

U.S. Census Sources Other Than Factfinder

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Agenda

- Notes about American FactFinder (for comparison purposes!)
- Tools for aggregate data
 - NHGIS free
 - Commercial Sources
 - Social Explorer (commercial)
 - SimplyAnalytics (commercial)
 - PolicyMap (commercial but free to NC through NC LIVE)
- Bonus Material
 - OnTheMap, Census mapping tool with economic data
 - Tools for microdata
 - IPUMS USA (free)
 - IPUMS Terra (free)
 - DataFerrett (free)
 - Federal Statistical Research Data Centers (by approved application only; \$\$\$\$ unless researcher is affiliated with a member institution)

Note: I'll be focusing on the population data, and on table production rather than maps.

First, A Caveat

Regardless of the tool, it helps A LOT to know something about the data.

I'll spend very little time today explaining Census methodology but instead recommend the June 12, 2013 Help! session at https://bit.ly/2DVYEBD.

- Sometimes, AFF is the right tool.
- I recommend playing around with these tools. You can't break them and you learn a lot.

Comparison Table – Aggregate Data

(Notes on slide 6)

Tool	Decennial/ ACS	Aggregate/ Microdata ^l	Current/ Historical	Ease of Use ²	Ownership
American FactFinder ³	Both + many more	Aggregate	Current (mostly)	Medium	Government
NHGIS	Both + some more	Aggregate	Both	Medium	Non-profit
<u>PolicyMap</u>	Both + many more	Aggregate	Both but limited historical	Easy	Commercial
<u>SimplyAnalytics</u>	Both + many more	Aggregate	Current (mostly)	Medium to Hard	Commercial
Social Explorer	Both + many more	Aggregate	Both	Easy	Commercial

Comparison Table – Aggregate Data

(Notes on slide 6)

Tool	Tables/Maps	Online?	Register?	Bulk Download	Application Time
American FactFinder ³	Both but mapping is complicated & limited	Yes	No	Through Download Center	N/A
<u>NHGIS</u>	Tables; download .shp files	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
<u>PolicyMap</u>	Maps but can download some ⁴ tables	Yes	No but can	No	N/A
<u>SimplyAnalytics</u>	Both	Yes	No but can	No	N/A
Social Explorer	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A

Notes

- 1. "Summarized" tables are aggregate data about an area, generally offered for public release. Microdata are anonymized responses for an individual respondent and their household, and can be used flexibly to create customized analyses.
- 2. Ease of use is completely subjective, based on my experience using these products with undergraduate students, with reference to the complexity of the interface. (Everything gets easier the more you use it.)
- 3. American FactFinder will be replaced by data.census.gov. Transition is happening 2018-2020.
- 4. Some data in PolicyMap is licensed from third parties and cannot be downloaded in tables, only portrayed in maps.

Understand American Factfinder

https://factfinder.census.gov/

- Census Bureau's official online database
- Provides complete available tables but only for most current years*
- Not very user-friendly, but some orientation to interface helps
- Times out in 30 minutes; use Download Center for big downloads
- First ACS block group data provided is 2013 (for ACS BG data, always use 5-year files)
- To be replaced by data.census.gov (soon-ish)

Understand AFF: Records Management Rules

- Decennial census (every 10 years): retain and display the current and I prior
 - Current: Census 2010
 - Prior: Census 2000
- Quinquennial census (every 5 years): retain and display the current and 1 prior
 - Current: ECON 2007
 - Prior: ECON 2002
- Annual surveys: retain and display the current and 4 prior (5 for ACS)



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EEO Occupation Codes	

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To search for tables and other files in American FactFinder:

1 Enter search terms and an optional geography and click GO



-- or --

Select from Topics, Race and Ethnic Groups, Industry Codes, EEO Occupation Codes.

- · these are added to 'Your Selections'
- · the Search Results are updated
- 2 Next, select Geographies (states, counties, cities, towns, etc.)
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- 3 Select one or more Search Results and click View



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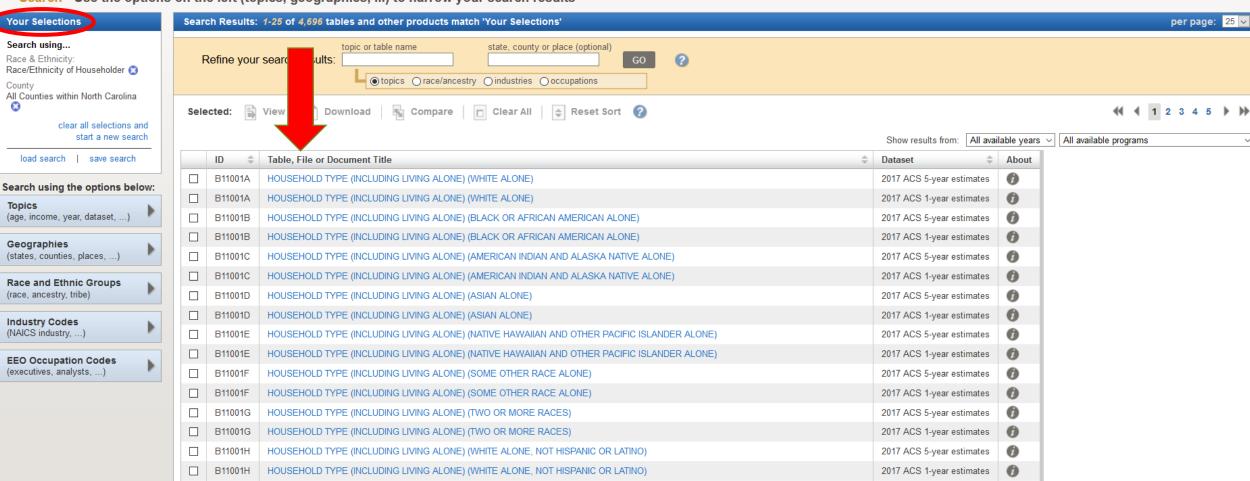
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2017 ACS 5-year estimates

Questions?

