

Using Census.gov to Retrieve Community Data

The Census website is an excellent resource for data on your community, county, and state, and the nation. Here’s how to navigate the Census.gov website.

1. Go to the Census website at <http://www.census.gov>
2. Click on the ‘Data’ tab located at the top of the page and then click on ‘Data Tools and Apps’ then click ‘Quick Facts’ as pictured below.



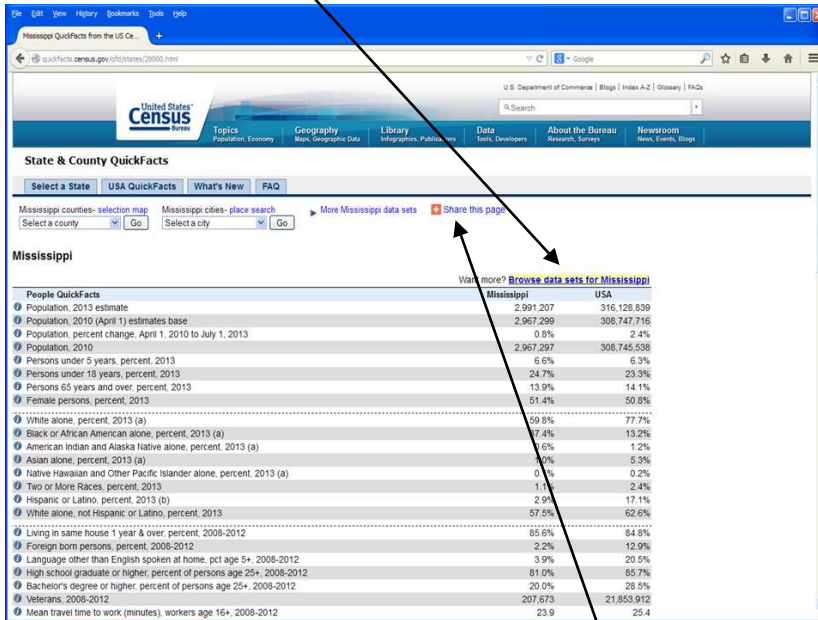
3. Next, choose your state from the drop down menu and then click the ‘Go’ button, or use the map of the U.S. and click on your state.



- Now you are on a page with information specifically related to your state. From the drop down menu select a county or a city. Then click on the 'Go' button. You will now be on a page with data pertaining to your county/city selection.



- You can also browse other available data by clicking on the link on the top right hand corner of the table.



- You can print the page by clicking on the "Share this Page" drop down. "Print" is one of the options.

Data Sources

Gathering information about the make-up of your community will ensure you are considering all populations in your community as you develop a plan, and that you are engaging them in the plan's development. Below are websites to assist you with gathering the community's demographic data.



Census Bureau - Main Portal

<http://www.census.gov/>



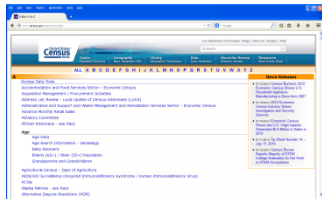
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US Census QuickFacts

<http://quickfacts.census.gov>



Census Bureau A-Z Subjects

<http://www.census.gov/main/www/a2z>



Census of Agriculture

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Census_of_Agriculture/index.asp



Southern Rural Development Center Community Data Center

<http://srdc.msstate.edu/data/center/>



Western Rural Development Center Regional Data

<http://wrdc.usu.edu/htm/regional-data>