Getting Started...

Finding <u>Data Profiles</u> from the American Community Survey using the American FactFinder Website



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Data Profile tables are one place where commonly used estimates from the American Community Survey can be located. The Data Profile tables are also useful in that they provide both <u>estimates</u> and well as pre-calculated <u>percents</u>.

This publication provides graphical instructions to help you find <u>Data Profile tables</u> from the <u>American Community Survey</u> using the American FactFinder website.

"Getting Started..." is a series of graphical website instructions designed to help in finding and using data from the internet.

Copies of this publication and others are available online at: http://www.ca.uky.edu/snarl. Just click on "Kentucky: By the Numbers."

American FactFinder http://factfinder2.census.gov

The American FactFinder website from the U.S. Census Bureau provides online access to several data sources including the 2010 Census and the American Community Survey.

To help in locating data, the website uses provides filters to help narrow your search.

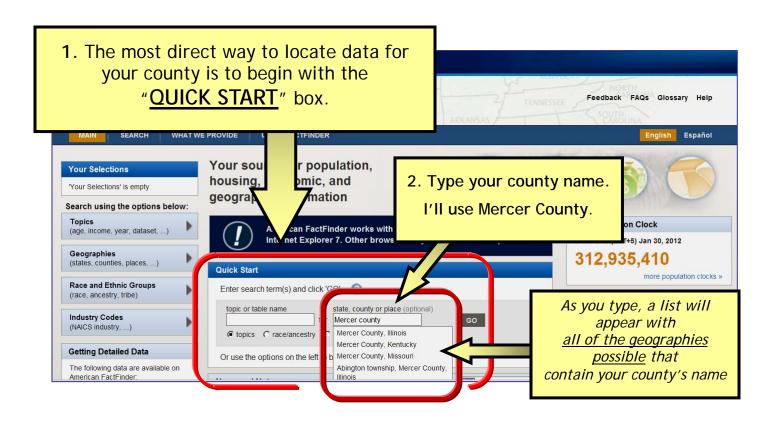
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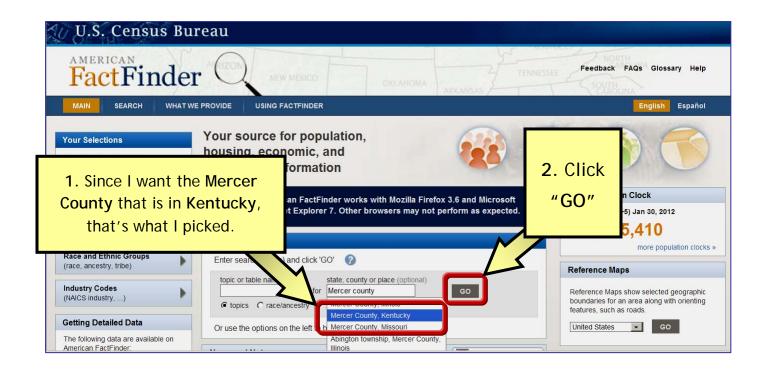
This publication illustrates <u>one</u> <u>way</u> to find <u>county-level Data Profiles</u> from the American Community Survey.