National Historical Geographic Information System https://www.nhgis.org/

- Grant-funded project from UMN Pop Ctr
- Geocoded (pop) Census data back to 1790
 - Has tables & .shp files, but cannot pull one geography alone
- Have to register, but free; accounts are renewed on an annual basis
- Interface not entirely intuitive; still need to know a lot about the Census
- Processes data requests off-line (asynchronously) so good for big downloads



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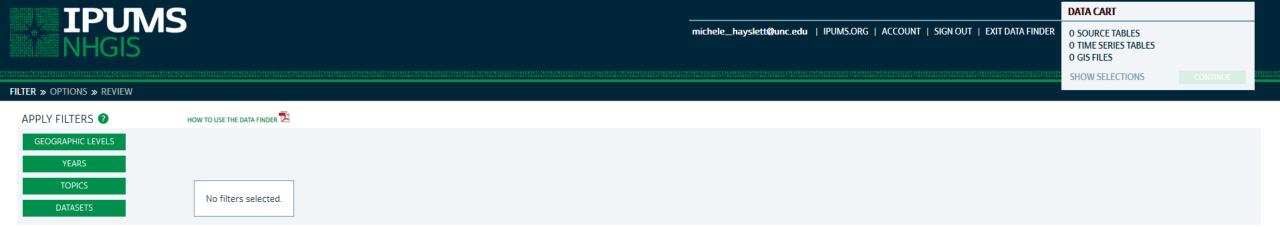


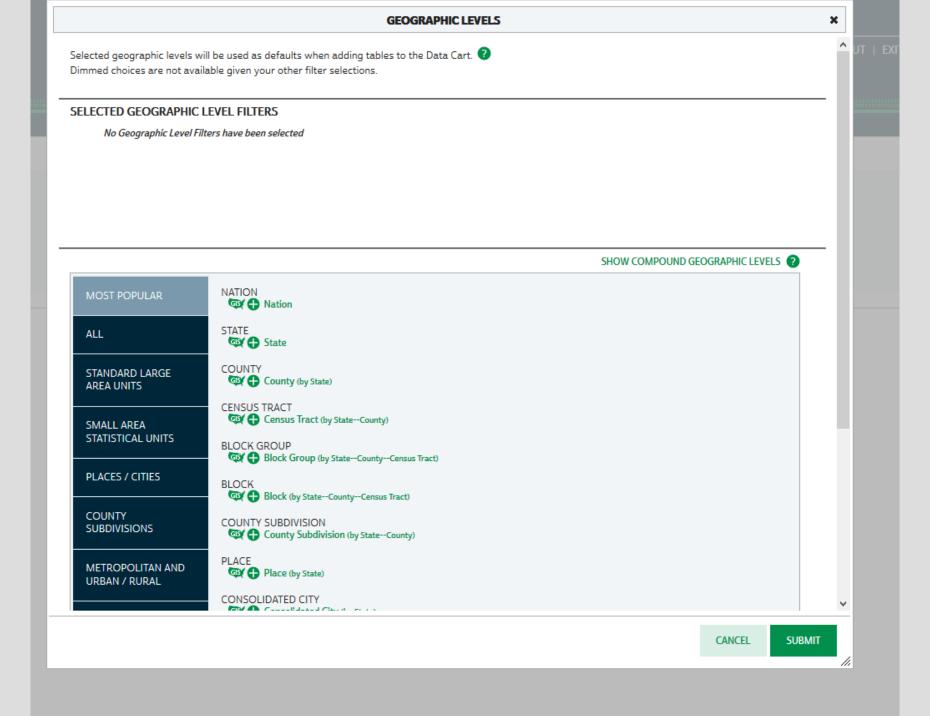
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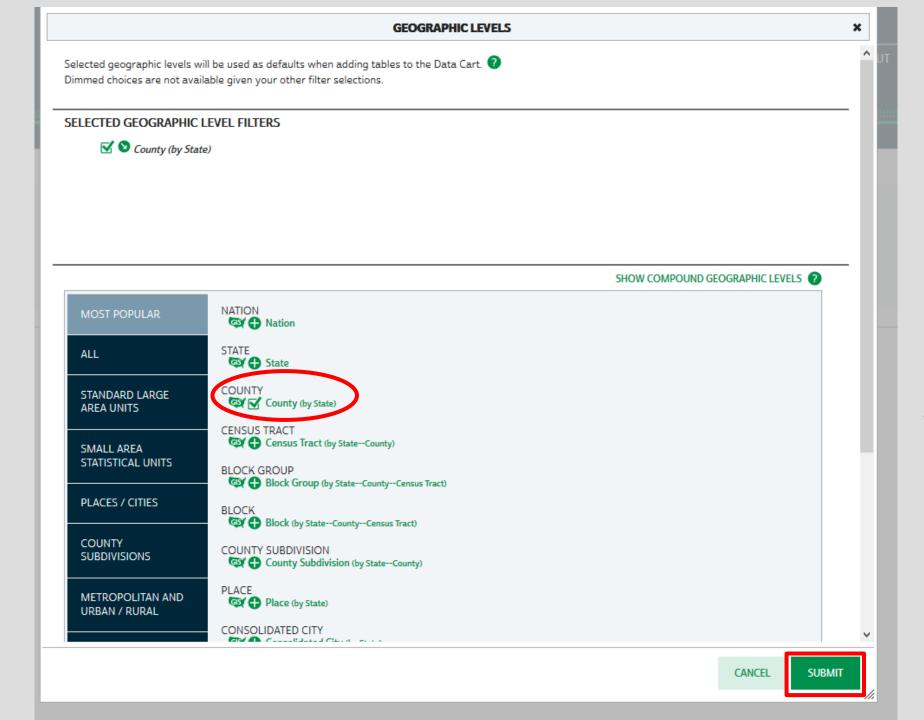
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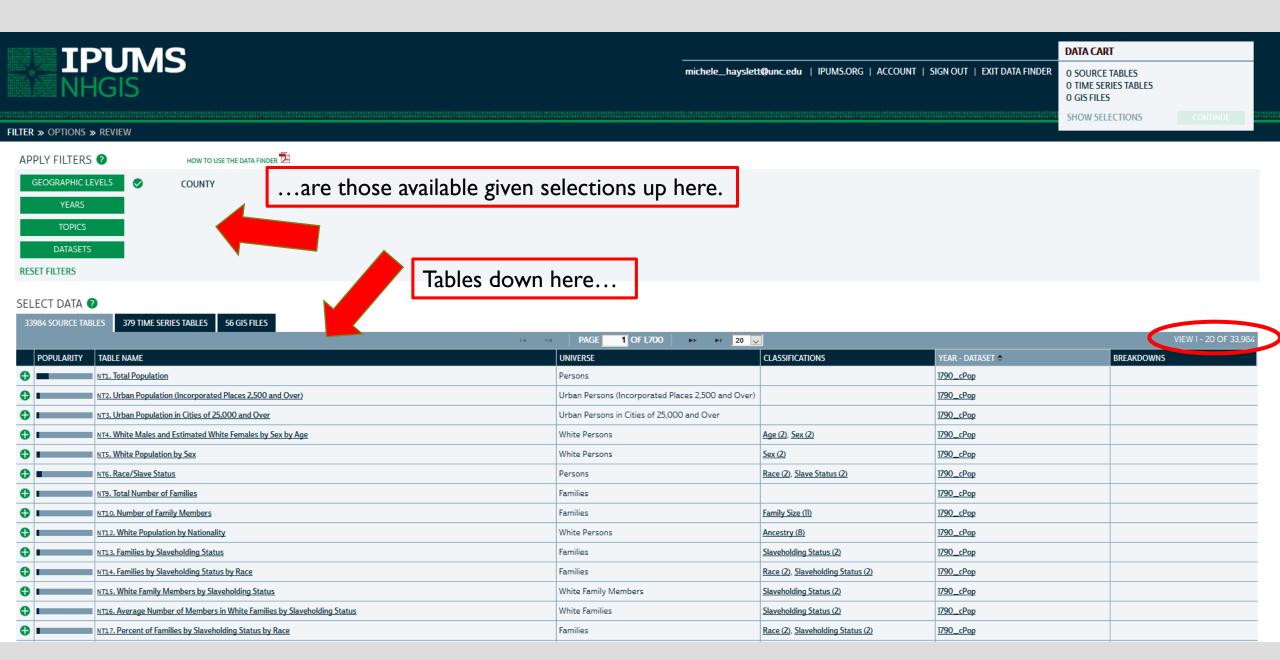
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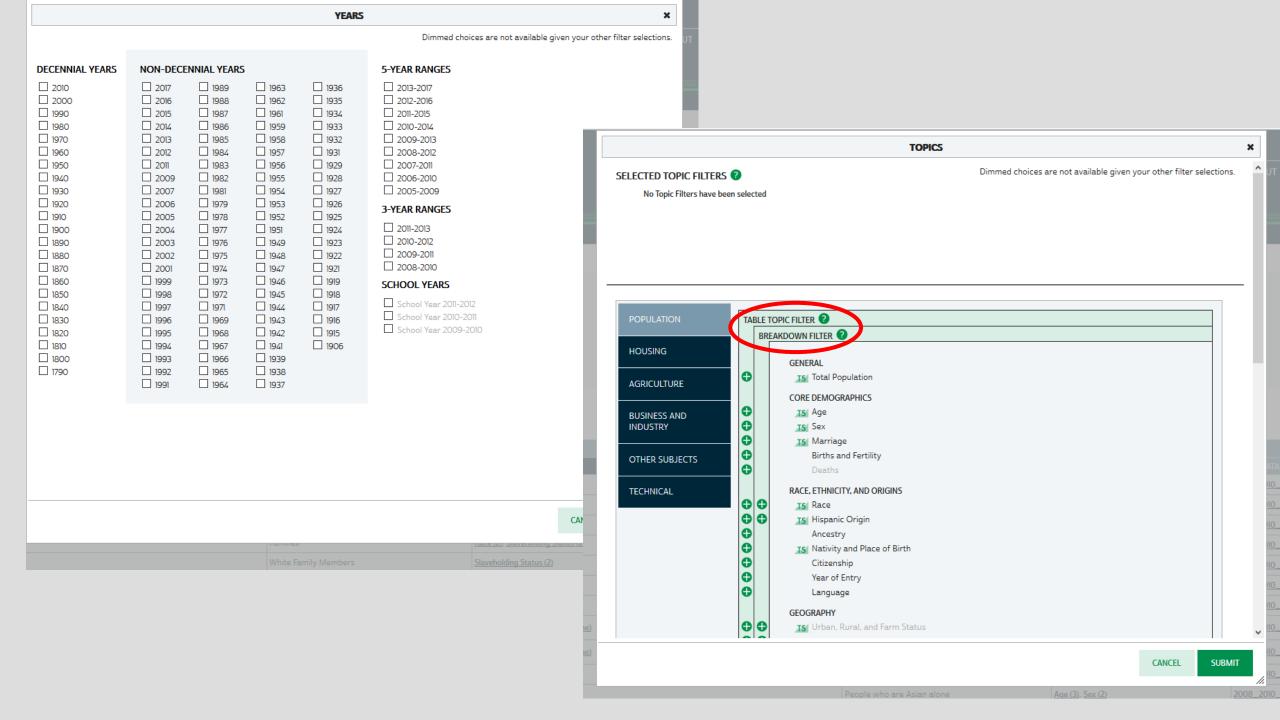




