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American FactFinder Tutorial

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How to Access American Community Survey Data via American FactFinder

Example 1: Accessing ACS data tables.

Click on the following link: <http://factfinder.census.gov>

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder website. The main navigation bar includes 'Main', 'Search', 'Feedback', 'FAQs', 'Glossary', 'Site Map', and 'Help'. The left sidebar lists various data categories. The central content area is titled 'Your source for population, housing, economic, and geographic data'. Under 'Fast Access to Information', there is a search form for fact sheets. Below that, the 'Getting Detailed Data' section lists several data sources. A red box highlights the 'get data' link under the 'American Community Survey' heading. On the right, the 'Population Data' section shows the current population clock at 308,003,325, and the 'What's New' section lists recent updates.

1. Click on the "get data" link under the American Community Survey heading.

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4. Select a data product from the list below.

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2. View the "Quick Guide" to find out more about the data products on the right.

3. Select an estimate series.

Read "Explain 1-year vs. 3-year estimates" to help you decide.

For smaller populations use multiyear data.

Example 2: Accessing poverty data for the total population and the Hispanic population in Yakima County.

Yakima's population is greater than 65,000 so single year data is chosen.

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like 'POPULATION FINDER', 'FACT SHEET', and 'DATA SETS'. The 'DATA SETS' section is expanded to show 'American Community Survey'. The main content area displays 'AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY' with a description and a list of data series for the year 2008. Two callout boxes provide instructions: '1. Select the estimate series.' points to the '2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates' radio button, and '2. Select "Detailed Tables" from the list below.' points to the 'Detailed Tables' link in the 'Select from the following:' list.

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■ Choose a selection method

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■ Select a [geographic type](#)

..... County

3. Select "County".

Note: You can select a different geography here.

■ Select a state

Washington

4. Select "Washington".

■ Select one or more geographic areas and click 'Add'

Lewis County
Pierce County
Skagit County
Snohomish County
Spokane County
Thurston County
Whatcom County
Yakima County

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Map It

5. Select "Yakima".

Note: You can add more than one county at a time.

Add ▼

6. Press the "Add" button.

Current geography selections:

==== County =====
Yakima County, Washington

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Remove

Next ▶

7. Press the "Next" button.

8. Users can find tables using one of three methods.

Novice users may find "by subject" easiest.

Select Tables

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■ Choose a table selection method

by subject | by keyword | show all tables

9. Use the pull down menu to select "Poverty" under the "Economic Characteristics" grouping.

■ Select a subject and click 'Search'

.... Poverty (Families and Individuals)

■ Select one or more tables and click 'Add'

- [C17001H. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age \(White Alone, Not His](#)
- [B17001I. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age \(Hispanic or Latino\)](#)
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- B17002. Ratio of Income to Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months**
- C17002. Ratio of Income to Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months**
- [B17003. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Individuals by Sex by Educational Attainment](#)
- [C17003. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Individuals by Educational Attainment](#)
- [B17004. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Individuals by Sex by Work Experience](#)
- [C17004. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Individuals by Work Experience](#)

10. Press the "Search" button to find all the poverty tables.

Current table selections::

- B17001. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age
- C17001. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age
- B17001I. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age (Hispanic or Latino)
- C17001I. Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months by Sex by Age (Hispanic or Latino)
- B17002. Ratio of Income to Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months
- C17002. Ratio of Income to Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months

11. Scroll through the list of tables and select the ones that meet your needs.

Note: B tables are more detailed than C tables.

Note: Not all tables are available at all levels of geography and race/ethnicity.

12. Press the "Add" button to add the selected tables to list below.

13. Press the "Show Result" button to see the results.

Detailed Tables

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Use the links above to change your results

Options

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[B17001. POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS BY SEX BY AGE - Universe: POP FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED](#)

Data Set: [2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates](#)

Survey: American Community Survey

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NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Cens Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the [official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, estimates of housing units for states and counties.](#)

For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see

	Yakima County, Washington	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	229,742	+/-2,257
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level:	42,086	+/-4,804
Male:	19,460	+/-2,679
Under 5 years	3,143	+/-901
5 years	761	+/-473
6 to 11 years	2,182	+/-777
12 to 14 years	1,937	+/-700
15 years	202	+/-164
16 and 17 years	1,192	+/-607
18 to 24 years	2,381	+/-709
25 to 34 years	1,715	+/-694
35 to 44 years	3,018	+/-1,043
45 to 54 years	1,176	+/-499
55 to 64 years	1,112	+/-471
65 to 74 years	284	+/-200
75 years and over	357	+/-311

14. You can save your results as a text file or an Excel spreadsheet by clicking on the "Print/Download" menu and choosing "Download".