# Updates to American FactFinder

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## American Factfinder is now available at *factfinder.census.gov*

- During the transition from the previous version of American FactFinder that began in 2011, this site has used the web address *factfinder2.census.gov*. We have completed the transition, and have changed the web address for American FactFinder to *factfinder.census.gov*. The old factfinder2 URL, as well as any links and bookmarks that were created using factfinder2 will continue to work, but any new links into American FactFinder should be created using *factfinder.census.gov*.
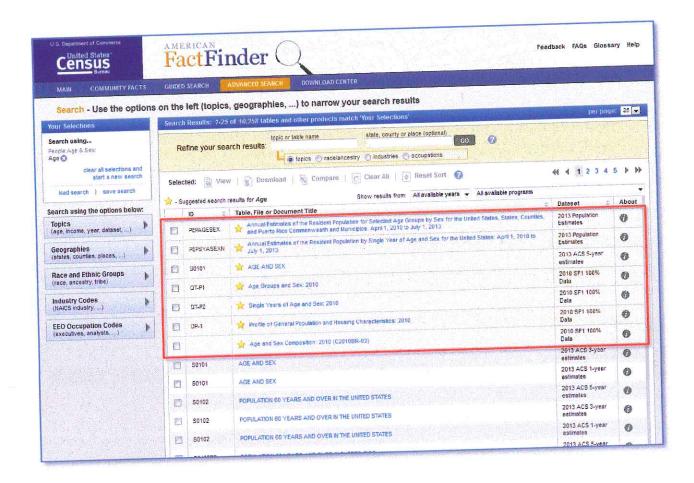
## Popular Table links on the Main Page

- Popular table links are now available from the American FactFinder Main Page.
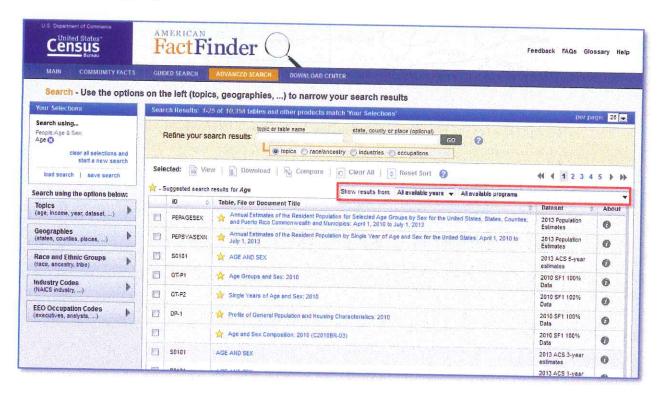
# Suggested Tables in Advanced Search

- Search results in Advanced Search now displays recommended or suggested tables at the top of the search results. These suggested tables are available for several popular search terms and topic selections such as "age" and "education".
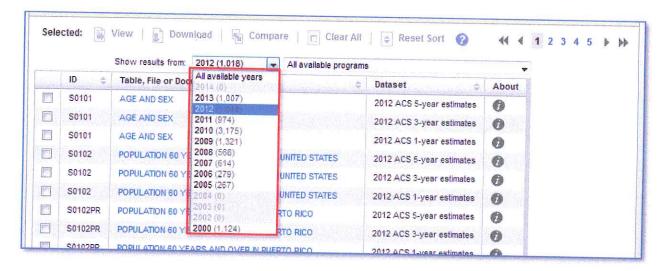
## Filter Search Results by Program

- We have added the ability to filter your search results by program as well as by year. Select a program from the "Show results from" dropdown box to filter your search results by program.
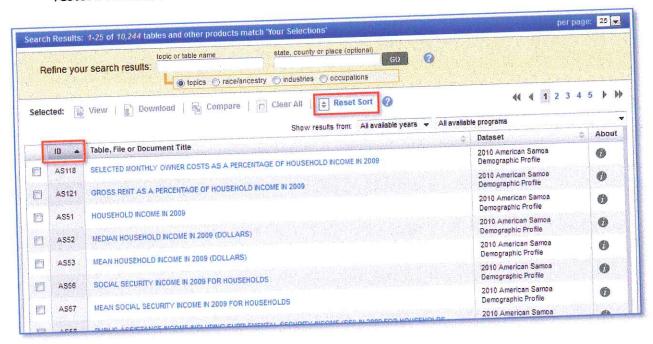


- The "Show results from" program and year dropdowns show the number of tables or other products available for each dropdown selection in parentheses next to the program or year:



- The program and year dropdowns are available in the search results for Advanced Search, Guided Search, and the Download Center's prepackaged data path.

# Sorting Search Results

- Click the column headers in the search results grid to sort your search results. Click once to sort in ascending order. Clicking again will sort the results in descending order. To restore the search results to the default sort order, click the "Reset Sort" button.
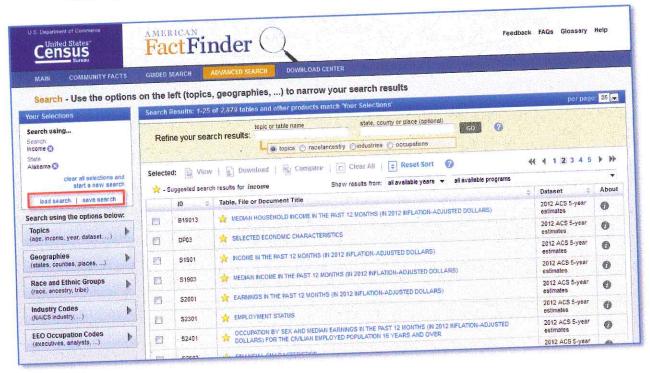
# Other Search Updates and Improvements

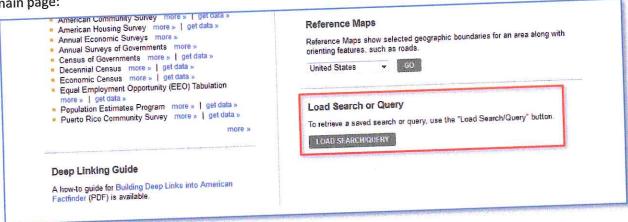We have made several changes in the way search results are ranked in Advanced Search.