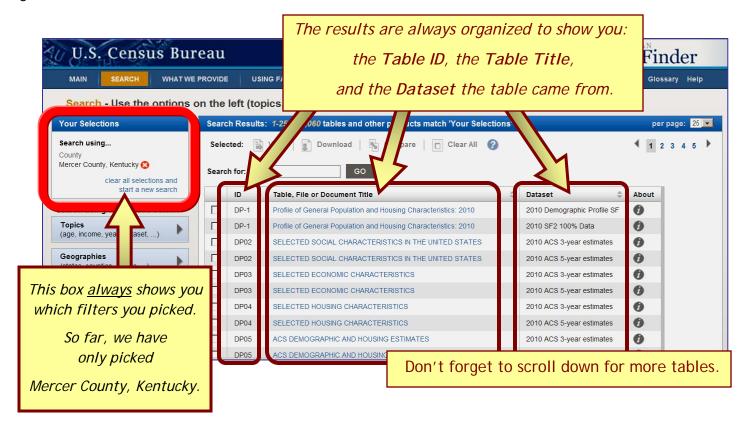


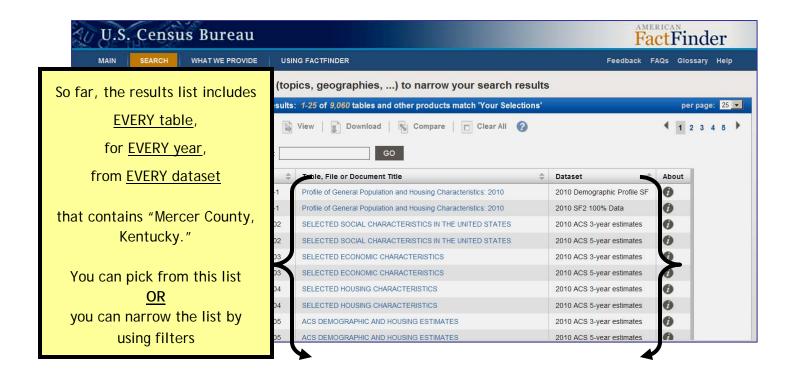
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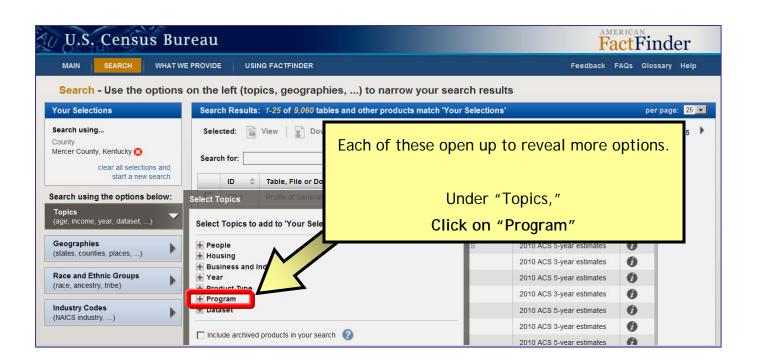


