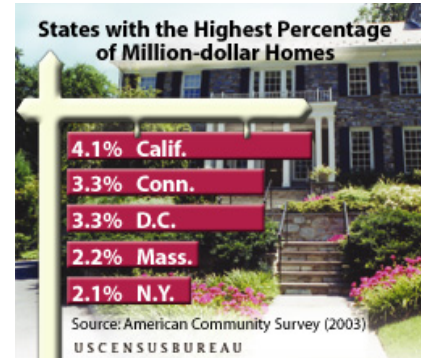
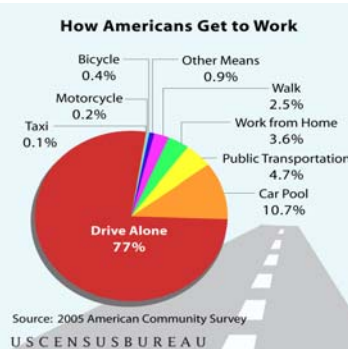


U.S. Decennial Census and American Community Survey

<http://www.usfca.edu/library/handouts/census.pdf>



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Decennial Census <http://www.census.gov/main/www/cen2000.html>

- Data collected and reported every 10 years.
- Short Form Questionnaire: data reported as actual counts.
- Long Form Questionnaire: data reported as estimates.

American Community Survey (ACS) <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

- New nationwide survey introduced in 1996 in select communities, and nationwide in 2005.
- Collects and reports data **every** year, rather than every 10 years.
- Data reported as estimates with confidence intervals. Data provide 5 year period estimates.
- In 2008, data will be available for all areas of 20,000 or more. By 2010, data will be available for all areas – down to the census tract and block group level.

See <http://www.usfca.edu/library/govdocs/census.pps> for a brief PowerPoint Presentation on these two surveys.

ONLINE ACCESS TO DATA AND REPORTS

- **American FactFinder** <http://factfinder.census.gov/>: Use this website for easy access to data from the Decennial Census, the American Community Survey, the Economic Census, etc.
 - Decennial Census – 1990 and 2000 data available
 - American Community Survey –
 - 2000-2004: data available for most areas with a population of 250,000 or more, and for areas with a population size of 65,000 or more in 31 test sites.
 - 2005-2006: data available for most areas with populations of 65,000 or more.
- **Historical Census Browser** <http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/>: hosted by the University of Virginia; data by state or county, from 1790-1960.
- **Decennial Census Reports** <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/decennial/index.htm>: a collection of PDFs of census reports from 1790 to present.
- **Selected Historical Decennial Census Population and Housing Counts** <http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/hiscendata.html>: from the Bureau of the Census, various years.

USF PRINT COLLECTION OF CENSUS PUBLICATIONS

Gleeson Library|Geschke Center collects census reports, but not for all states. In general, we try to retain reports for states in Census Region 4: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington.

- **Pre-1960:** incomplete collection, see 2nd Floor Stacks, call number HA 201
- **1960:** 2nd Floor Stacks, call number HA 201 1960
- **1970:** 2nd Floor Stacks, call number HA 201 1970
- **1980:** 2nd Floor Stacks, call number HA 201 1980
- **1990:** Government Documents Stacks, SuDoc numbers in the C 3.22X range. We also have CDs/DVDs which can be located using Ignacio <http://ignacio.usfca.edu/>
- **2000:** Government Documents Stacks, SuDoc numbers in the C 3.223 range. We also have CDs/DVDs which can be located using Ignacio <http://ignacio.usfca.edu/>

OTHER SOURCES OF U.S. STATISTICS

- **Lexis Nexis Statistical** <http://www.usfca.edu/library/databases/statuniverse.html> provides access to abstracts or full-text of statistical reports produced by the U.S. government, major international intergovernmental organizations, professional and trade organizations, commercial publishers, independent research organizations, state government agencies, and universities.
- **Statistical Abstract of the United States** <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/statab.html>
- **Census Bureau Publications** <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/titles.html>
- **FedStats** <http://www.fedstats.gov/> A government gateway to federal statistical information.
- **Social Statistics Briefing Room** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/ssbr.html>
- **State and Metropolitan Area Data Book** <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/smadb.htm>
- **USA Counties** <http://censtats.census.gov/usa/usa.shtml>
- **County and City Data Book** <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/ccdb.html>
- **Statistical Resources on the Web** <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html> A list of sites, organized by subject area, compiled by the University of Michigan Documents Center.
- **Government Statistics** <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/fdtf/statistics.html> A list of frequently used government sites compiled by GODORT (Government Documents Roundtable).