Getting Started...

Finding **Subject Tables** from the American Community Survey using the American FactFinder Website

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Kentucky: By The Numbers
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Subject Tables are one place where commonly used estimates from the American Community Survey can be located. The Subject Tables are also useful in that they provide both estimates and well as pre-calculated percents.

This publication provides graphical instructions to help you find Subject Tables from the American Community Survey 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."

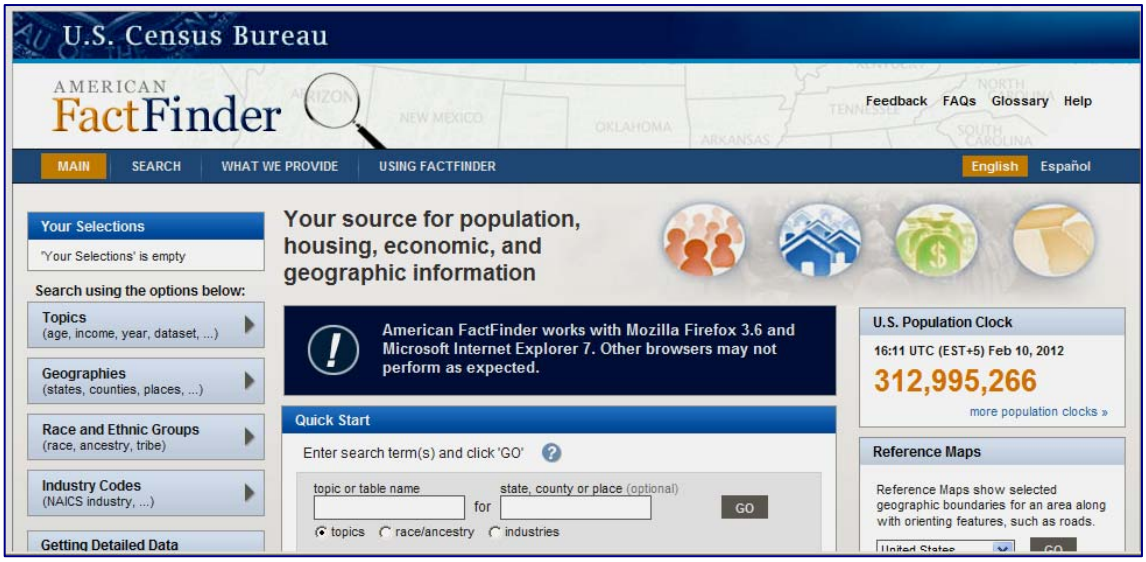
American FactFinder

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 provides filters to help narrow your search. These filters can be used in any order and in any combination.

This publication illustrates one way to find county-level Subject Tables from the American Community Survey.



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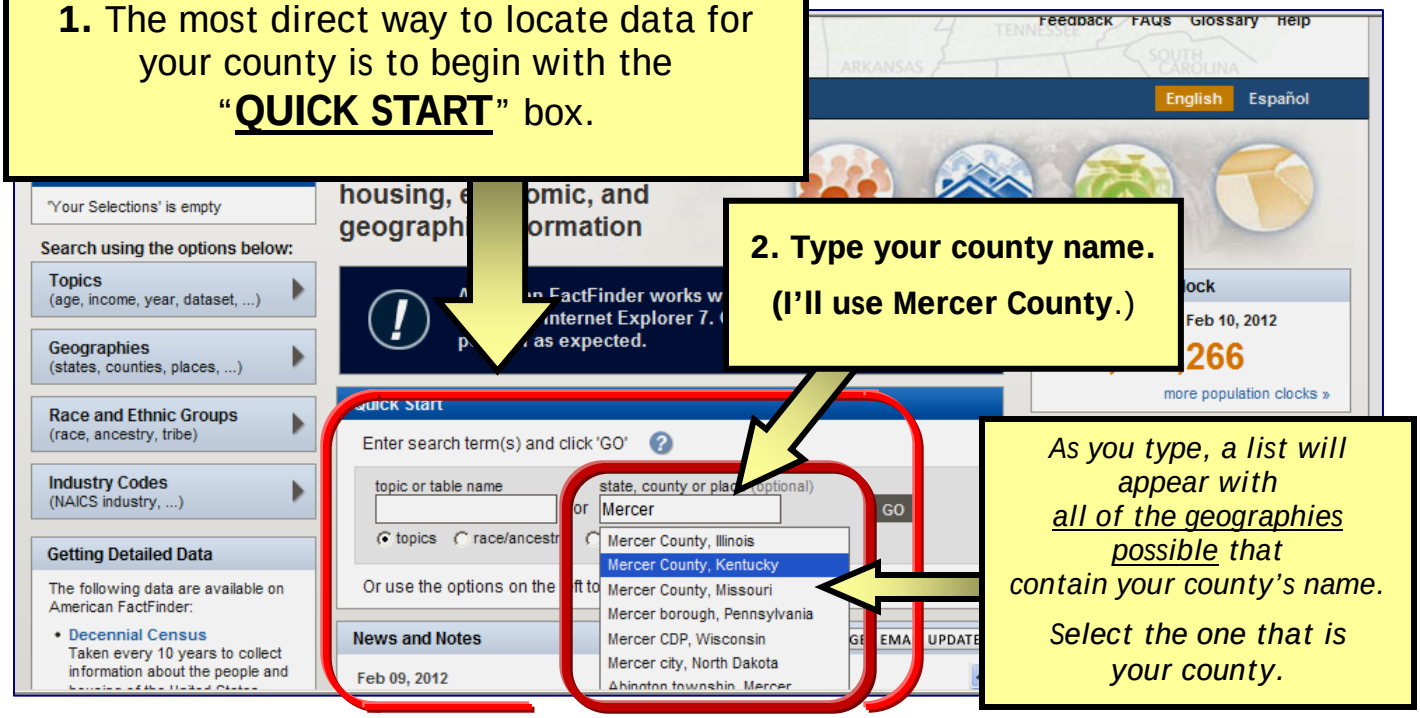
1. The most direct way to locate data for your county is to begin with the "**QUICK START**" box.

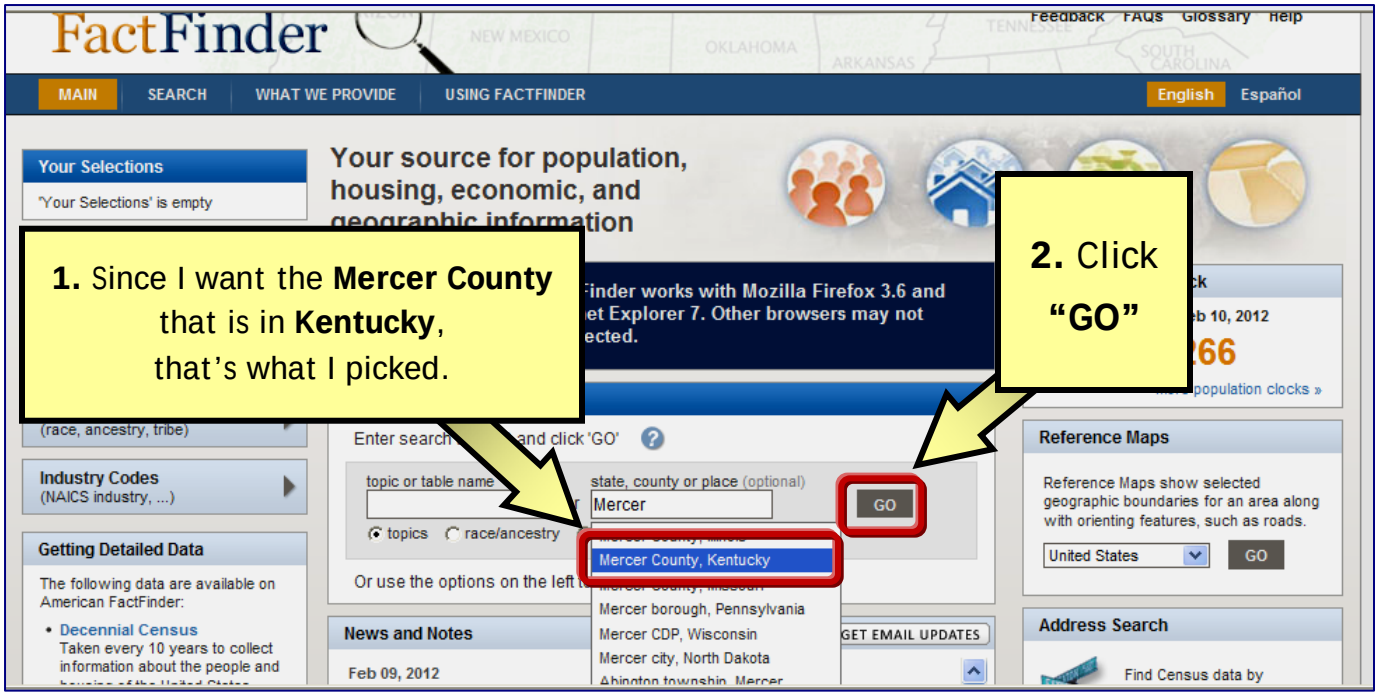


2. Type your county name.

(I'll use Mercer County.)

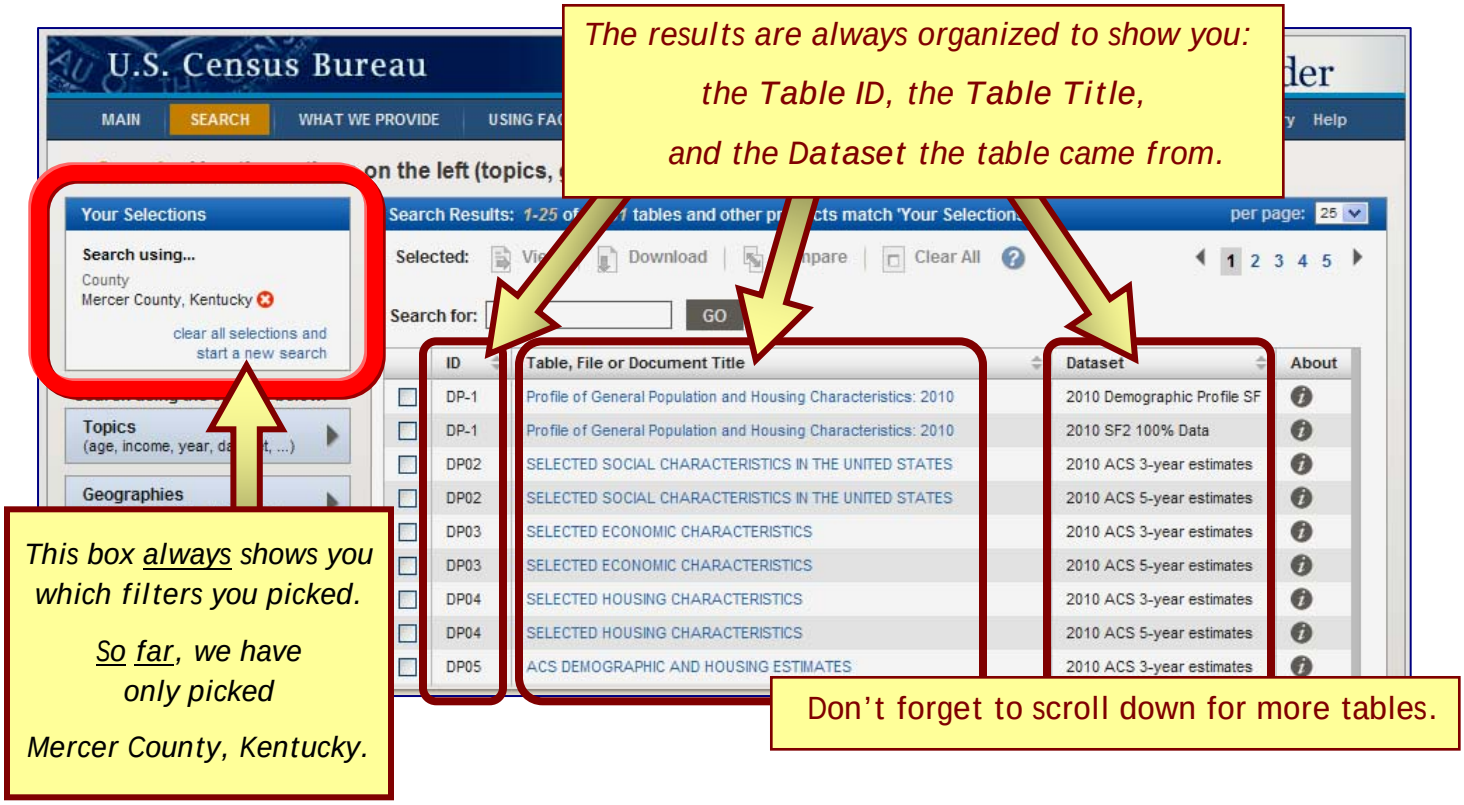
As you type, a list will appear with all of the geographies possible that contain your county's name.