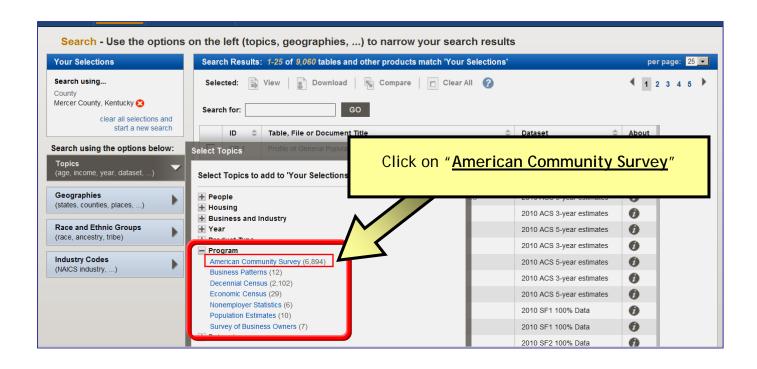


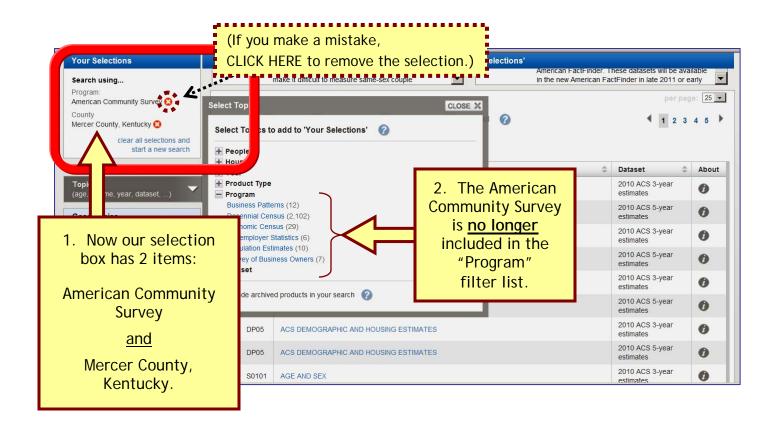




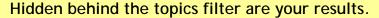








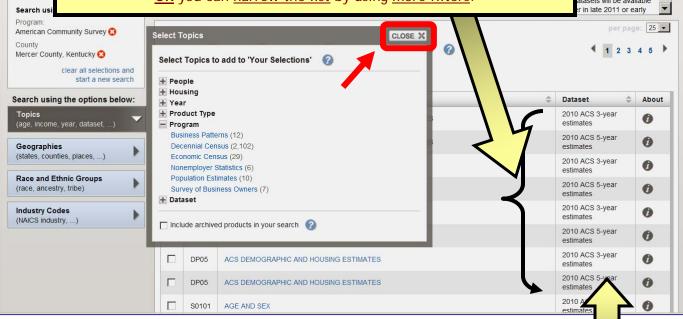
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Now, the list includes EVERY table, for EVERY year, from EVERY dataset

that contains estimates from the "American Community Survey" and "Mercer County, Kentucky."

You can "Close" the Topics filter and pick from this list OR you can <u>narrow the list</u> by using <u>more filters</u>.



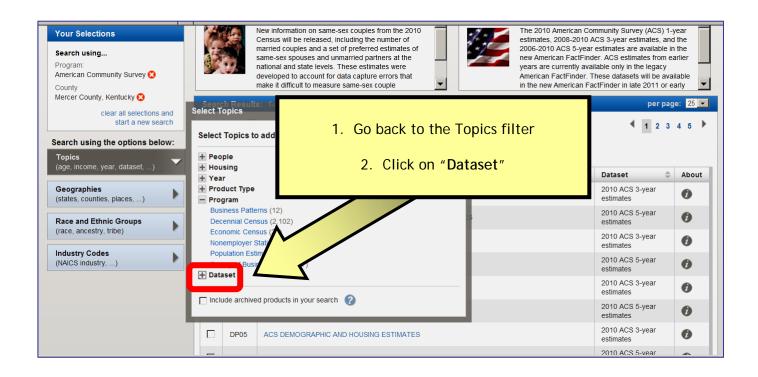
Since Mercer County has a population size of 20,000 + persons

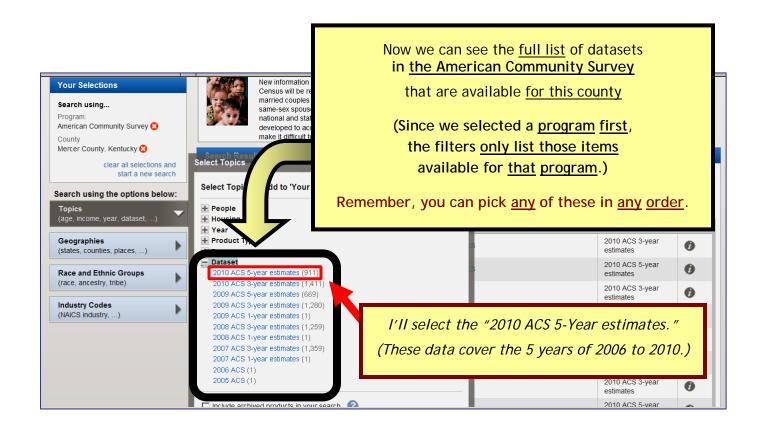
the American Community Survey has <u>2 kinds of estimates for Mercer County</u>:

