

The American Community Survey (ACS) Data Release Timetable

Data Product	Population Threshold of Statistical Area	Year of Data Release							
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
		Year(s) of Data Collection							
1-Year Estimates	65,000 +	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
3-Year Estimates	20,000 +			2005- 2007	2006-2008	2007-2009	2008-2010	2009-2011	2010-2012
5-Year Estimates	All Areas*					2005-2009	2006-2010	2007-2011	2008-2012

One-Year and Three-Year ACS Estimates Released in 2009

In 2009 two types of estimates are available from the ACS: one-year estimates (based on data collected in a single year) and three-year estimates (based on data collected in three consecutive years). To help users determine which estimates to select, a basic comparison of one-year and three-year estimates is provided below. Additional information about the interpretation and use of one-year and three-year estimates is available on the ACS website:

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

One-Year Estimates (2008) Released in 2009	Three-Year Estimates (2006-2008) Released in 2009
The 2008 ACS one-year estimates are based on data collected between January 2008 and December 2008:	The 2006-2008 ACS three-year estimates are based on data collected between January 2006 and December 2008:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published for selected geographic areas with populations of 65,000 or greater • Represent the average characteristics over calendar year 2008 • Have smaller sample size than the three-year estimates • Are more current than the three-year estimates • Release: September 22, 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published for selected geographic areas with populations of 20,000 or greater • Represent the average characteristics over the three-year period of time • Have larger sample size than the one-year estimates • Are less current than the one-year estimates • Release: October 27, 2009

Five-Year ACS Estimates (first release in 2010)

The first five-year estimates (based on data collected from 2005 to 2009) will be released in 2010. The lowest level of geography for which data will be produced is a block group. It will take five years to accumulate a large enough sample to produce data for areas that small. Once that milestone has been reached, the Census Bureau will release a five-year average annually, dropping the oldest year and averaging the most recent five years of data. The Census Bureau will never publish estimates for small numbers of people if there is a probability that an individual can be identified. **Note:** Zip Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs), census tracts, and block groups will be released in the five-year estimates only, even if their population exceeds 20,000.

*All Areas = All legal, administrative, and statistical geographic areas down to the block group level.

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