Select the one that is your county.



1. Since I want the **Mercer County** that is in **Kentucky**, that's what I picked.

2. Click **"GO"**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the Table ID, the Table Title,
and the Dataset the table came from.
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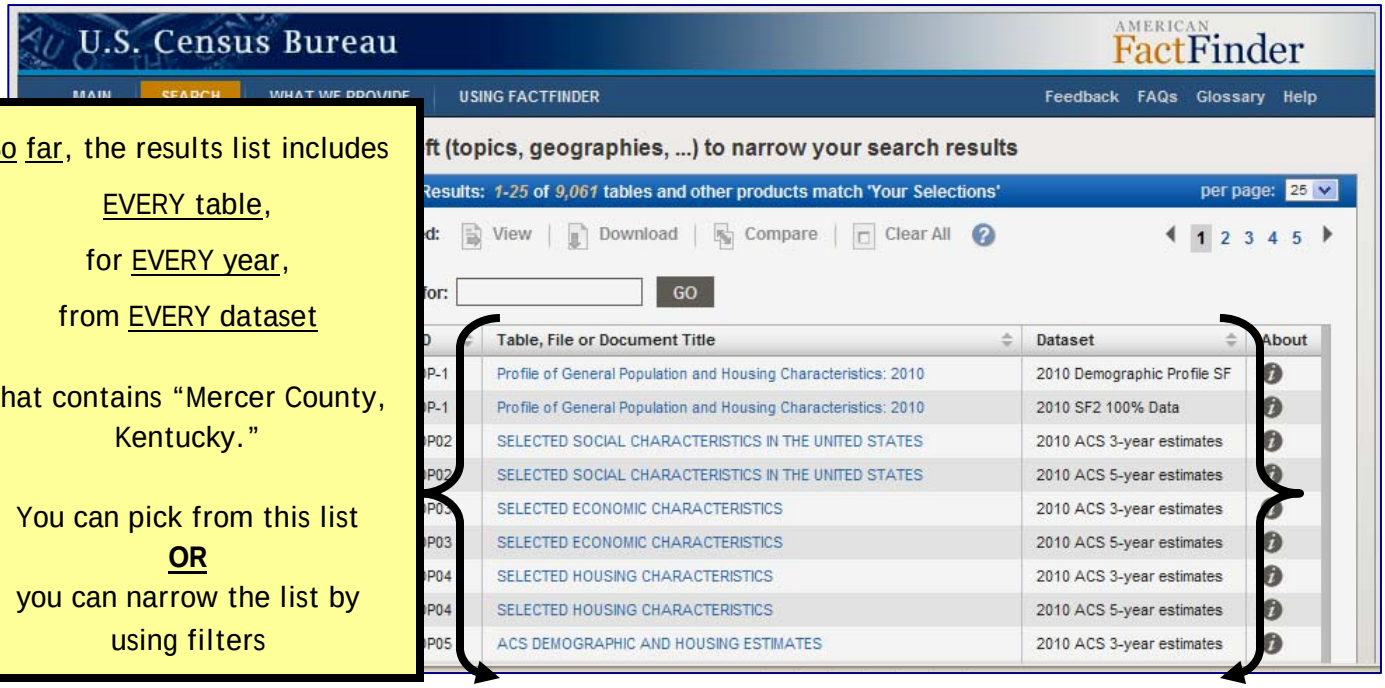
So far, we have only picked
Mercer County, Kentucky.
Don't forget to scroll down for more tables.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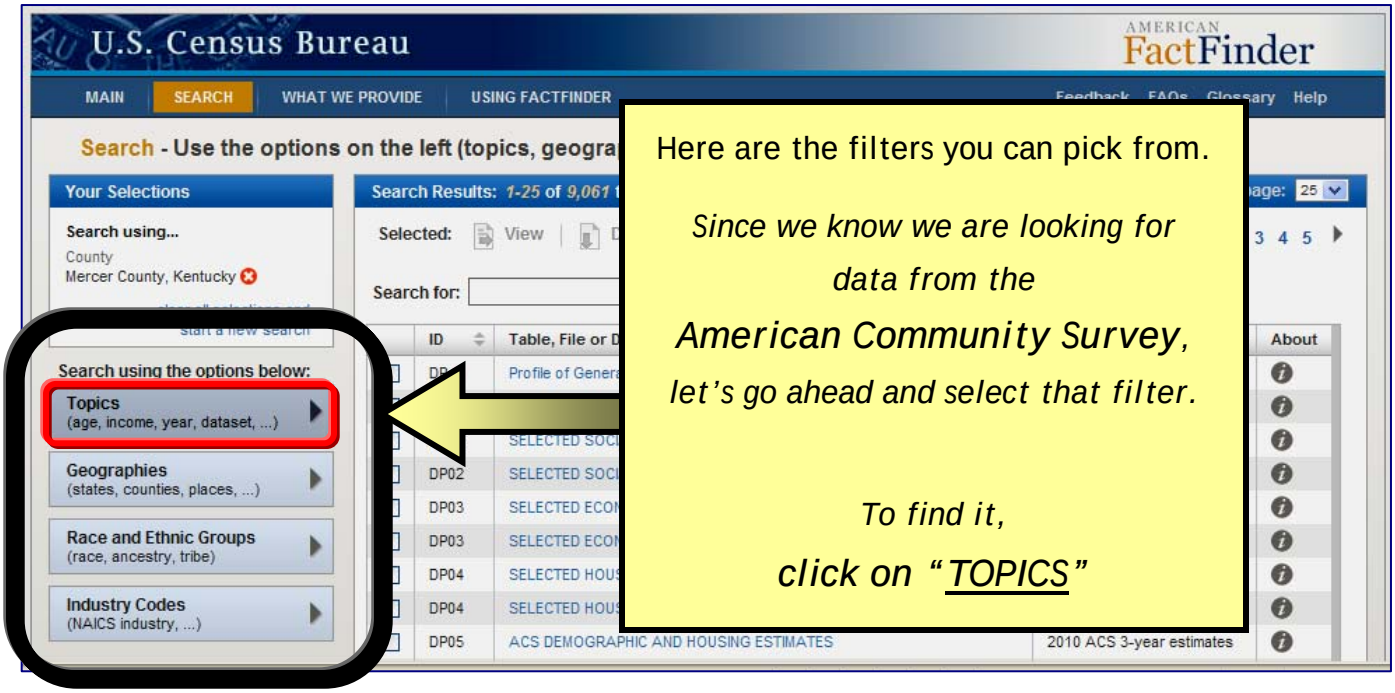
EVERY table,
for EVERY year,
from EVERY dataset
that contains "Mercer County, Kentucky."
You can pick from this list
OR
you can narrow the list by using filters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(race, ancestry, tribe)
Industry Codes
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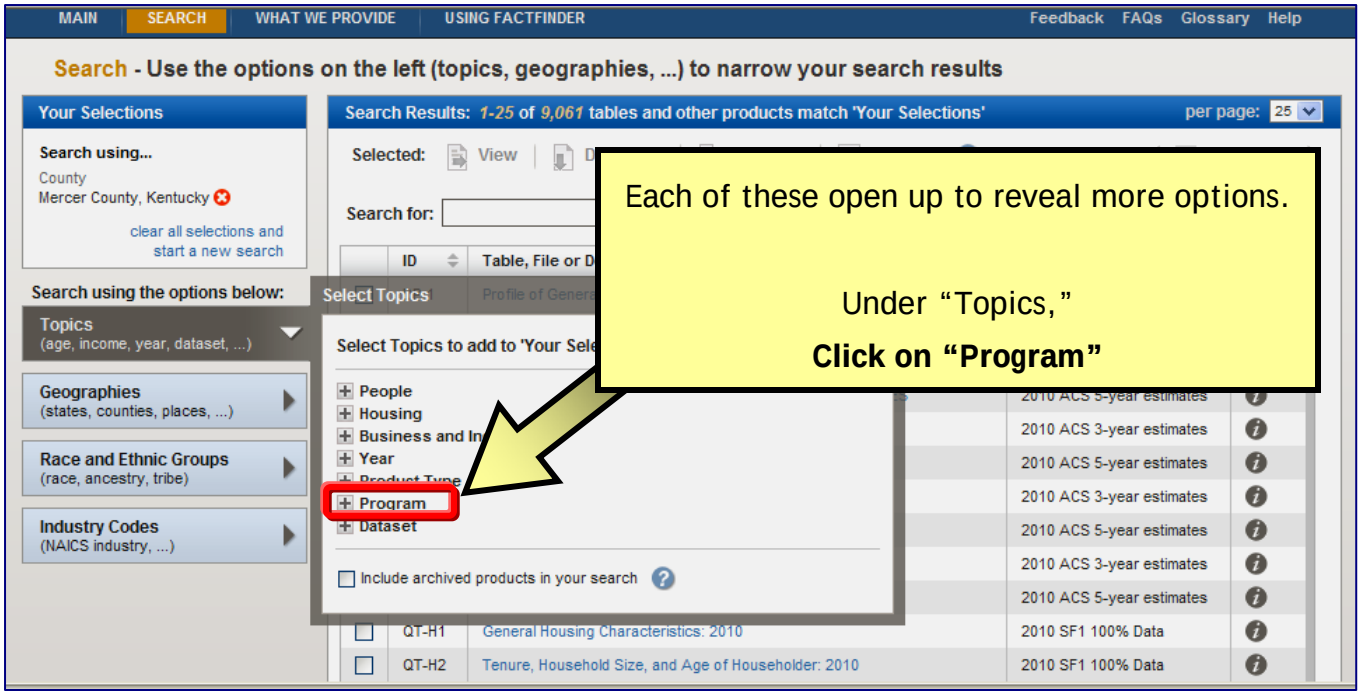
ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES
2010 ACS 3-year estimates
Here are the filters you can pick from.
Since we know we are looking for data from the American Community Survey, let's go ahead and select that filter.
To find it, click on "TOPICS"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2010 SF1 100% Data
QT-H2
Tenure, Household Size, and Age of Householder: 2010
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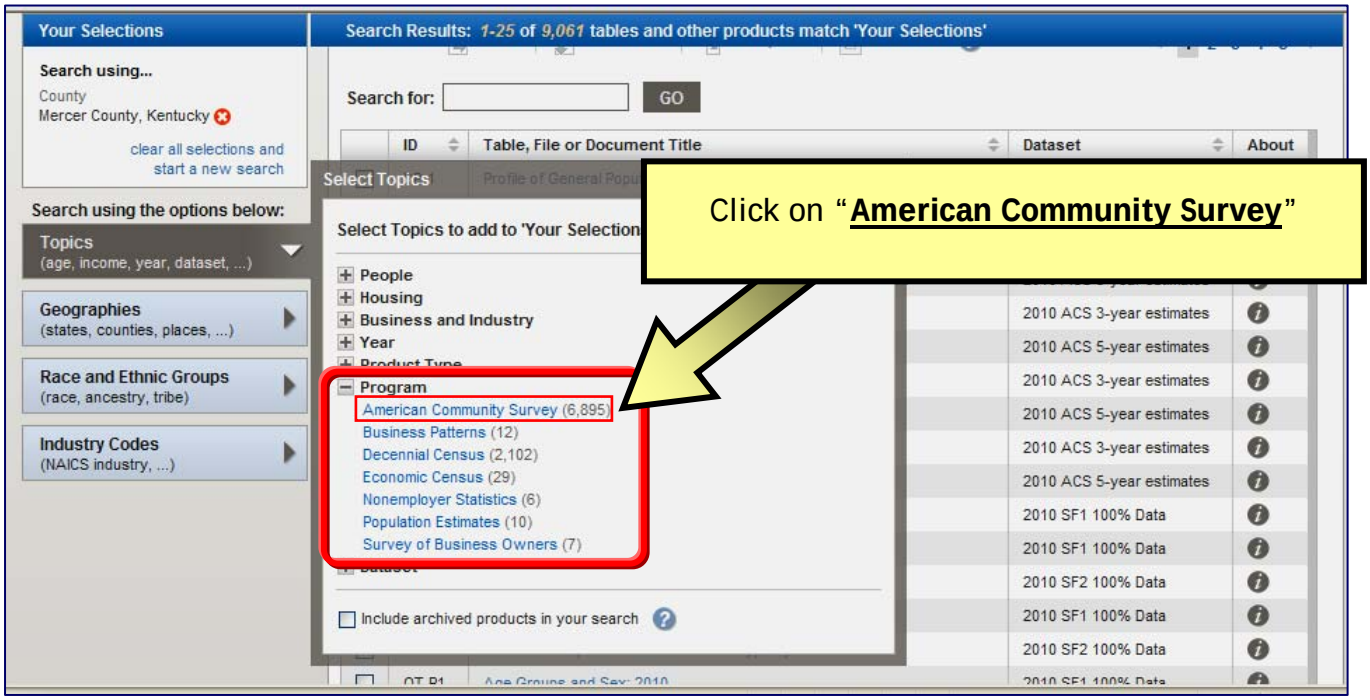
2010 ACS 5-year estimates
Each of these open up to reveal more options.
Under "Topics,"
Click on "Program"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American Community Survey (6,895)
Business Patterns (12)
Decennial Census (2,102)
Economic Census (29)
Nonemployer Statistics (6)
Population Estimates (10)
Survey of Business Owners (7)
Include archived products in your search
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2010 ACS 5-year estimates
2010 SF1 100% Data
2010 SF2 100% Data
Click on "American Community Survey"