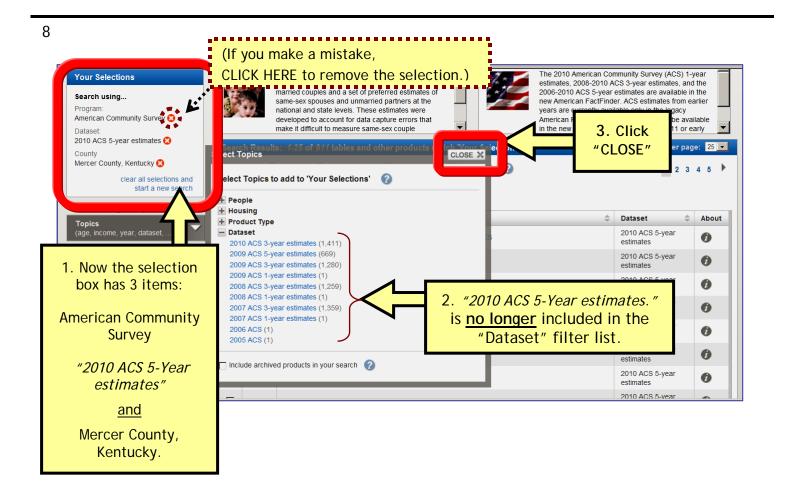
3-year estimates and 5-year estimates

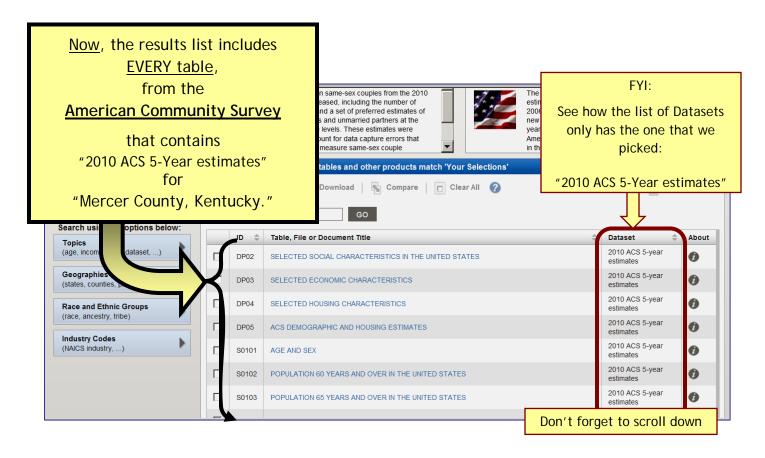
How many estimates are available will depend on the size of your county.

To see the full list of datasets <u>available for your county</u> that are in the American Community Survey, we can <u>pick another filter</u>







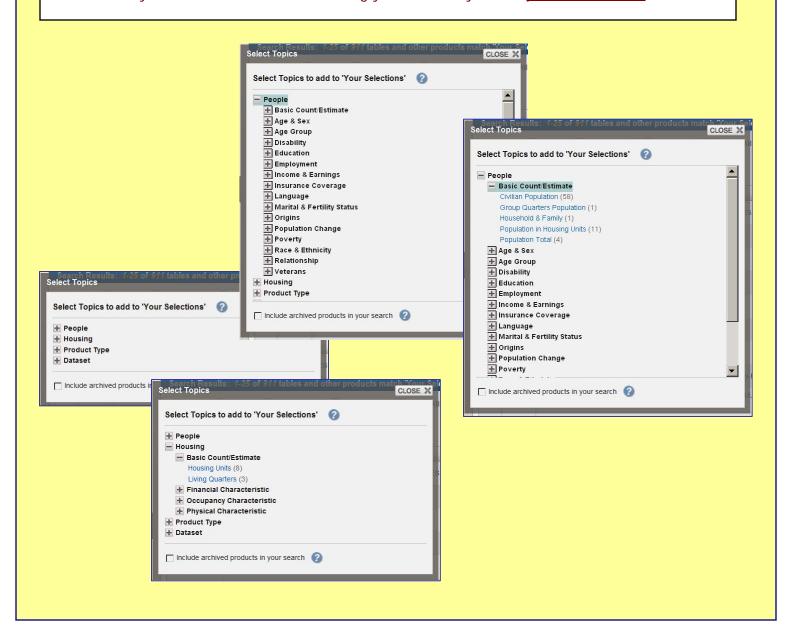


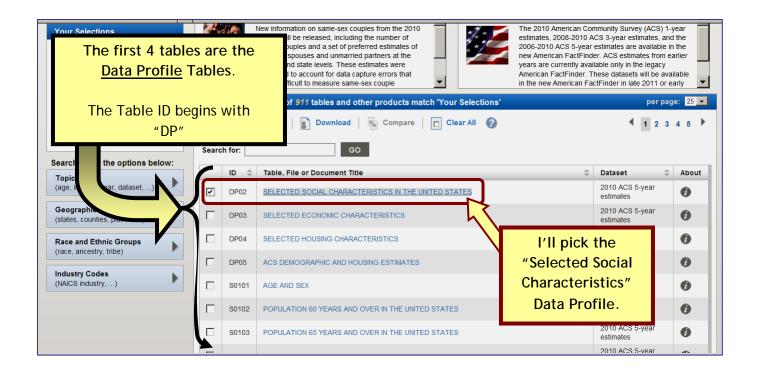
Each filter has <u>sub-topics</u> and each of those have <u>even more sub-topics</u>.

