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American Community Survey (ACS)

The ACS is:

- The premier source for detailed population and housing information about our nation.
- “The old long form”
- Ongoing - January through December
- A source of new data every year
- Easy to access and easy to use (right?)
- All good stuff (right?)



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So, What Could Go Wrong?

Well...

- Maybe you need to know if the MOEs need to be adjusted since your estimates were inflation adjusted.
- Someone in the SDC Network will know!



So, What Else Could Go Wrong?

- PUMS, anyone?
- Weighted designs?
- Need to find or use a crosswalk?



Which Data Should I Use?

What is the Hispanic Population of Dallas?

- 5-year?
- 1-year?
- 3-year? (R.I.P.)

When will my data be ready!?

- Need to know a release date?



So Much Data! (so many problems)

Summary File Data

- So much good data
 - Not so easy to use

PUMS Data

- 1-year, 3-year (r.i.p.), 5-year
- Weights
- Scope
- Identify geography of interest
- Don't forget about MOEs!



More Data and Tools You May Have Never Used

- **Race/Ethnicity and American Indian & Alaska Native Data**
 - Selected Populations Tables
 - Hispanic origin, tribal, and ancestry populations
 - American Indian and Alaska Native Tables
- **Would an API be helpful?**
- **Variance Replicate Tables**
 - Use covariance terms to calculate exact margins of error for aggregated data.
 - Need to know how to use them?
 - Files too large to open?



State Data Center History

- Began in 1978 with just a few states.
- Repository for Census data
- Each State SDC was created by the Governor's Liaison in each state
- Often located at research universities, libraries, state government, etc.



State Data Center Network

Nationally:

- 56 Lead Data Centers
- 9 Person Steering Committee
 - Elected to three-year terms
 - Serve two consecutive terms before rotating off

State Networks:

- Created by the Lead
 - 225 Coordinating Agencies
 - Usually 1-3 per state
 - 1,400 Affiliates
 - Number based on population



Lead organizations and their networks...

Provide staff and budget to
support the program



Data Dissemination is What We Do

The SDC Network Disseminates Census data
by providing:

- Guidance
- Expertise
- Technology
- Local Knowledge



Consultation

Most services are provided
free of charge.



How to Contact a Specific SDC

- Search “census state data centers”
- Click on “Member Network”

To find...



State Data Center (SDC) Program

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Member Network



The SDC lead agencies organize a statewide network of coordinating and affiliate agencies. This network works in partnership with the Census Bureau through the Data Users Branch (DUB) and the Census Bureau's Regional Offices for data dissemination at the local level.

2017 - 2018 Steering Committee

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The U.S. Census Bureau's Premier Local Partner
Crunching the numbers in the 50 states & US territories. Census State Data Centers and affiliates provide guidance and access to Census data.

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About

1,800 agencies – Providing guidance and access to Census data.

The mission of the State Data Center (SDC) partnership is to provide efficient access to Census Bureau data and products. Members of the SDC network provide training and technical assistance to data users as well as a mechanism for feedback to the Bureau on data needs and operational issues.

State Data Centers work in partnership with the Census Bureau's headquarters and Regional Offices. A Memorandum of Agreement between the Bureau and the states, District of Columbia, and U.S. territories supports this partnership.

Since 1978, SDC member agencies have provided access and education on Census Bureau products as well as other statistical resources to millions of data users. With 1,800 agencies nationwide, each state has affiliates that serve constituents in need of economic and demographic data. This significant support is provided by the network's dedicated local professionals in their roles as economic developers, librarians, demographers, fiscal analysts, etc.

This website serves our SDC members by providing resources, information, products, and links in an effort to facilitate partnership effectiveness.

Contact information.

- To contact SDC members in your state, consult the directory of lead and coordinating agencies (by state)
- Questions about the Census Bureau's SDC program can be directed to Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO) staff
- Questions about the SDC network as a whole can be directed to SDC network Steering Committee members
- To contact our webteam, regarding this website, use the form below

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