(If you make a mistake, CLICK HERE to remove the selection.)
Your Selections
Search using...
Program:
American Community Survey
County
Mercer County, Kentucky
clear all selections and start a new search
Select Topics
CLOSE
Select Topics to add to 'Your Selections'
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Housing
Year
Dataset
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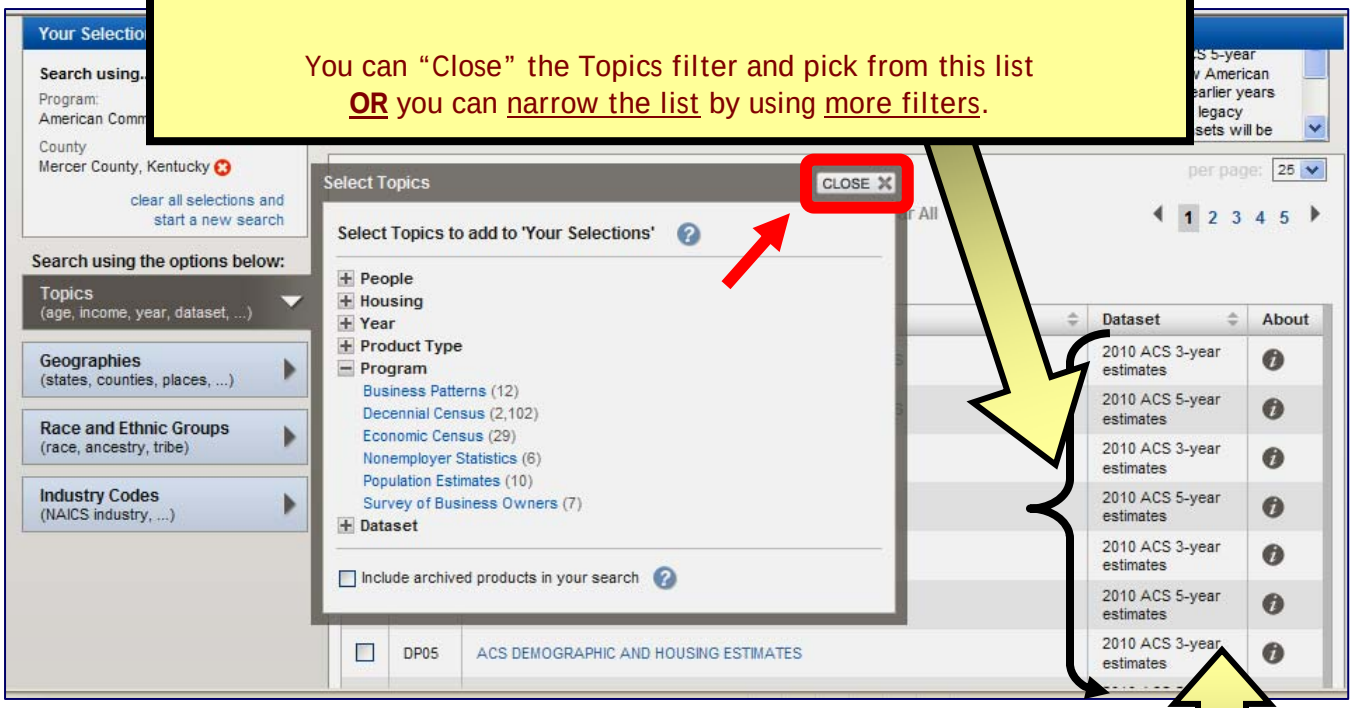
ACS DEMOGRAPHIC AND HOUSING ESTIMATES
1. Now our selection box has 2 items:
American Community Survey
and
Mercer County, Kentucky.
2. The American Community Survey is no longer included in the "Program" filter list.

Hidden behind the topics filter are your results.

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 narrow the list by using more filters.



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

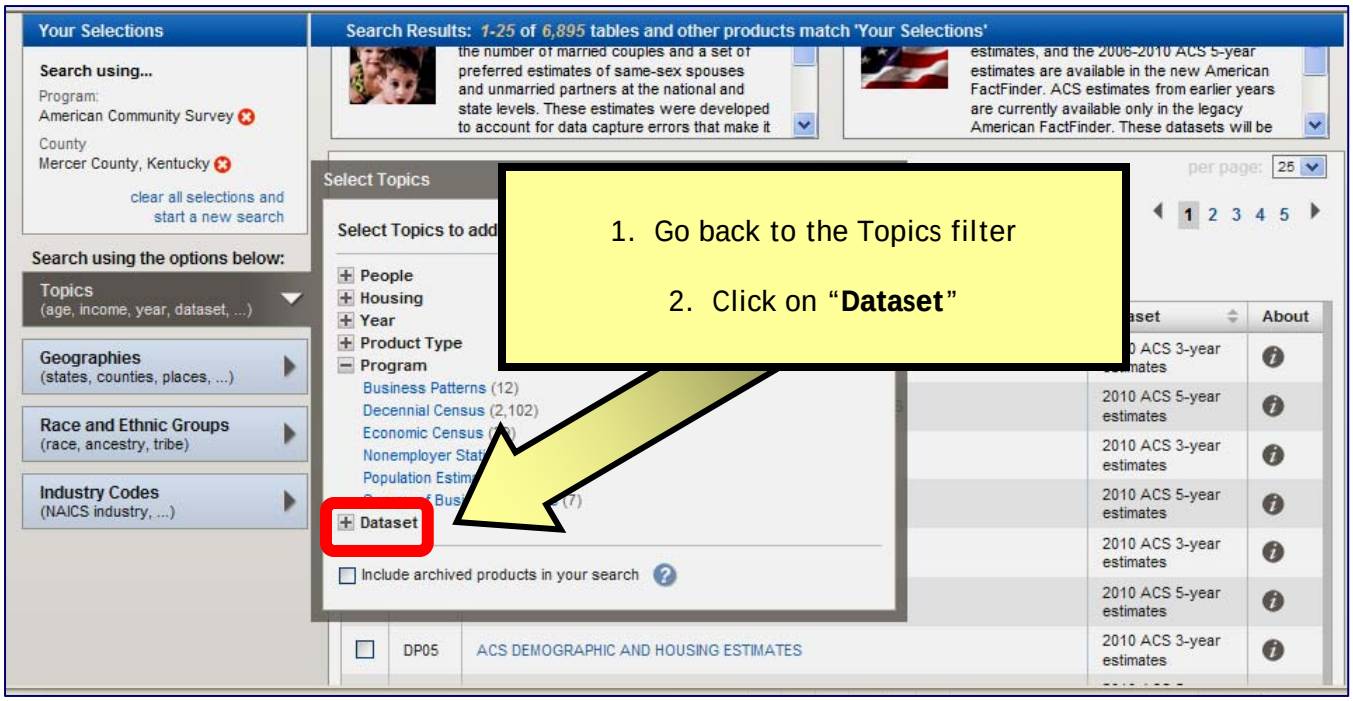
the American Community Survey
has 2 kinds of estimates for Mercer County:

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 available for your county that are in the American Community Survey, we can pick another filter

To see a map of which estimates are available for counties in Kentucky, go to the "Resources for the American Community Survey" section of Kentucky: By The Numbers on the SNARL website (http://www.ca.uky.edu/snarl).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Topics (age, income, year, dataset, ...)
Geographies (states, counties, places, ...)
Race and Ethnic Groups (race, ancestry, tribe)
Industry Codes (NAICS industry, ...)
Search Results: 1-25 of 6,895 tables and other products match 'Your Selections'
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Decennial Census (2,102)
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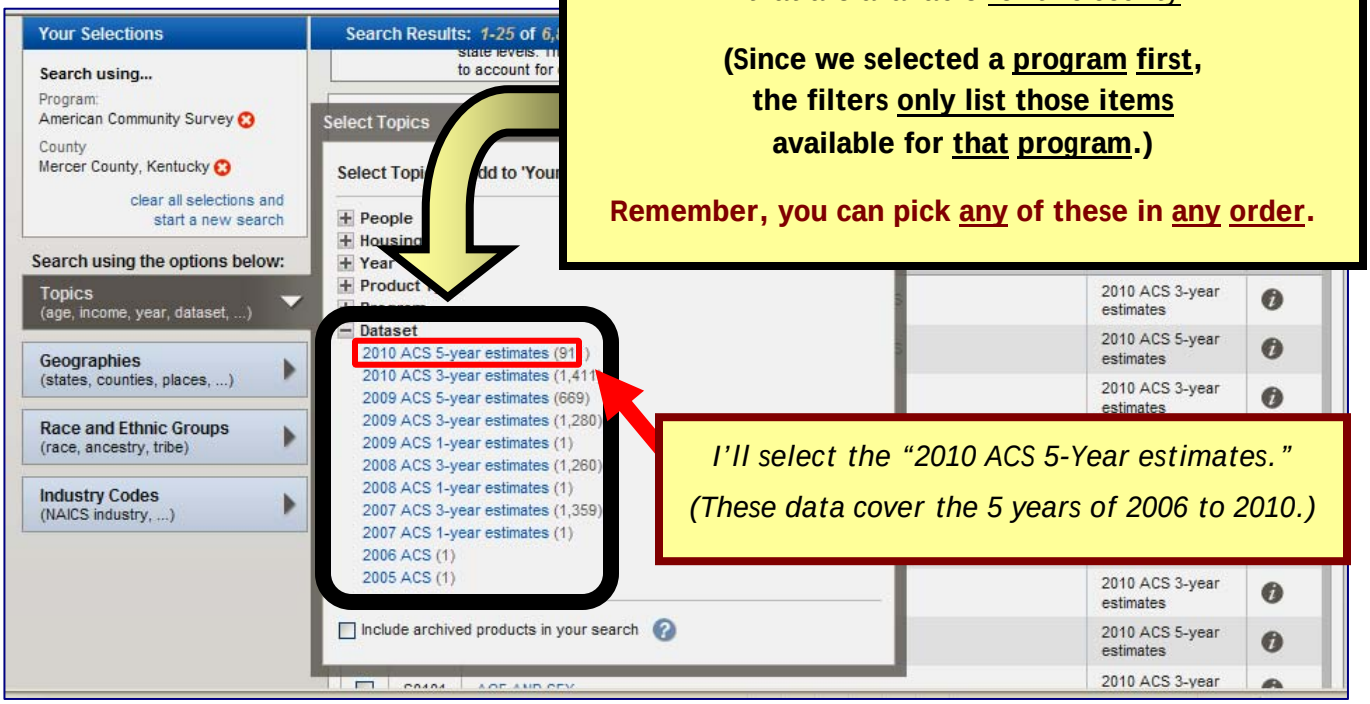
1. Go back to the Topics filter
2. Click on "Dataset"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2009 ACS 5-year estimates (669)
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2009 ACS 1-year estimates (1)
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Include archived products in your search
Now we can see the full list of datasets
in the American Community Survey
that are available for this county
(Since we selected a program first,
the filters only list those items
available for that program.)
Remember, you can pick any of these in any order.
I'll select the "2010 ACS 5-Year estimates."
(These data cover the 5 years of 2006 to 2010.)