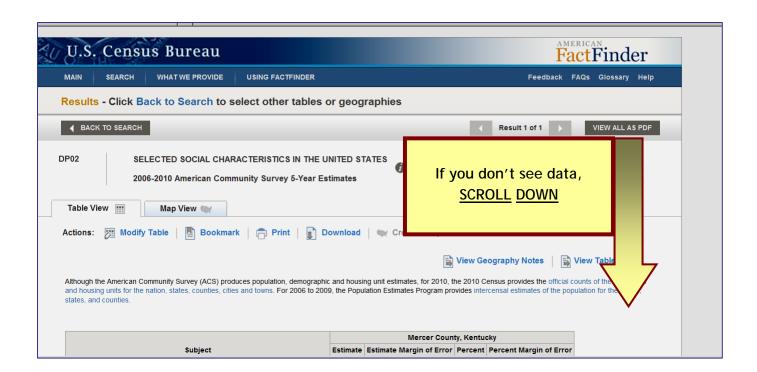
(The same goes for "Geography," "Population Groups," and "Industry Codes.")

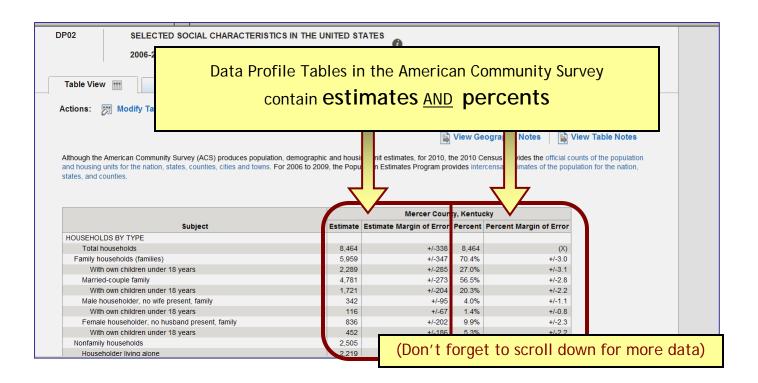
Since we selected BOTH a <u>program and dataset</u>, the filters <u>only listed those items</u> available for <u>that program AND dataset</u>.

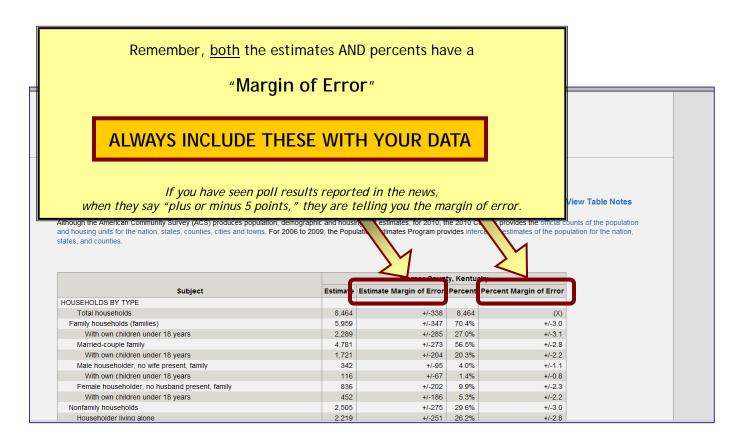
Remember, you can pick <u>any</u> of these in <u>any order</u> and if you want to continue narrowing your search, you can pick more filters.



