, commute time, etc

Using and Interpreting Census Data

ACS sent to 3.5 million addresses per year; sample of the population

I-year estimates

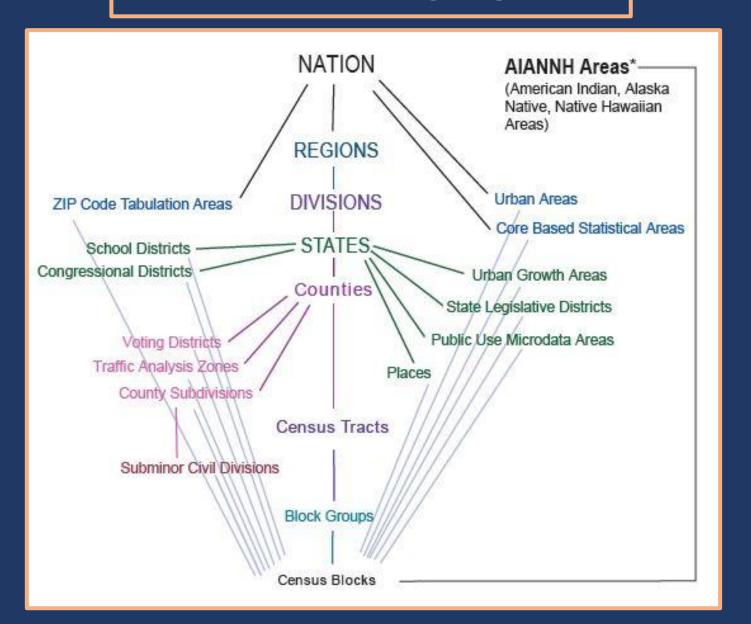
- Data not available for census tract and block group
- Good for identifying rapidly changing characteristics
- Larger margin of error because smaller sample

5-year estimates

- Data available at census tract and block group level
- Combination of estimates over 5-year time
- Increase statistical reliability over I-year estimates

Monetary Data: when comparing over time, need to adjust data for inflation based on national-level consumer price index

Census Geographies



Census Geographies

The American Community Survey

Selected Census Geographic Concepts



Census tracts: small statistic subdivisions within a county with 1200-8000 people, e.g. small towns, rural areas and neighborhoods

Census block groups: subdivision of census tract, more like neighborhoods; between 600 people or 240 housing units and 3000 people or 1200 housing units



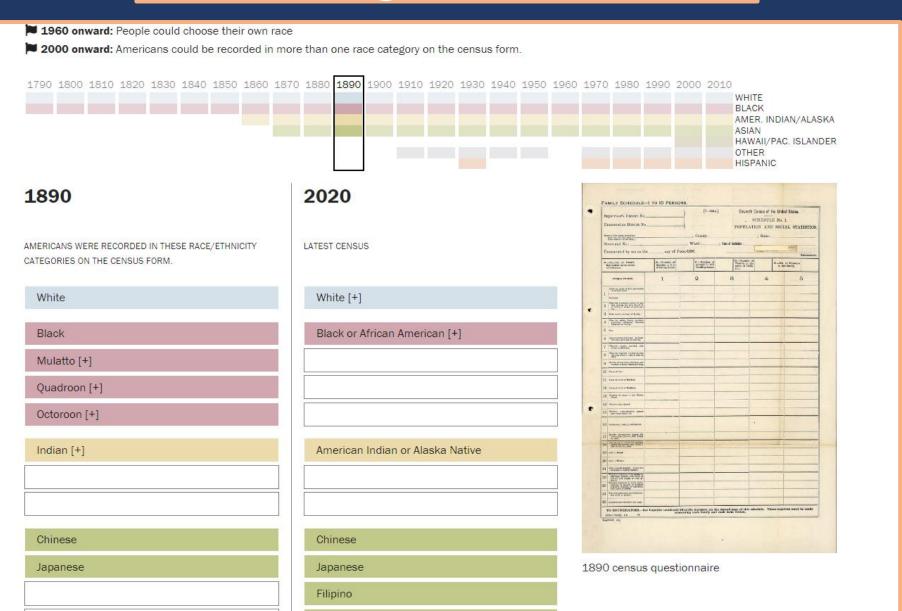
Understanding Changes in Neighborhoods or Towns

- Population increases
- Median household income
- Median house value
- Racial or ethnic data
- Level of education
- Crime
- Availability of rental properties or affordable housing
- Location of hospitals, schools, grocery stores, amenities
- Transportations and road infrastructure

Using Historical Census Data

- Focus on the decennial census
- Limited categories and information
- Less information about socioeconomic categories than ACS
- Data collection and questions asked changed from decade to decade (issues for comparison)
- Reflect political and social ideologies of the time

Racial categories over time



Finding Census Data

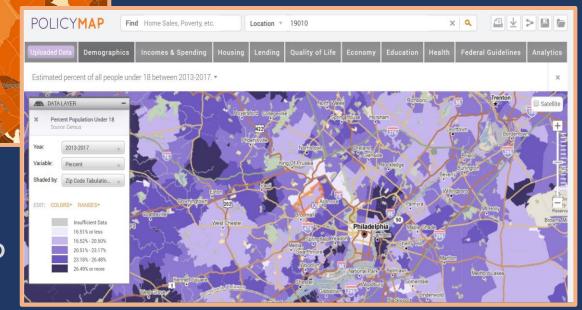
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County, Pennsylvania