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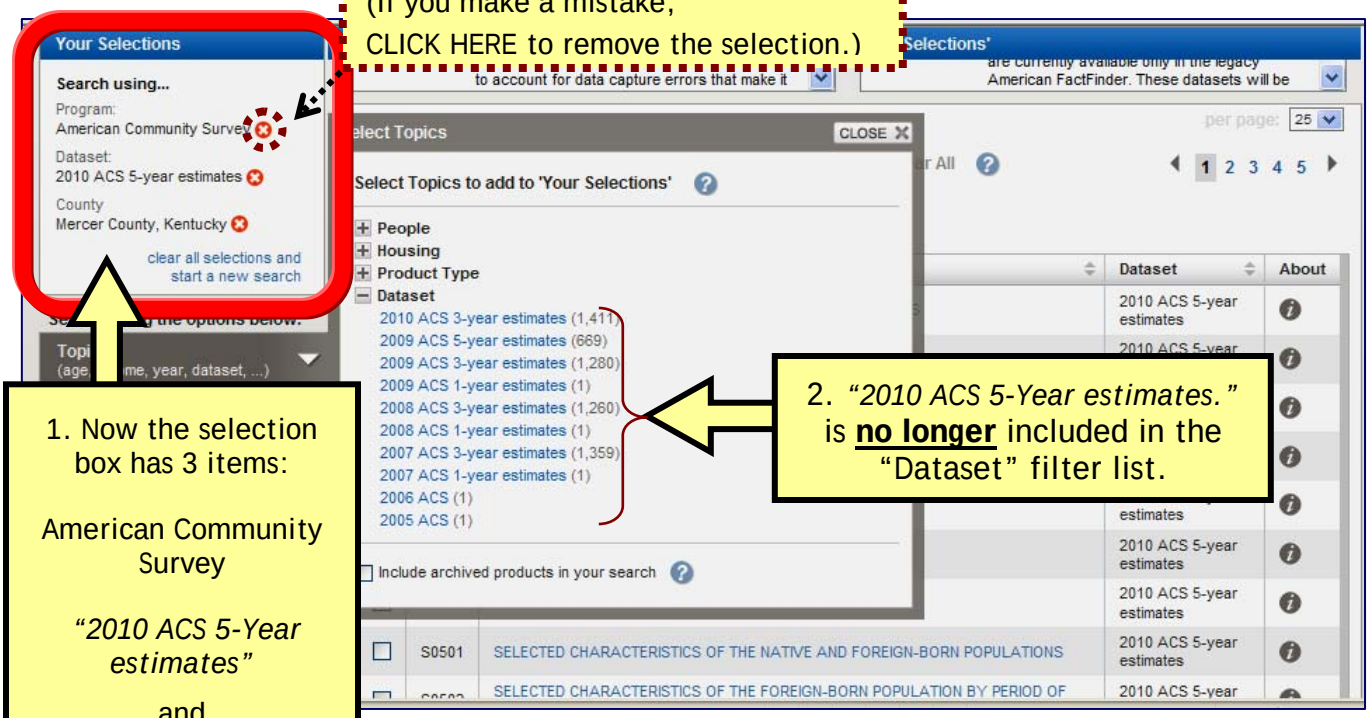
CLICK HERE to remove the selection.)



1. Now the selection box has 3 items:

American Community Survey

"2010 ACS 5-Year estimates"

and

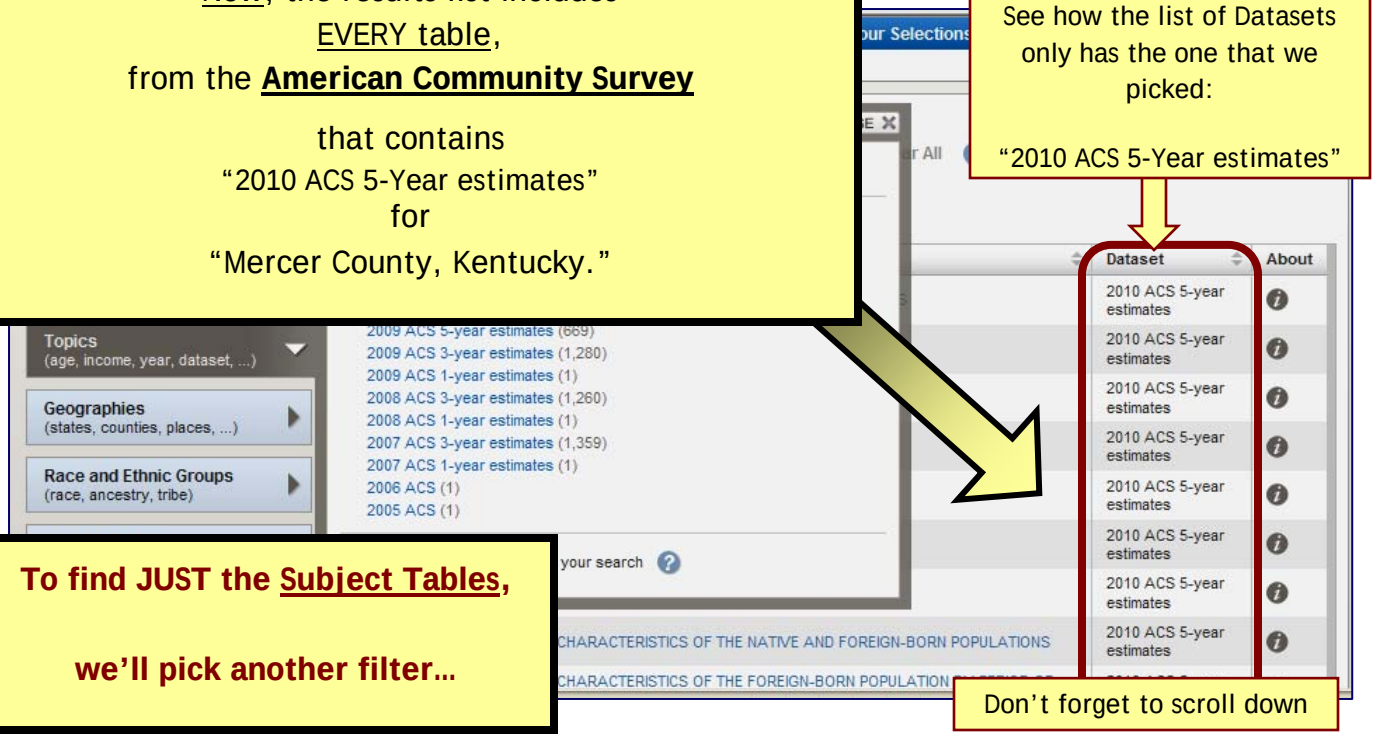
Mercer County, Kentucky.

2. *"2010 ACS 5-Year estimates."* is **no longer** included in the "Dataset" filter list.

Hidden behind the topics filter are your results.

Now, the results list includes
EVERY table,
from the **American Community Survey**

that contains
"2010 ACS 5-Year estimates"
for
"Mercer County, Kentucky."



FYI:

See how the list of Datasets only has the one that we picked:

"2010 ACS 5-Year estimates"