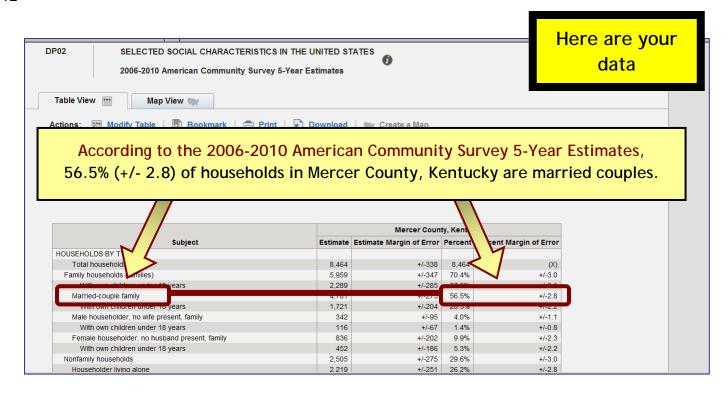


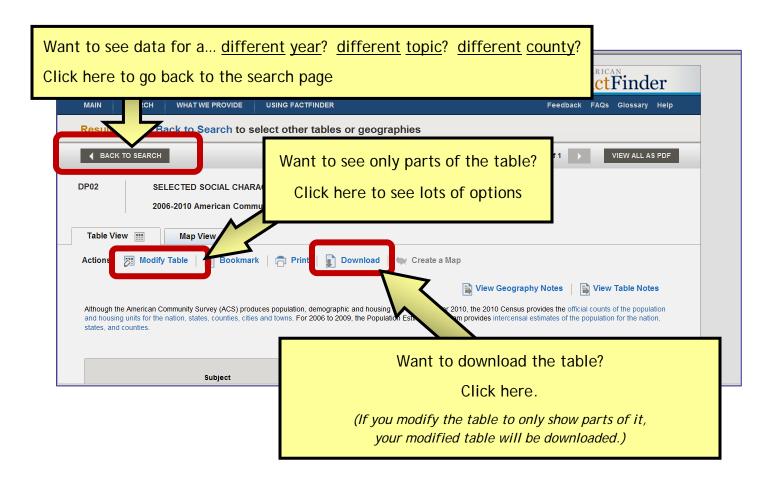






To learn more about margins of error, see "And Now for the Grain of Salt... Margins of Error and the American Community Survey" available on the Kentucky: By The Numbers section of the SNARL website (http://www.ca.uky.edu/snarl).





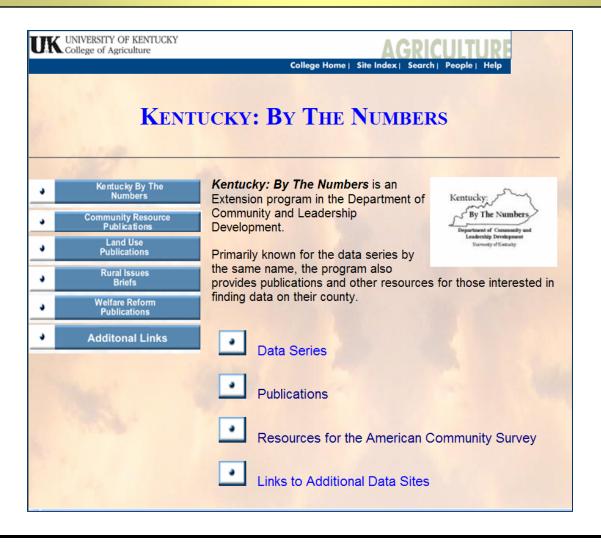
For other graphical website instructions, see:

Getting Started... Finding Economic Data Online at the Bureau of Economic Analysis
Getting Started... Finding Unemployment Data Online at the Bureau of Labor Statistics
Getting Started... Finding Agriculture Data Online in the Census of Agriculture

These are all available on the

Kentucky: By The Numbers section of the SNARL website at:

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Kentucky: By the Numbers is a program of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service in the Department of Community and Leadership Development at the University of Kentucky. Primarily known for the data series by the same name, the program also provides publications and other resources for those interested in finding data on their county. Data and resources are available on the Kentucky: By the Numbers section of the SNARL (http://www.ca.uky.edu/snarl) website. For more information contact your local Cooperative Extension office or Julie N. Zimmerman, Department of Community and Leadership Development, 500 Garrigus Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0215. Email: jzimm@email.uky.edu.