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Census Survey Explorer Shows You the Surveys You Need by Topic, Geography, Frequency

Search tools are great but they usually send you to a long list of web pages and options you have to crawl through to find what you need. And that can be challenging, especially on a large-scale site like census.gov.

The U.S. Census Bureau produces more than 120 surveys. How can you find one on housing? Retail Sales? Family size? What's the most recent data? Are the data only available at the national level or more local ones like counties?

A basic search tool will not give you a quick answer but the new Census Survey Explorer (CSE) will. CSE is an innovative tool designed to cut research time and frustration by listing surveys by geography, frequency, topic and subtopic.

Have a research question? The tool quickly produces results, so you can go directly to your best choices to investigate further.

Helping You Find What You Need

Our data education experts weighed in to help determine the information that data users need to know:

- Topics available in each specific survey (topics and subtopics).
- Areas for which data are available (geographies).
- When data first became available (how far back you can go).
- How often the data are released (frequency).

Previously, finding data required opening multiple pages (and sometimes even downloading tables) to uncover survey topics and other key information offered. The process had to be repeated for every survey, often stopping short of guiding users to related surveys.

Click here for more instructions and information about the newest data search tool, Census Survey Explorer (CSE).

The 2022 Back to Data Basics Webinar Series

If you are looking to improve your data skills, Back to Data Basics is a great opportunity to learn from our experts about how to access and utilize a variety of Census Bureau data products, tools, and resources.

Click here to view upcoming courses and previous recordings.

Upcoming

“U.S. Earnings Dynamics: Inequality, Mobility, and Volatility” Webinar

Using data from the Census Bureau's Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics infrastructure files, Kevin McKinney addresses changes over time and across subnational populations in the distribution of real labor earnings. Four large metropolitan statistical areas (Detroit, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco) for the period 1998 to 2017, with particular attention paid to the subperiods before, during and after the Great Recession were considered. (Scheduled for release April 20.)

Exploring Census Bureau Data Webinar Series: Services

Census Bureau's subject matter experts will present data available from various sources. You will learn about the different types of data available in this sector and the workers within the industries. The session includes how to find key data from the Services Annual Survey and crucial information on the workers from the Longitudinal Employer Household Dynamics and the American Community Survey. Discover gems and resources connected to the statistics. There will be an opportunity to connect with our experts via live chat and during the Q&A segment of the webinar. This webinar is part one of six in a series to help data users discover Census Bureau data leading up to the launch of the 2022 Economic Census. (Scheduled for release April 28.)

Recent

My Community Explorer

On April 11, the Census Bureau launched its latest data explorer tool, **My Community Explorer (MCE)**. MCE is an interactive map-based tool that highlights demographic and socioeconomic data that measure inequality and can help inform data-based solutions. This tool is designed to help users identify underserved communities as directed by the President's Executive Order 13985 on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce.

Census Bureau's Participation in PAA 2022 Annual Conference

Members of the U.S. Census Bureau presented papers and participated in discussions at the **Population Association of America** conference April 6-9. The full program, presentations and posters are available online here.

2022 Product and Event Calendar

The U.S. Census Bureau has posted anticipated release dates for each regular and recurring statistical product scheduled for release in 2022.

These products are listed in the Census Bureau's online product calendar, which is updated as needed.