To find JUST the Subject Tables,

we'll pick another filter…

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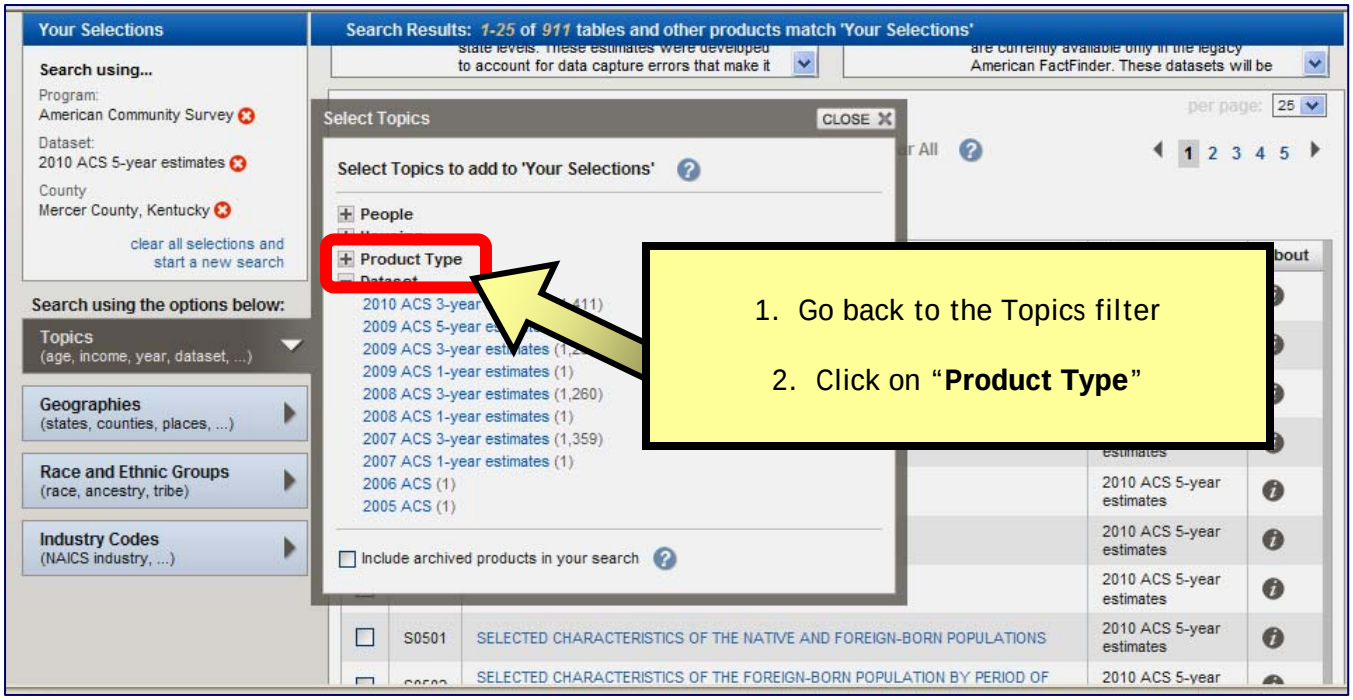
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Include archived products in your search
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2. Click on "Product Type"
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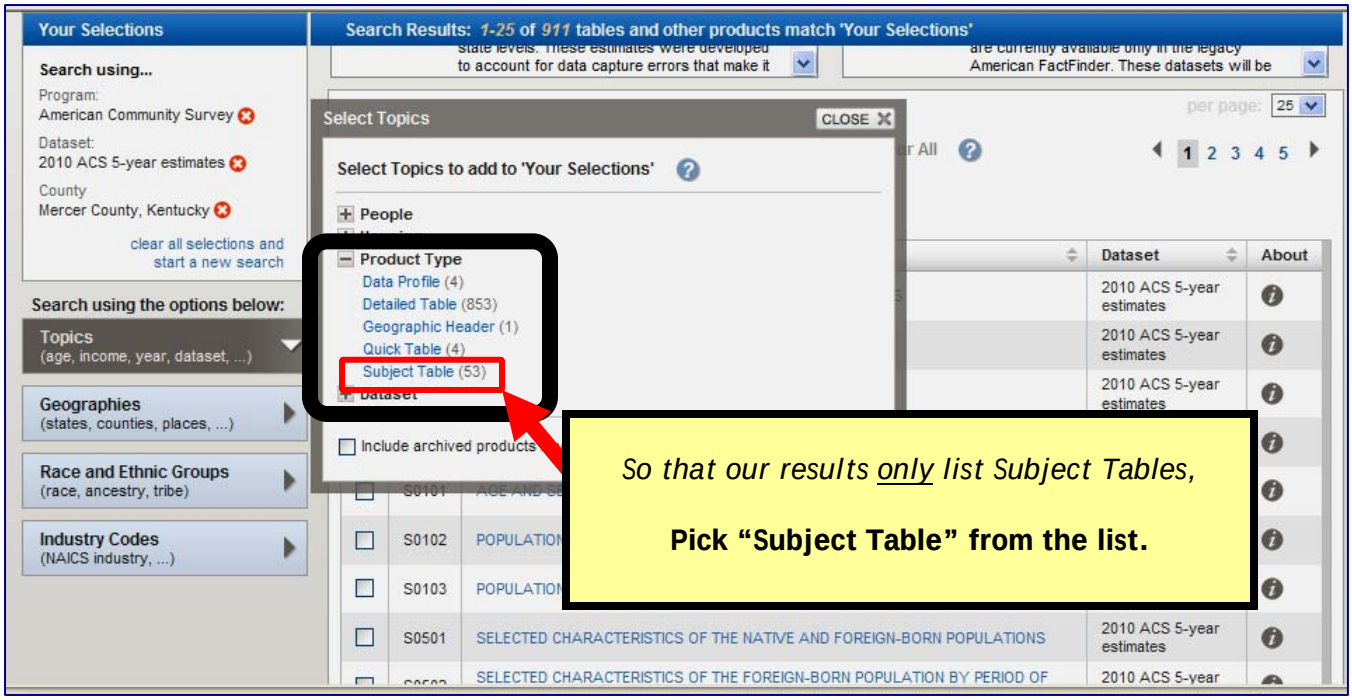
2010 ACS 5-year estimates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Data Profile (4)
Detailed Table (853)
Geographic Header (1)
Quick Table (4)
Subject Table (53)
Include archived products
So that our results only list Subject Tables,
Pick "Subject Table" from the list.
S0102
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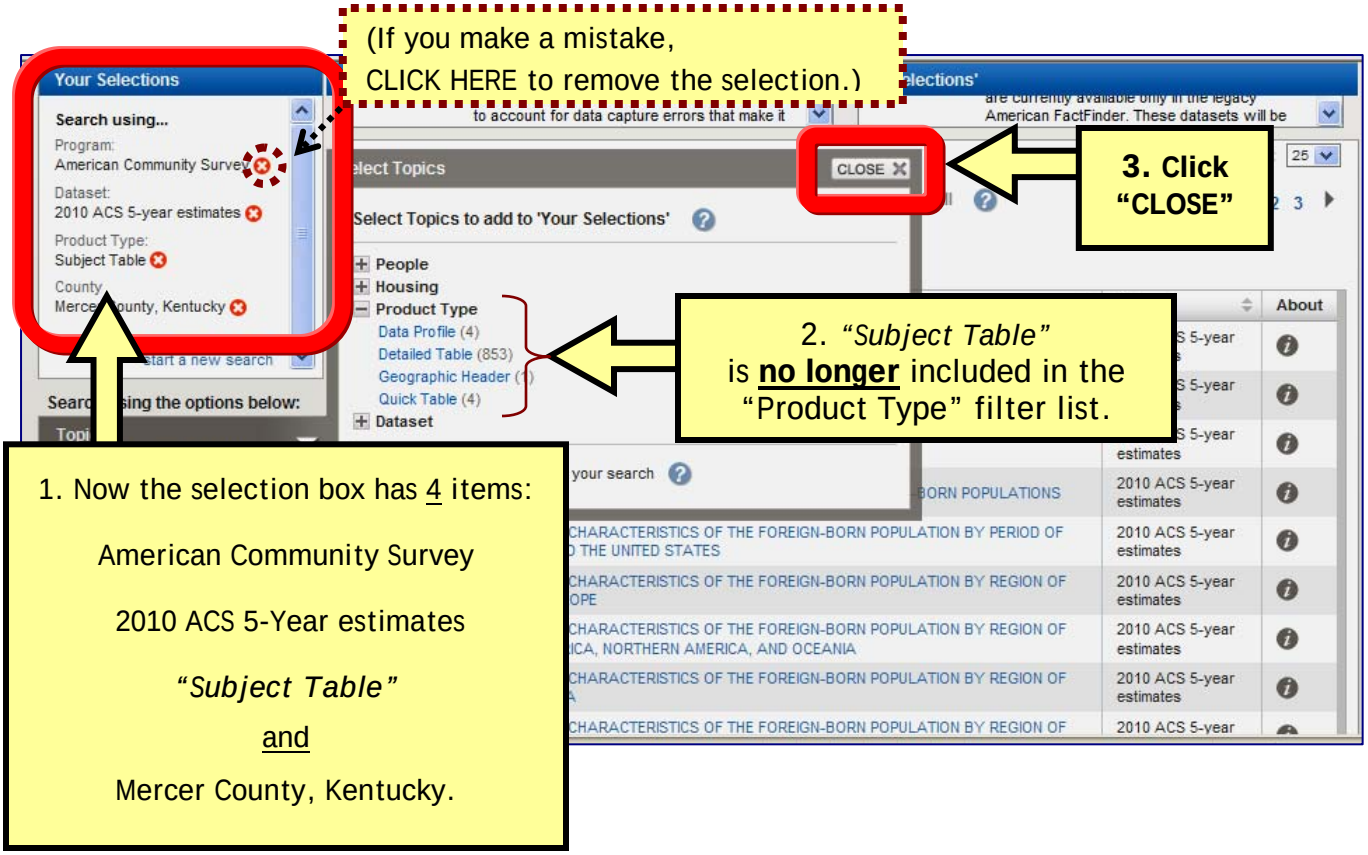
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Mercer County, Kentucky
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Housing
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Geographic Header (1)
Quick Table (4)
Dataset
CLOSE
3. Click "CLOSE"
2. "Subject Table" is no longer included in the "Product Type" filter list.
1. Now the selection box has 4 items:
American Community Survey
2010 ACS 5-Year estimates
"Subject Table"
and
Mercer County, Kentucky.
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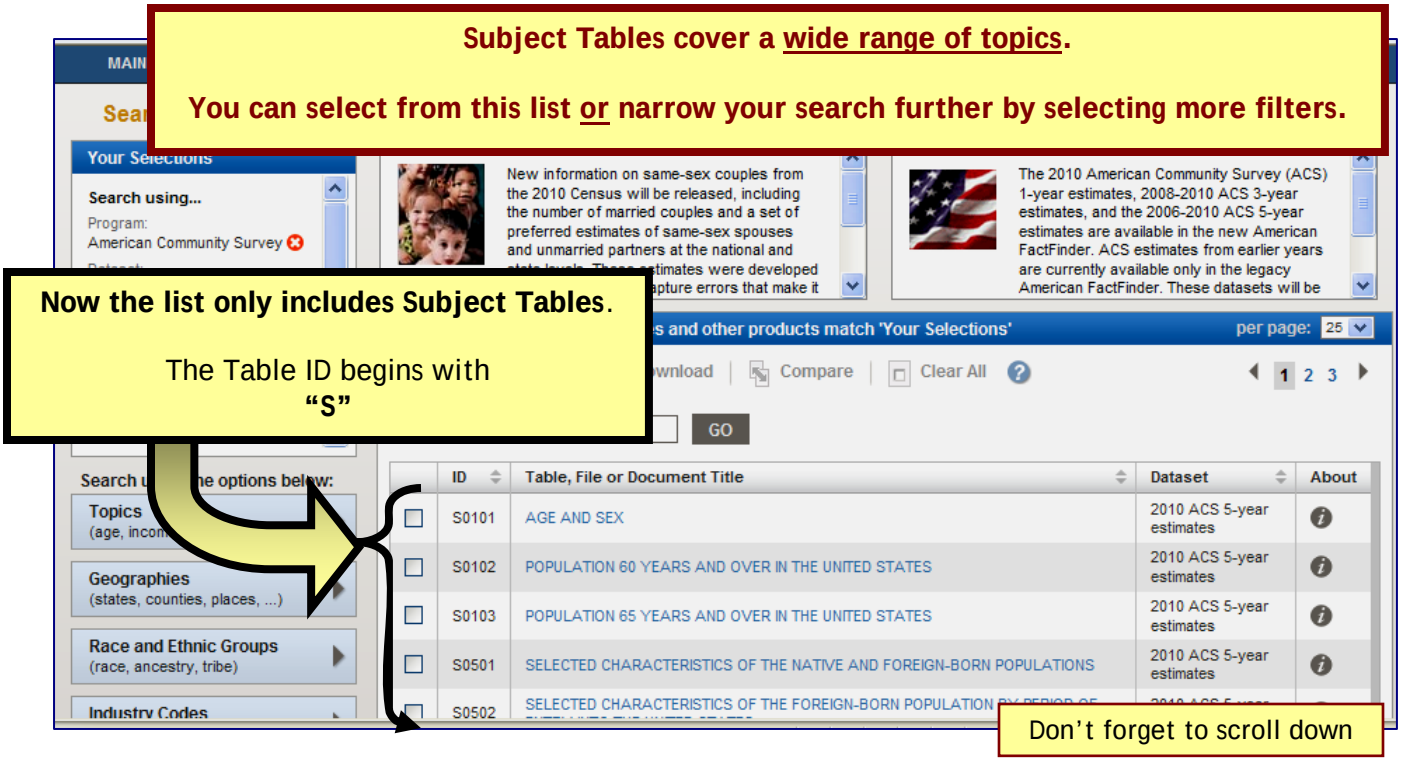
2010 ACS 5-year estimates


Subject Tables cover a wide range of topics.
You can select from this list or narrow your search further by selecting more filters.
Now the list only includes Subject Tables.
The Table ID begins with "S"
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American Community Survey
New information on same-sex couples from the 2010 Census will be released, including the number of married couples and a set of preferred estimates of same-sex spouses and unmarried partners at the national and
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S0502 SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION
2010 ACS 5-year estimates
Don't forget to scroll down

Each filter has sub-topics

and each of those have even more sub-topics.