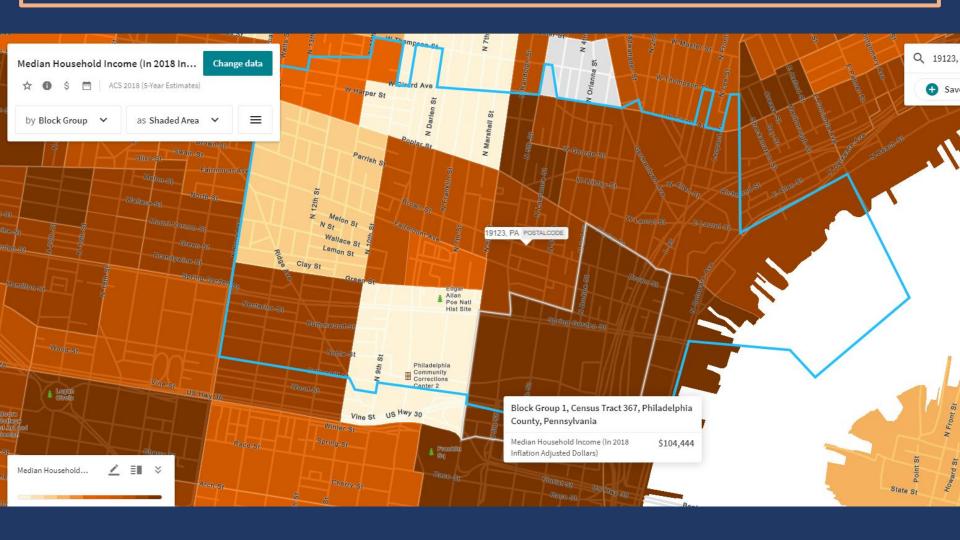
American Fact Finder (up to June 2019) or census.gov/data

Feedback



Policy Map

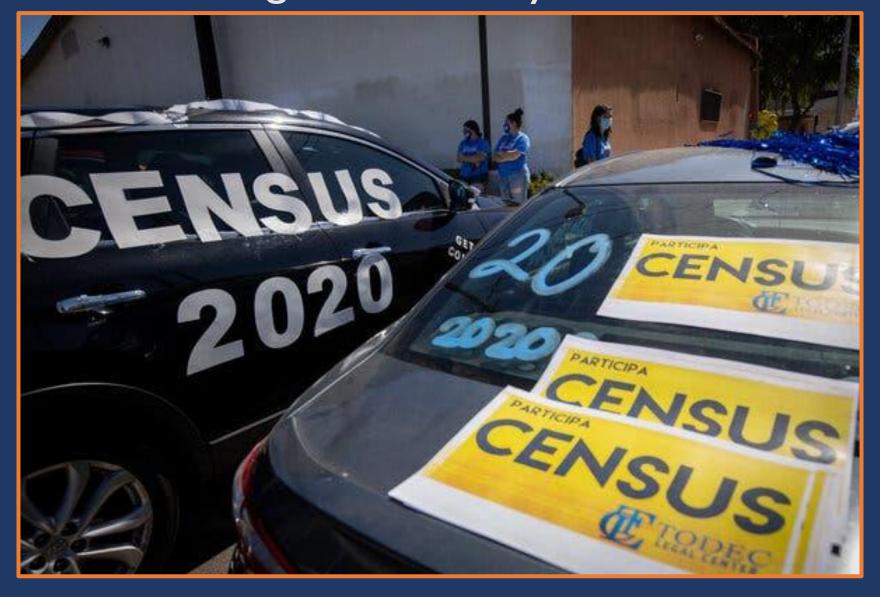
Median Household Income for 19123 in 2018 (5-year estimates)



Median Household Income for 19123 in 2009 (5-year estimates)



"Federal Judge Bars Trump Administration From Ending Census Early" ~ NYT



Voter Registration

Voter Registration:

- October 19, 2020 is the last day to register to vote before the November 3, 2020 Election.
- You can register based on your college address
- PA is a swing state
- Ask a Librarian for help (library@brynmawr.edu) with voter registration or contact the Civic Engagement Office

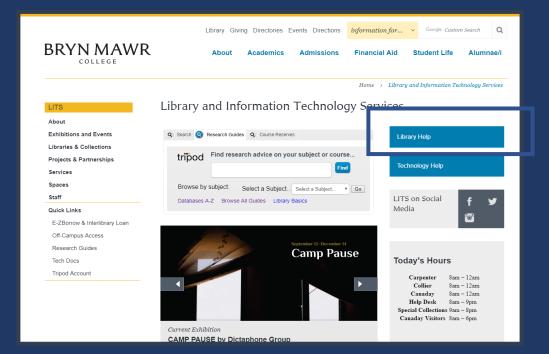


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