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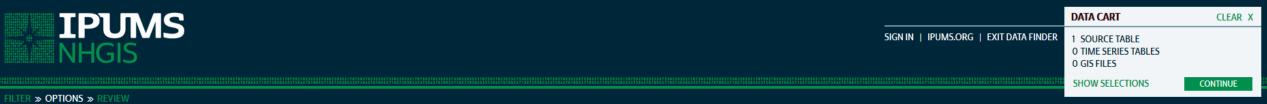
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O Fixed width (best for statistical packages)
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8	2018-Sep-07			complete	revise	resubmit	tracts for income & race
7	2017-Mar-08			complete	<u>revise</u>	<u>resubmit</u>	-
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Documentation for NHGIS datasets is available here.

Research using NHGIS data should cite it as:

Steven Manson, Jonathan Schroeder, David Van Riper, and Steven Ruggles. IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 13.0 [Database]. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota. 2018. http://doi.org/10.18128/D050.V13.0

For policy briefs or articles in the popular press, we recommend that you cite the use of NHGIS data as follows:

IPUMS NHGIS, University of Minnesota, www.nhgis.org

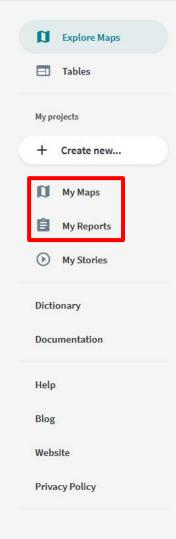
Research using data on school attendance areas (provided by the SABINS project) should cite the data as:

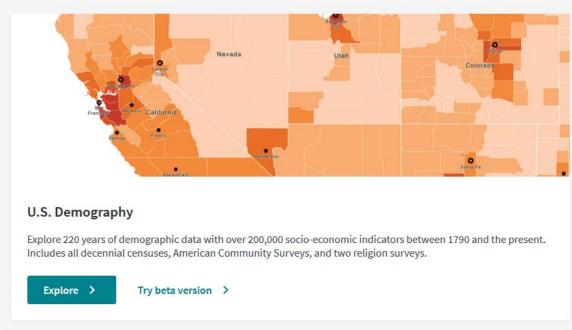
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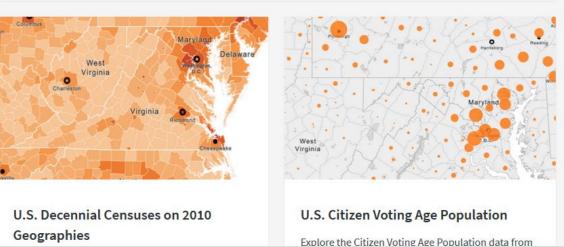
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Social Explorer See Free Bit at http://socialexplorer.com

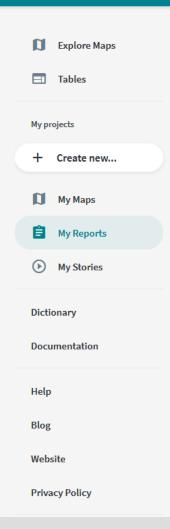
- User-friendly interface (watch for tabs, though)
- Data back to 1790
- Commercial (pay for access); free bit has limited data
- Touts all data in all years but not entirely everything likely to have the most common variables and geographies
- Has separate interfaces for maps versus tables
- Map interface is easy but has less data than Tables one. Nice options for comparisons, though: side-by-side and swipe.









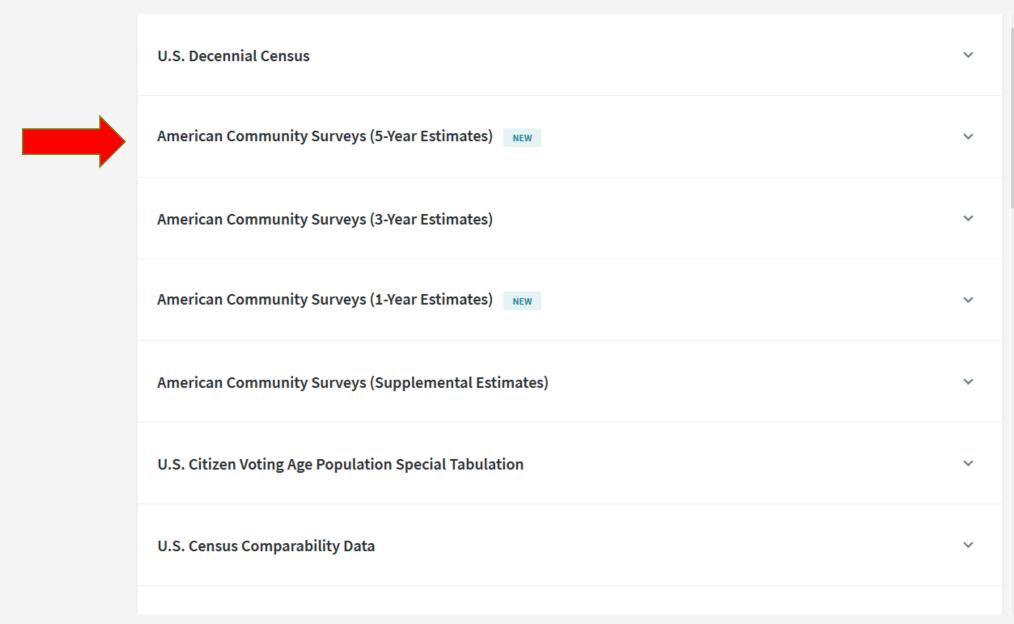




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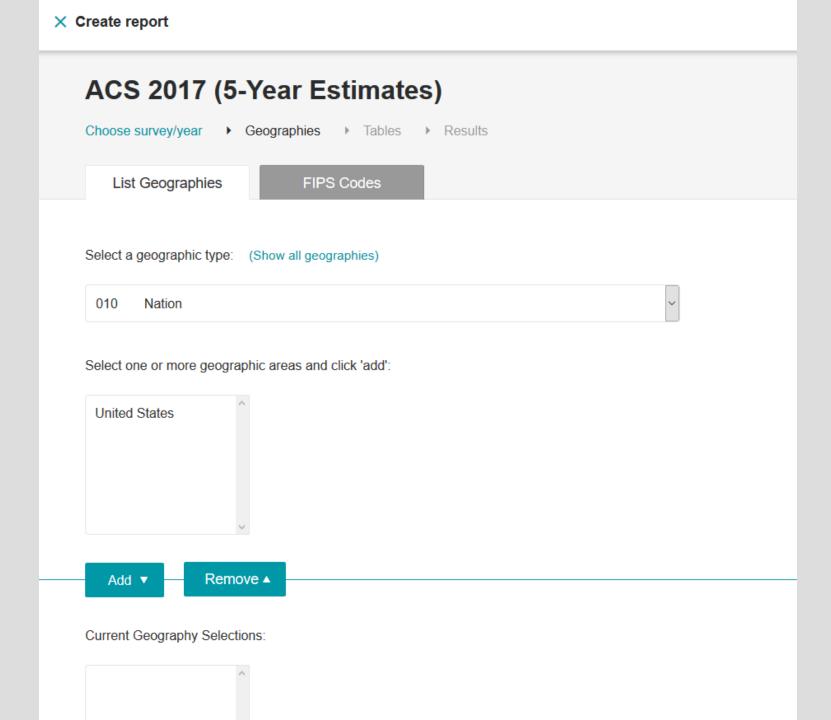