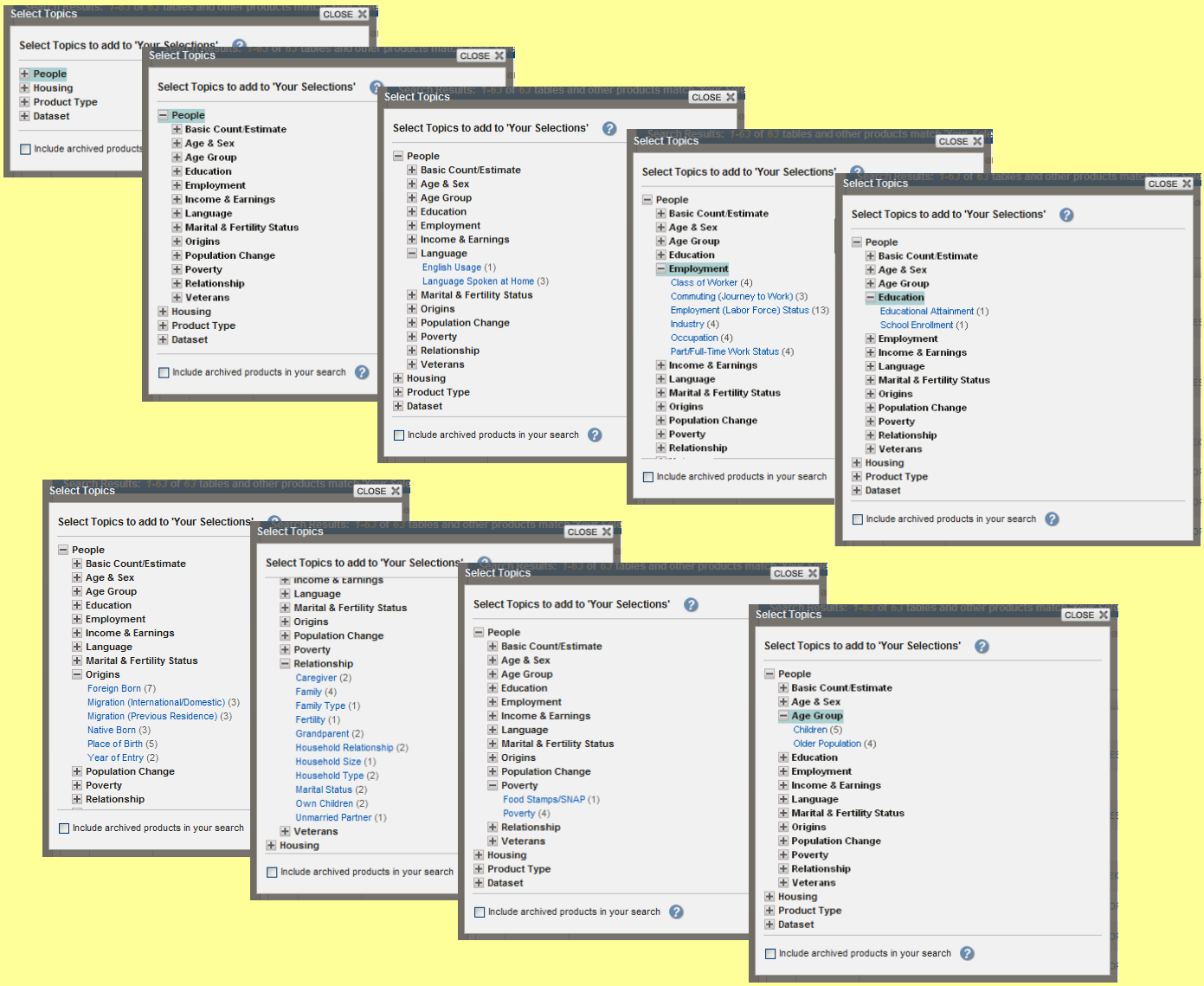
(The same goes for "Geography," "Population Groups," and "Industry Codes.")

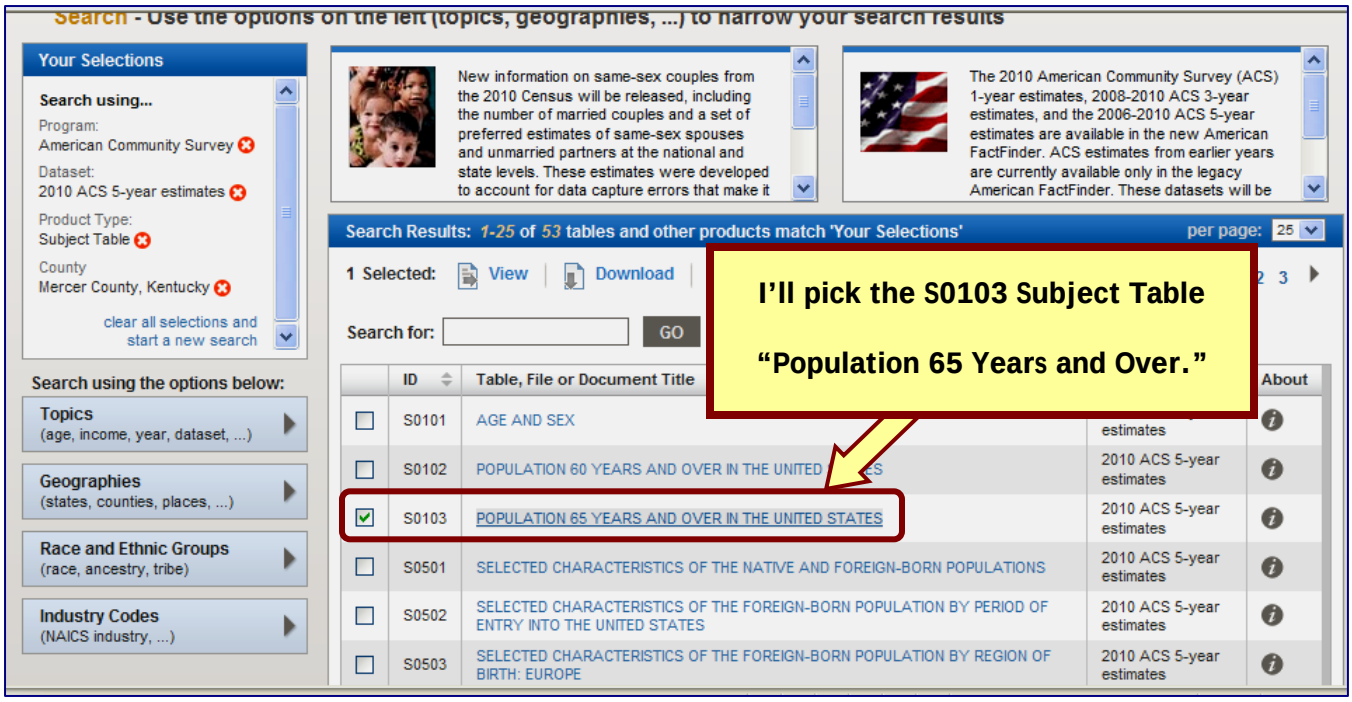
Since we selected BOTH a program and dataset,

the filters only listed those items available for that program AND dataset.

Remember, you can pick any of these in any order and

if you want to continue narrowing your search, you can pick more filters.

