Updates on the American Community Survey and 2020 Census

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2019 ACS Data Users Conference

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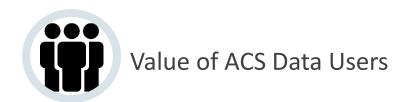
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Value of ACS Data Users

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Outline

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Impact of Lapse in Federal Funding

- Impacts on ACS data collection in November, December, January, and February sample panels

- ACS data collection back on schedule by March 2019

- Staggered data product releases for data year 2018

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Impact of Lapse in Federal Funding: Data Products

Data Products	Original Release Date	Proposed Release Date
2018 1-Year Data Releases		
Detailed Tables, Data Profiles, Summary File	September 12, 2019	September 26, 2019
All Remaining Tables and Products (Comparison Profiles; Selected Population Profiles; Subject Tables)		October 17, 2019
1-Year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) File	October 17, 2019	November 14, 2019
1-Year Supplemental Estimates Release		February 6, 2020
2014-2018 5-Year Data Releases		
Detailed Tables, Data Profiles, Summary File	December 5, 2019	December 19, 2019
All Remaining Tables and Products (Comparison Profiles; Subject Tables)		January 16, 2020
5-Year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS)	January 16, 2020	January 30, 2020
5-Year Variance Replicate Estimates		

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ACS Program Updates

- National Academies of Sciences workshop on Improving the ACS

- New data dissemination platform — data.census.gov

- Strengthened disclosure protections

- AAPOR Policy Impact Award

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ACS Program Updates: Moving Toward the 2020 Census

- ACS supports the 2020 Census Program

- Working to ensure ACS and the Census success during 2020
  - Revised mail messaging for ACS
  - Enhanced communication and planning to differentiate ACS from 2020 Census

- Post 2020 → Road to 2030

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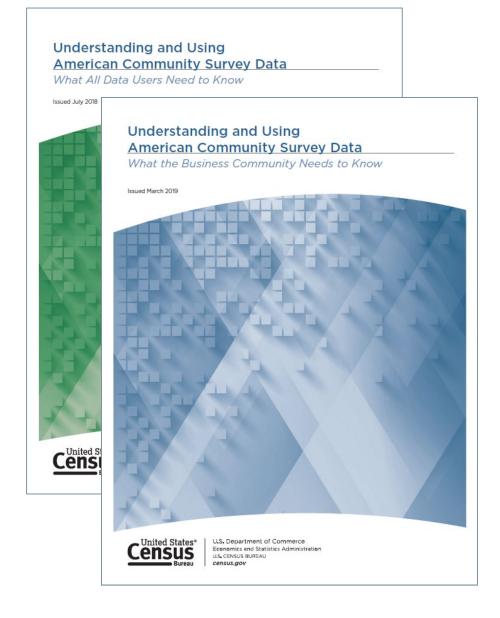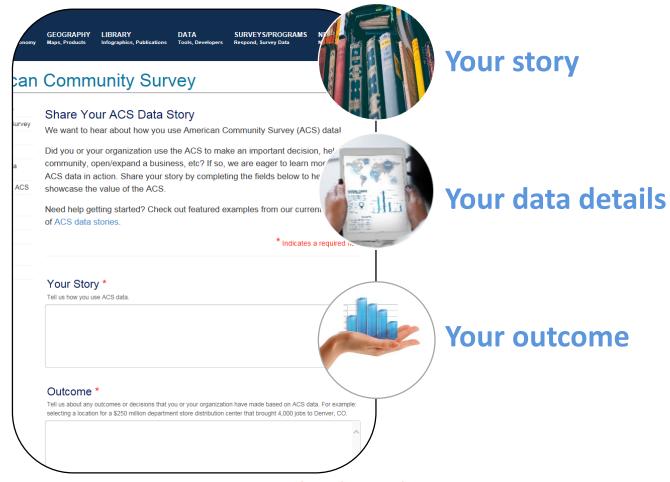## Data User Resources: Handbooks

- Help tailored to various data user groups to access ACS data with specific how-to instructions

- Release of updated handbooks is underway

- Introducing case studies to help users see how others apply ACS data in their work

census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/handbooks.html

Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data
What All Data Users Need to Know

Issued July 2018

Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data
What the Business Community Needs to Know

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Data User Resources: Data Tell Stories. Tell us Yours!

Your story

Your data details

Your outcome

census.gov/acs/www/share-your-story

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Data User Resources: Webinars

Date	Title
May 21	Employment-A Look into Demographic and Public Sector Employment Data
June 5	Emergency Management-Census Data and Tools for Emergency Management
June 26	Using the Census API with the ACS
July 25	Healthcare-Key Census Data on Healthcare
August 22	Small and Minority Owned Businesses-An Exploratory Dive into Small & Minority-Owned Business Data
August 28	The U.S. Census Bureau's ROAM Application and PDB: Tools for Survey and Census Planning
September 11	Introduction to the ACS

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census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/training-presentations.html

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY
DATA USERS GROUP

- Users group website

- Online community

- Membership is free and open to all interested ACS data users

- Purpose:
  - Improve understanding of the value and utility of ACS data.
  - Promote information sharing among data users about key ACS data issues and applications.

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