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American Community Surveys (5-Year Estimates)	^
ACS 5-Year Estimates (available down to the Census Block Group geography) data plus Social Explorer tables which include easy reports with origin, household relationship, place of birth, education, employment status, income, tenure, cost and value of housing, year structure built	
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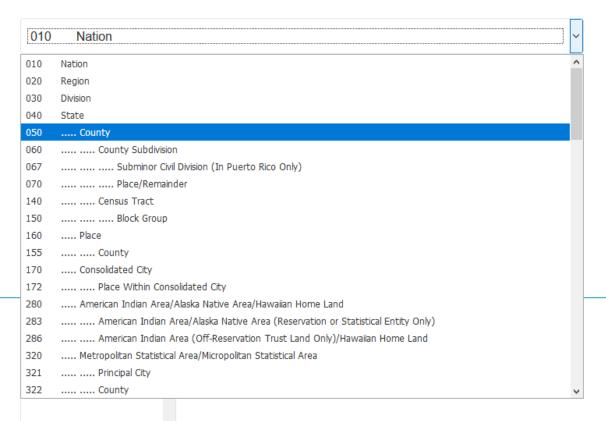
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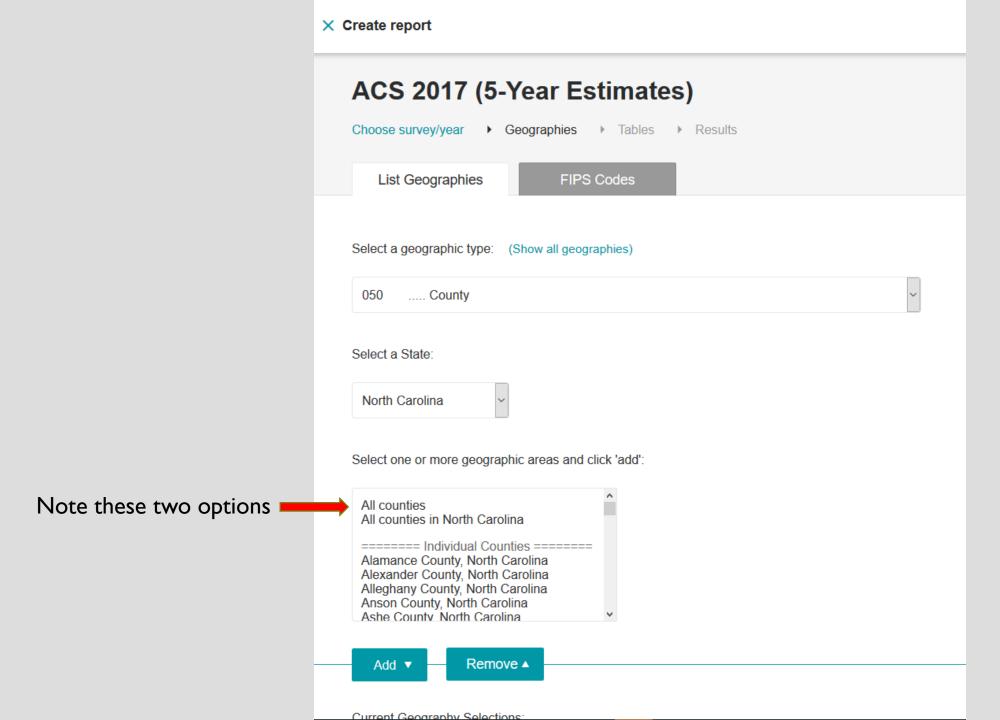
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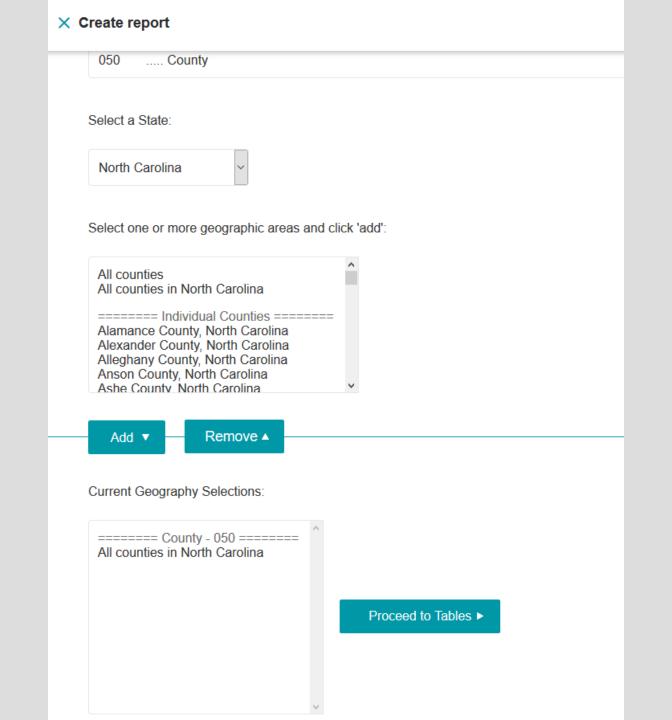
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ACS 2017 (5-Year Estimates)

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ACS 2017 (5-Year Estimates)

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Total	157,844		0	37,159		0	10,935		0	25,531		0	26,833		0
White Alone	111,229	70.5%	725.45	32,705	88.0%	133.94	10,042	91.8%	131.52	12,257	48.0%	81.82	25,460	94.9%	164.24
Black or African American Alone	29,972	19.0%	247.88	2,187	5.9%	110.91	266	2.4%	50.30	12,417	48.6%	72.73	210	0.8%	17.58
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	551	0.4%	116.36	82	0.2%	44.85	208	1.9%	133.33	89	0.4%	29.09	97	0.4%	23.03
Asian Alone	2,378	1.5%	130.91	428	1.2%	10.91	22	0.2%	21.21	303	1.2%	13.33	114	0.4%	31.52
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	67	0%	13.94	28	0.1%	26.67	2	0%	2.42	12	0.1%	13.94	9	0%	8.48
Some Other Race Alone	9,594	6.1%	757.58	1,286	3.5%	141.21	315	2.9%	140.00	156	0.6%	74.55	569	2.1%	149.09
Two or More Races	4,053	2.6%	377.58	443	1.2%	116.36	80	0.7%	39.39	297	1.2%	66.67	374	1.4%	81.21
Two Races Including Some Other Race	684	0.4%	160.61	25	0.1%	15.76	18	0.2%	18.79	20	0.1%	21.82	131	0.5%	53.33
Two Races Excluding Some Other Race, and Three or More Races	3,369	2.1%	310.91	418	1.1%	115.76	62	0.6%	31.52	277	1.1%	63.64	243	0.9%	58.18

For documentation and detailed source information click on a table title. All percents are taken against table universe which is the first row in each table.

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Questions?