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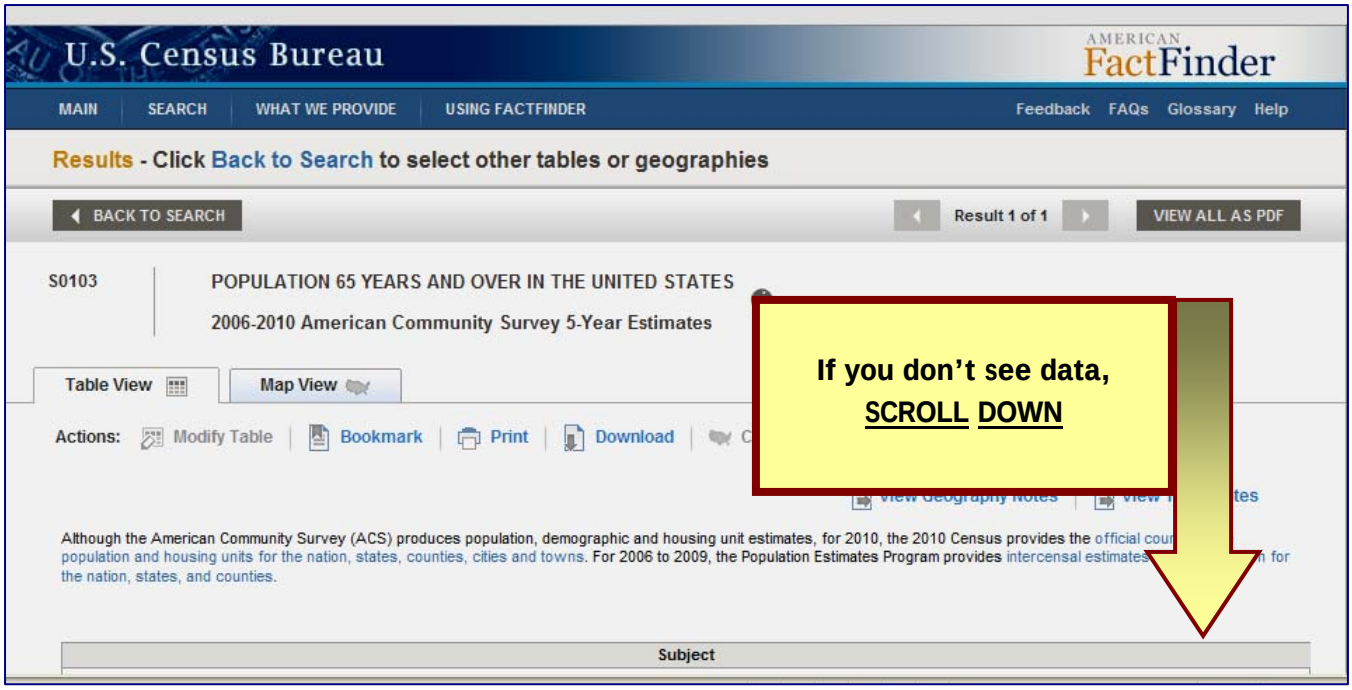
S0503 SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION BY REGION OF BIRTH: EUROPE
2010 ACS 5-year estimates
I'll pick the S0103 Subject Table
"Population 65 Years and Over."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POPULATION 65 YEARS AND OVER IN THE UNITED STATES
2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
Table View
Map View
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Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for 2010, the 2010 Census provides the official cou
population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns. For 2006 to 2009, the Population Estimates Program provides intercensal estimates
the nation, states, and counties.
Subject
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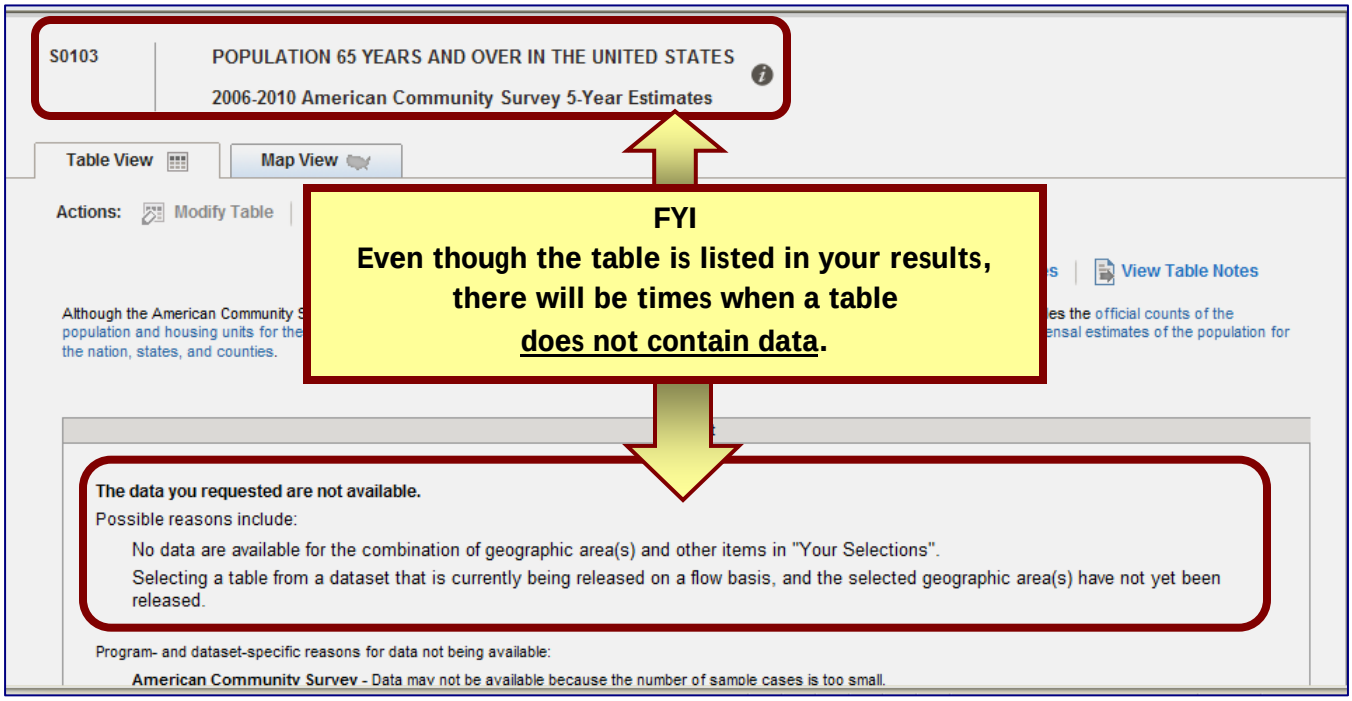
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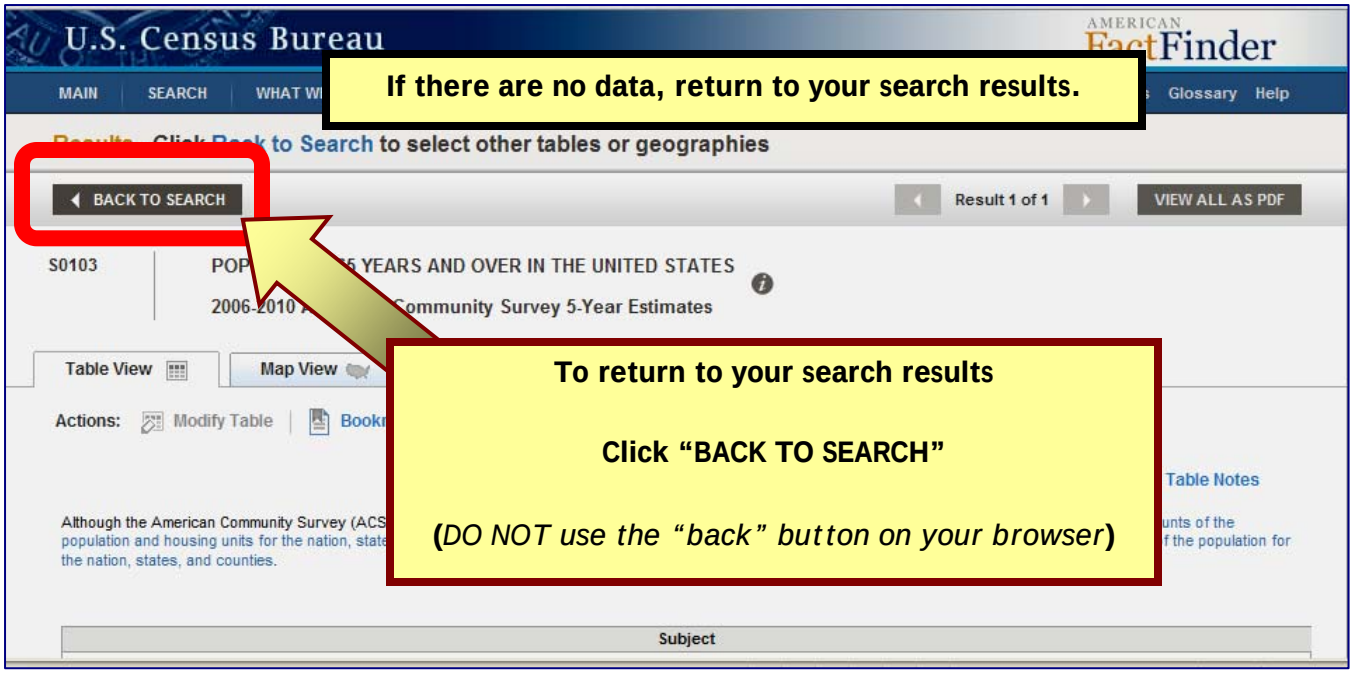
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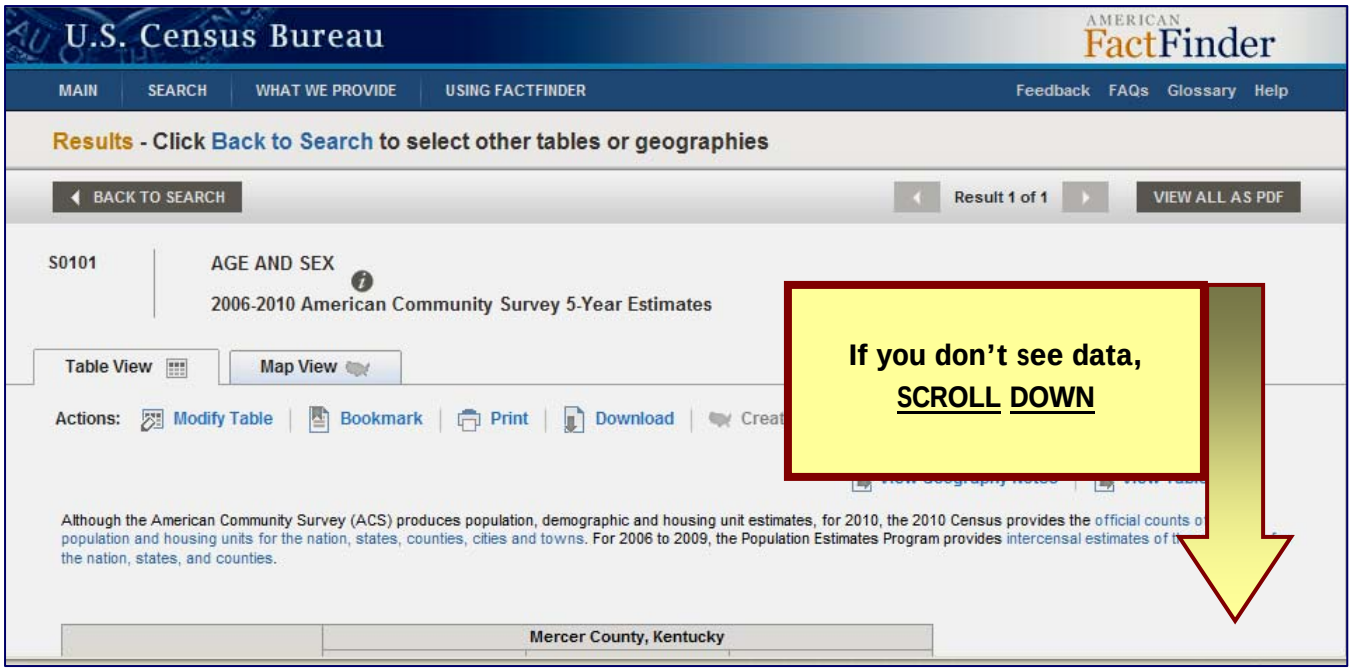
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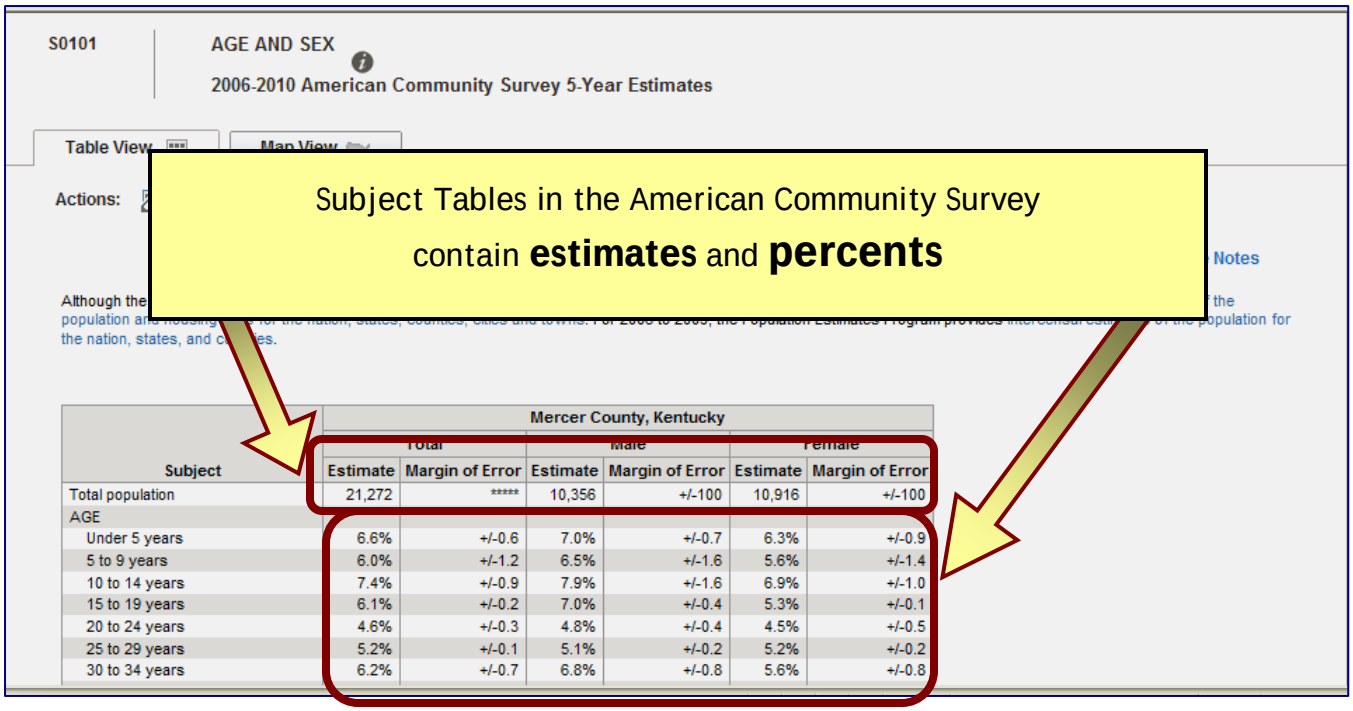