- Occurrence of certain keywords in a text search and selected product filters will make certain tables "super relevant", and those tables are placed at the top of the search results.
- Past versions of American FactFinder prioritized certain table types (Data Profiles, Detailed Tables, etc.) in the search results. For example, Data Profiles were ranked higher than Subject Tables. For this release, we have modified the table type weighting to make search results more relevant to your query.
- When using table identifiers in text search, American FactFinder will now try to match variations of the table ID. For example, if you search for "DP1", results for "DP-1" and "DP01" will also display.

# Load Search and Save Search

- Use "Save Search" from the "Your Selections" box in Advanced Search to save your search criteria to a file on your local drive. This option does not save the actual search results, but saves the search criteria contained in "Your Selections" used for the current search.

- To retrieve a saved search, use the "Load Search" button from the "Your Selections" box in Advanced Search, or use the "Load Search/Query" button from the American FactFinder Main Page.
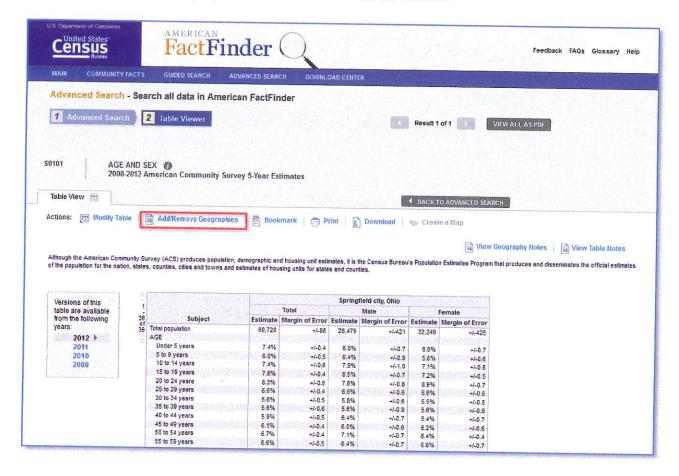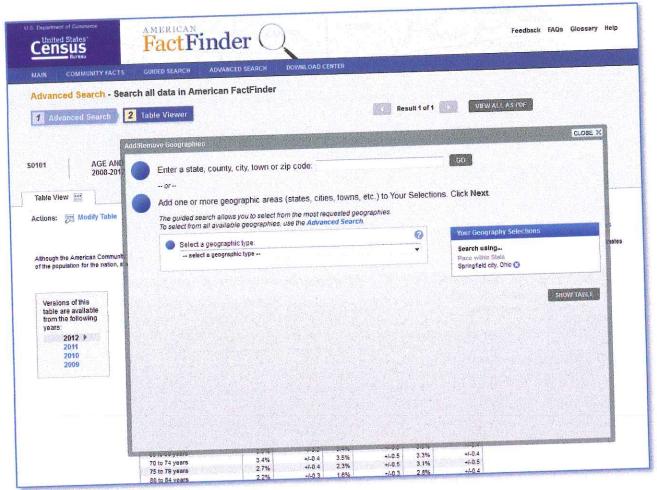


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# Add and Remove Geographies from the Table Viewer

- You can now change geographies directly from the table viewer in Advanced Search and Guided Search. To change the geographies for the table you are viewing, click the "Add/Remove Geographies" button on the Actions toolbar.
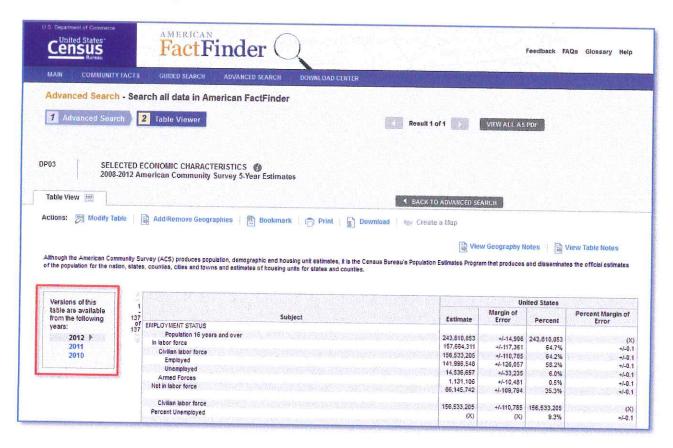
- The "Add/Remove Geographies" overlay appears. Use the search box or the dropdowns to add and remove geographies from "Your Geography Selections". Click "Show Table" to update the table with the selected geographies.



- Note that the "Add/Remove Geographies" button is only active if you have selected a single table from the search results.

# View Related Tables by Year from the Table Viewer

- A Year Selector is now available in the Table Viewer. If the displayed table is available for other years, a Year Selector displays to the left of the table to make it easy to view data from other years.



- Note that this feature provides links to tables for other years based on business rules. These rules use the table's program, dataset, ID, and name to try to find versions of the same table from other years. Results may not be complete. For example, if a table name is different between years, it might not be listed in the Year Selector.