SimplyAnalytics

Free to NC at https://www.nclive.org/

- Complicated interface takes some exploration use the intro video!
- Data only back to 1980
- Commercial (pay for access); may have to request a trial to see interface if not in NC
- Mainly oriented toward maps but can generate tables at the end
- Beware of synthesized data, e.g., block-level data for ACS
- Useful if need to map business locations, and has far more than just Census data
- Nice features like a radius search but complexities are not explained



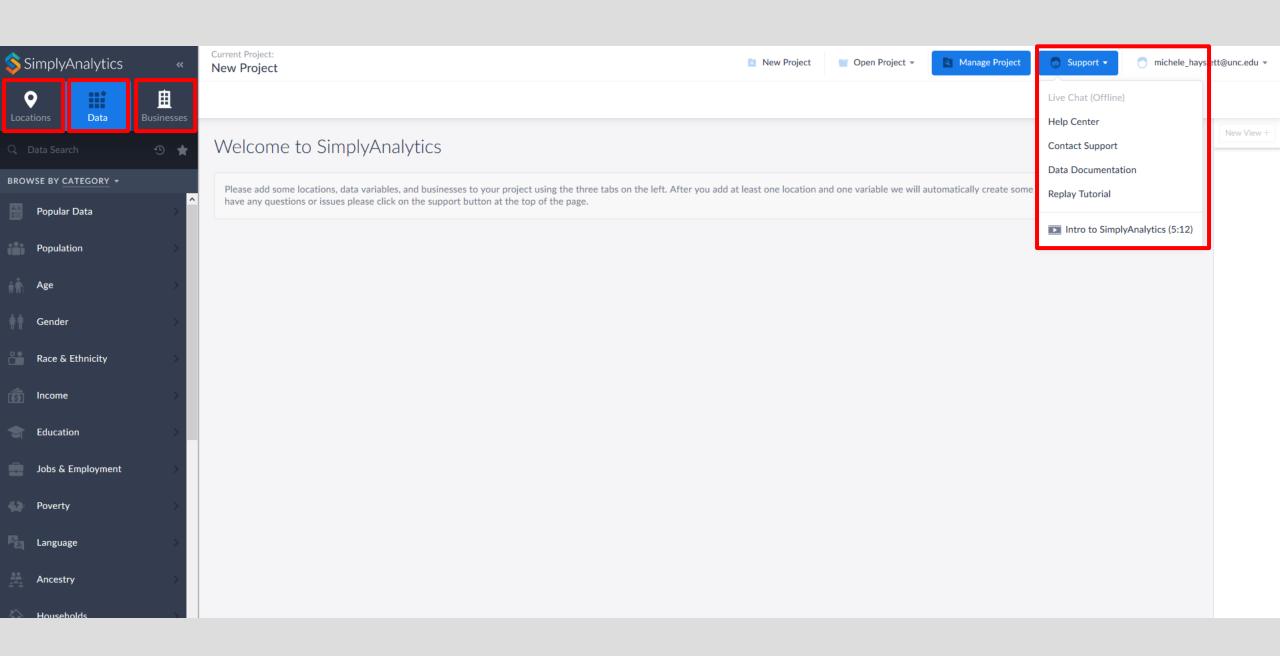
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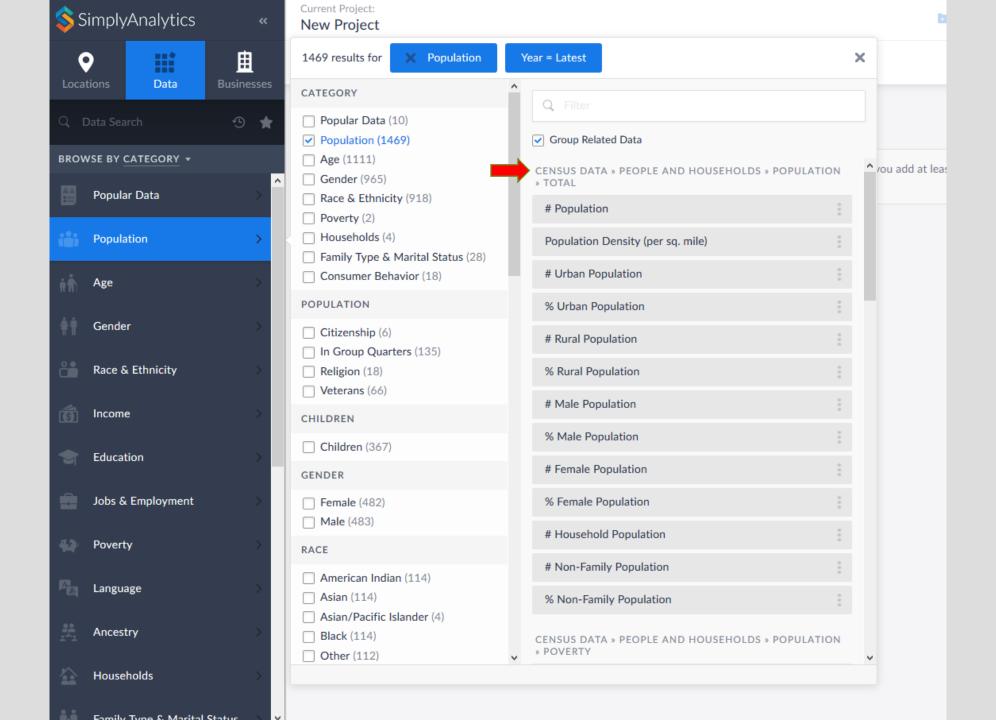
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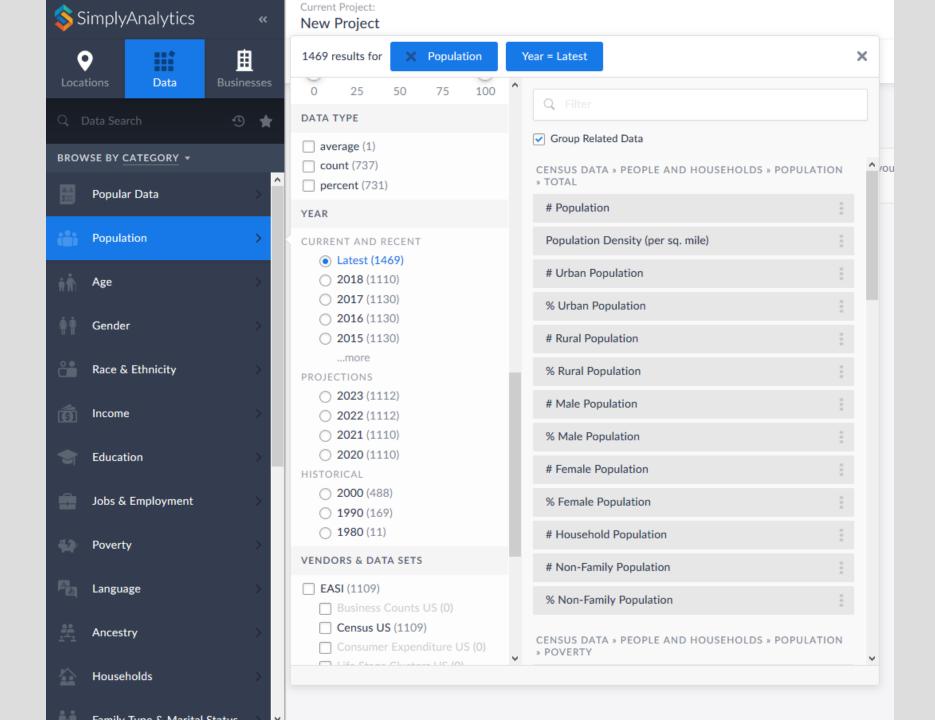
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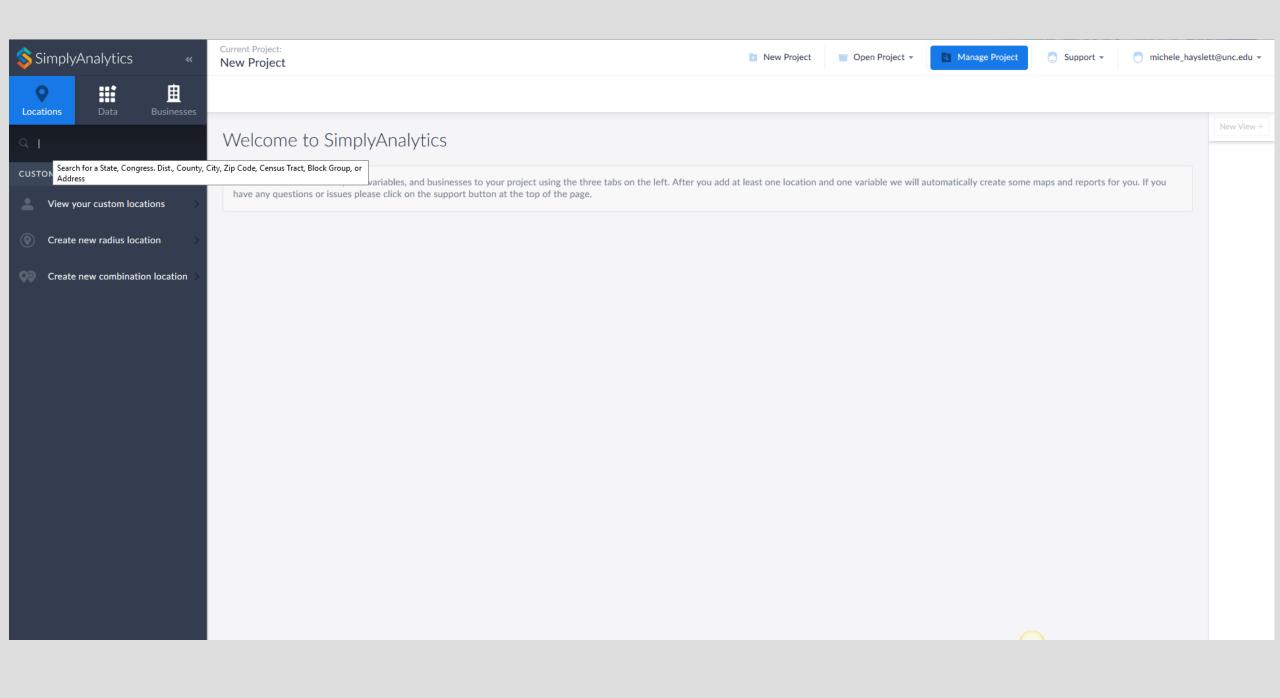
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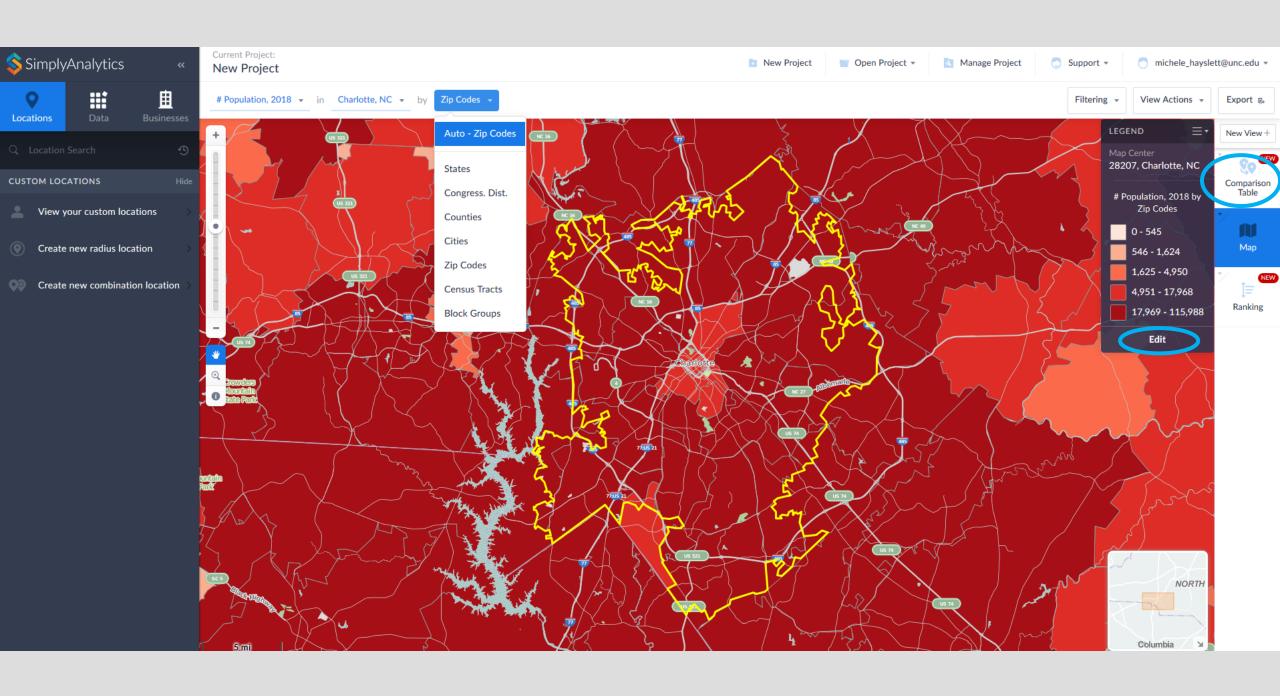
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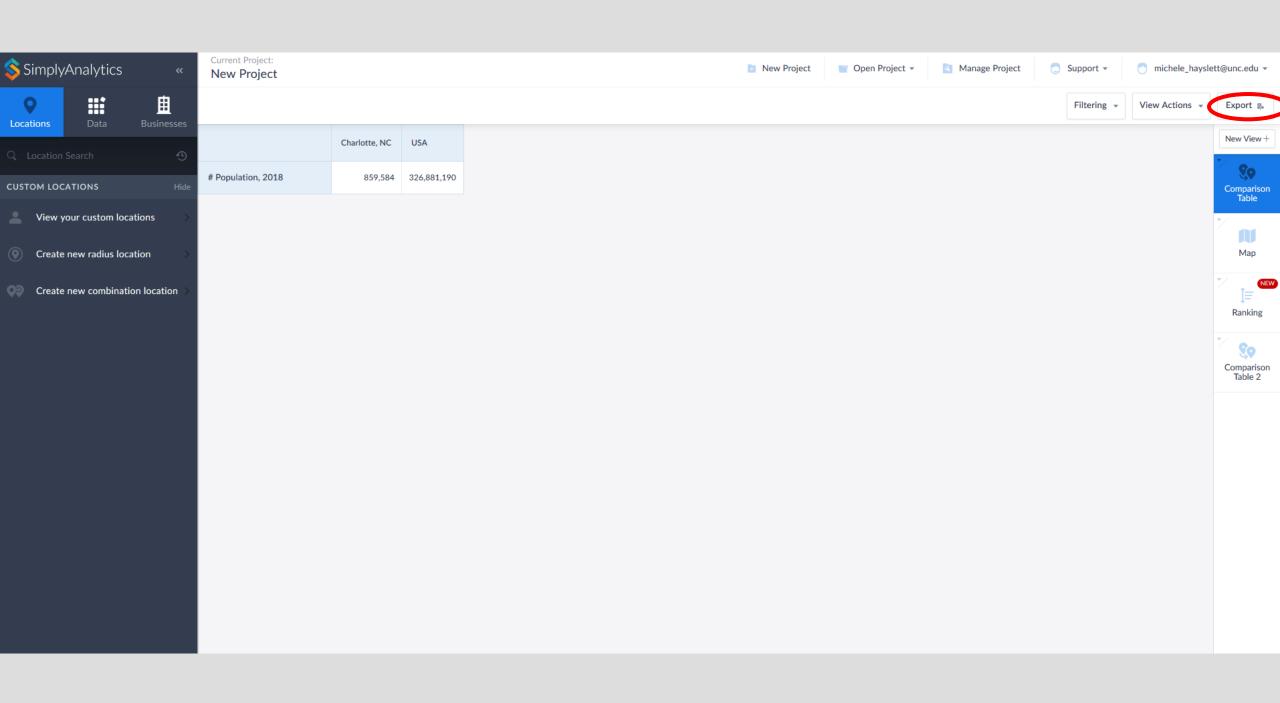