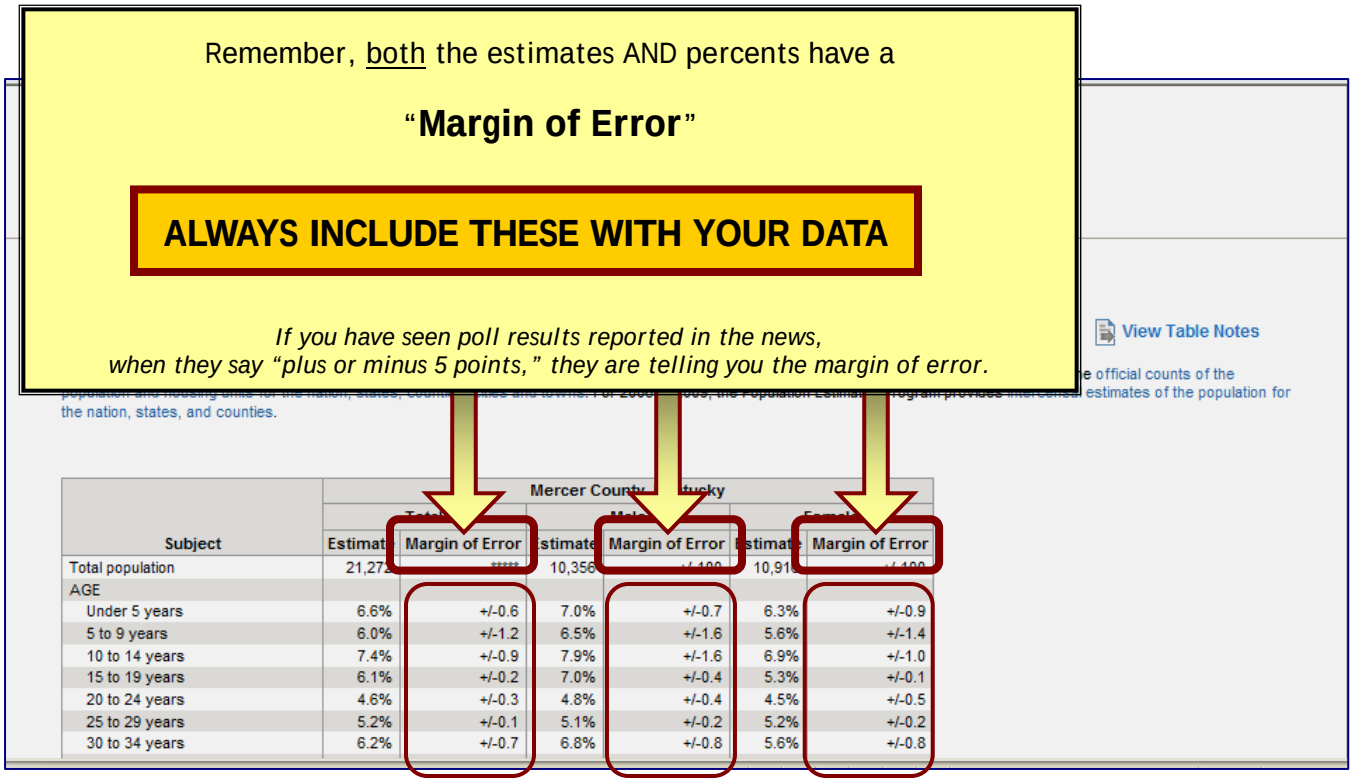

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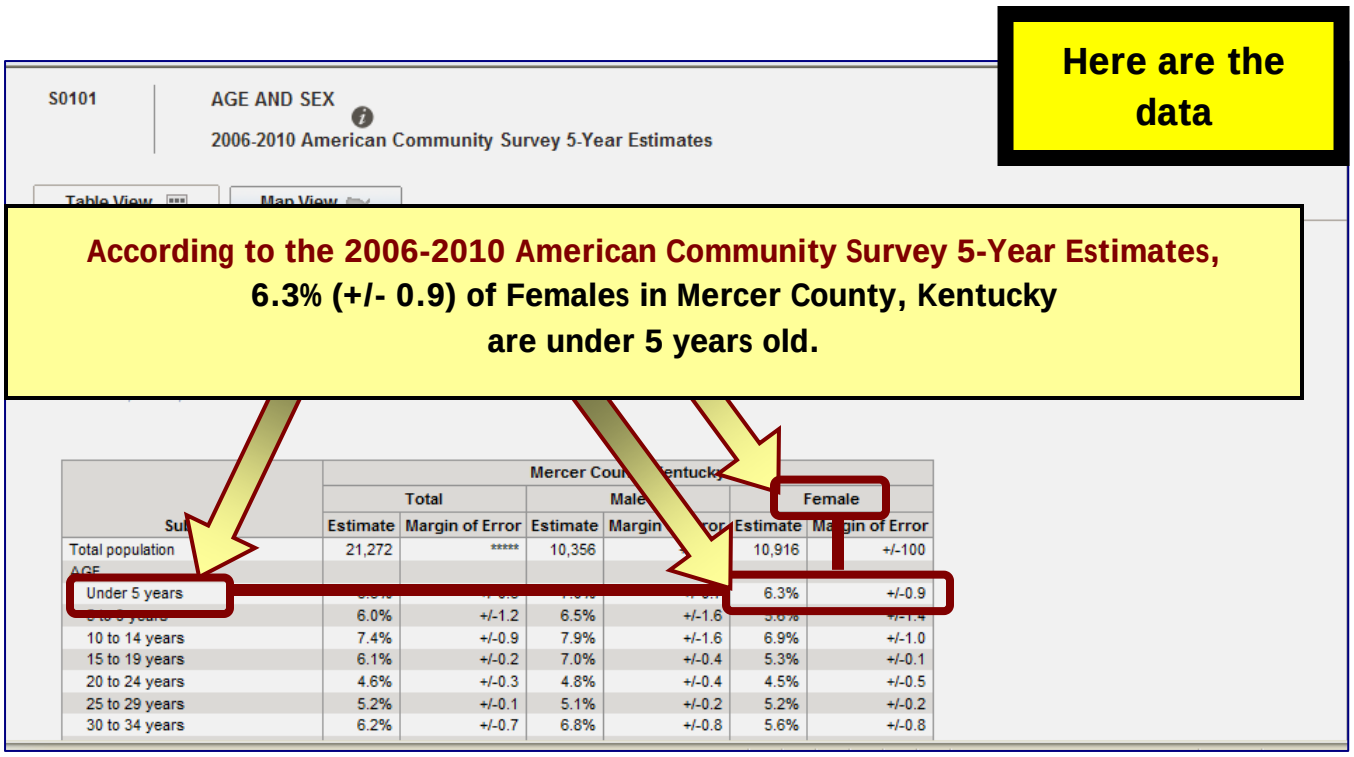
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6.3% (+/- 0.9) of Females in Mercer County, Kentucky
are under 5 years old.
Total
Male
Female
Estimate
Margin of Error
Total population
21,272
*****
10,356
10,916
+/-100
AGE
Under 5 years
6.3%
+/-0.9
10 to 14 years
7.4%
+/-0.9
7.9%
+/-1.6
6.9%
+/-1.0
15 to 19 years
6.1%
+/-0.2
7.0%
+/-0.4
5.3%
+/-0.1
20 to 24 years
4.6%
+/-0.3
4.8%
+/-0.4
4.5%
+/-0.5
25 to 29 years
5.2%
+/-0.1
5.1%
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30 to 34 years
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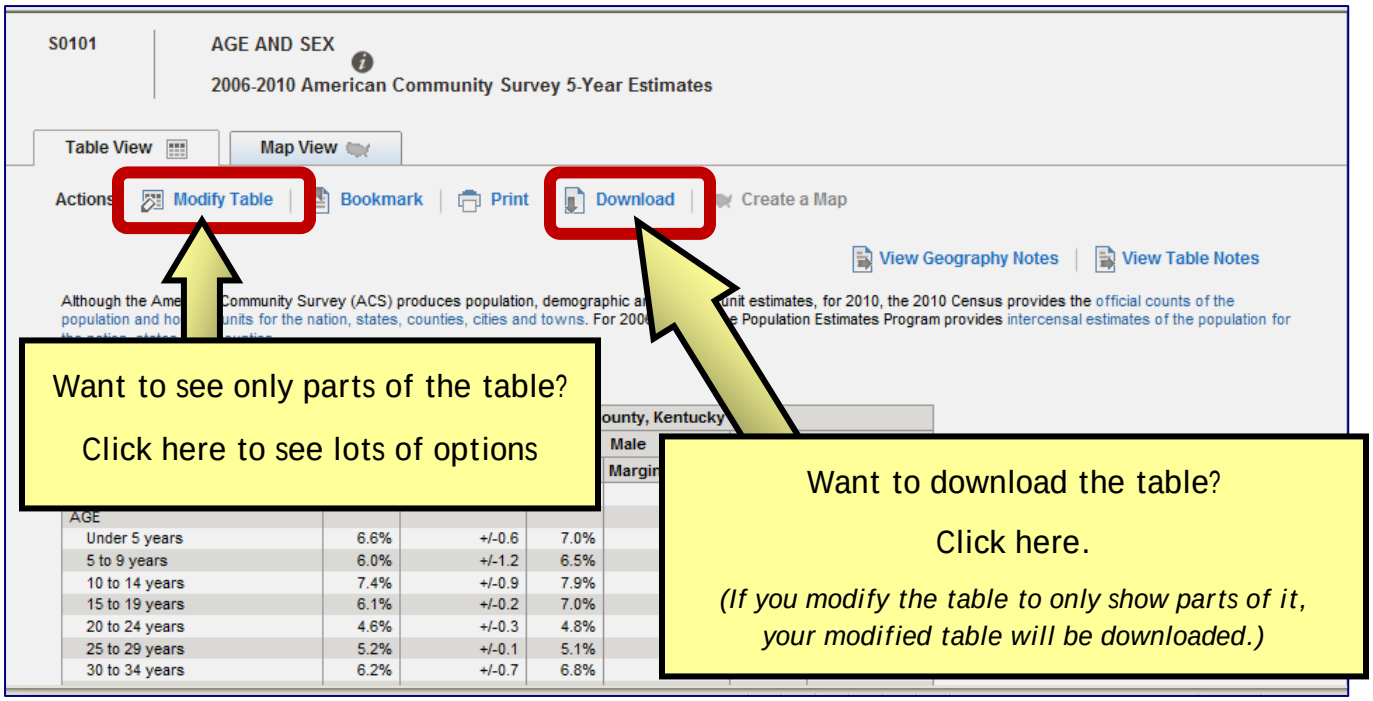
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6.5%
10 to 14 years
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+/-0.9
7.9%
15 to 19 years
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+/-0.2
7.0%
20 to 24 years
4.6%
+/-0.3
4.8%
25 to 29 years
5.2%
+/-0.1
5.1%
30 to 34 years
6.2%
+/-0.7
6.8%

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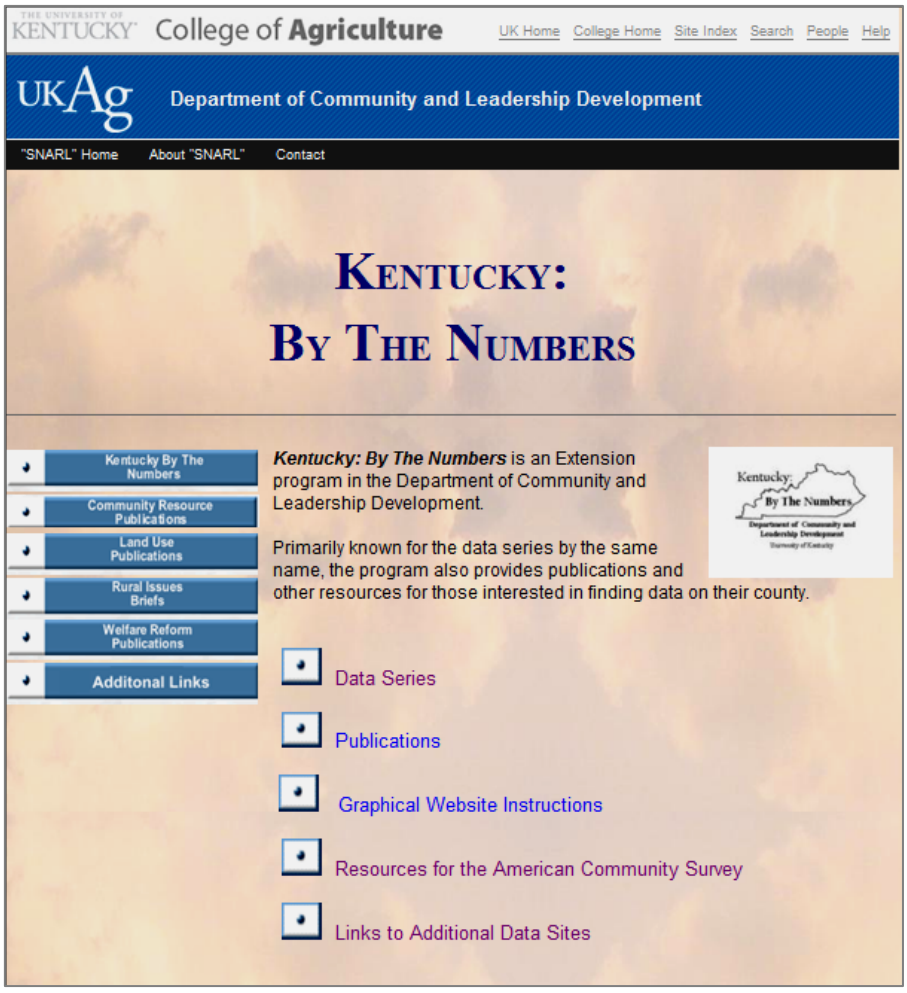

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