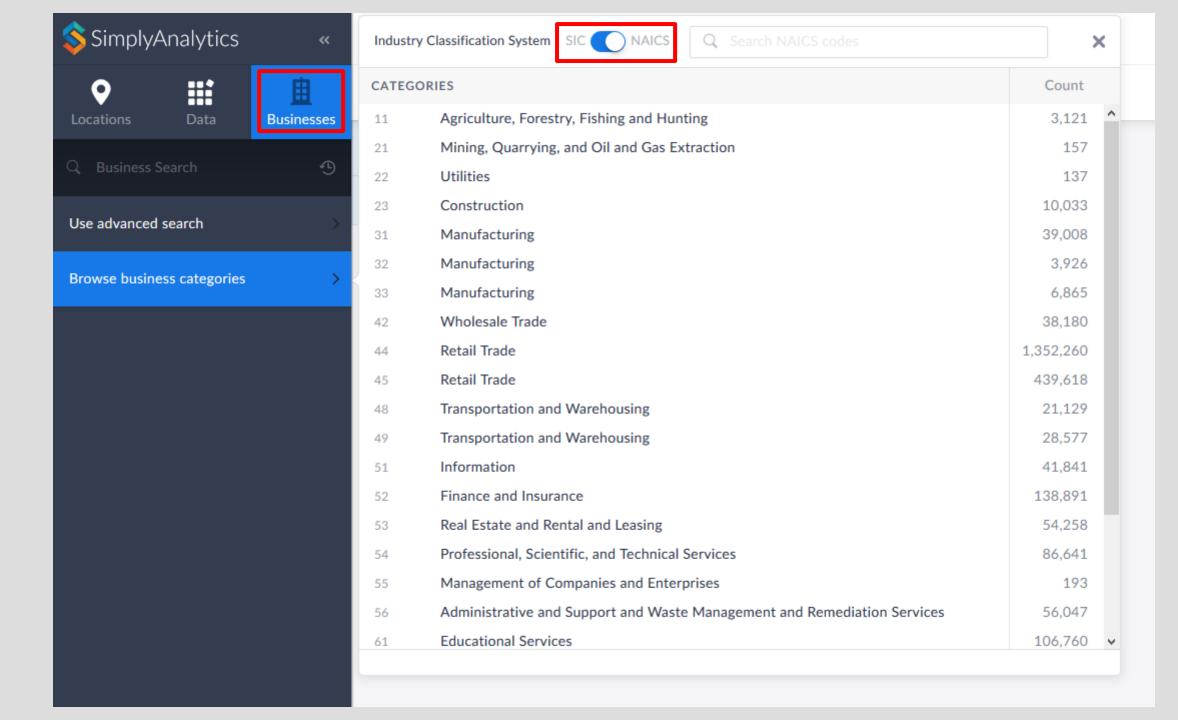


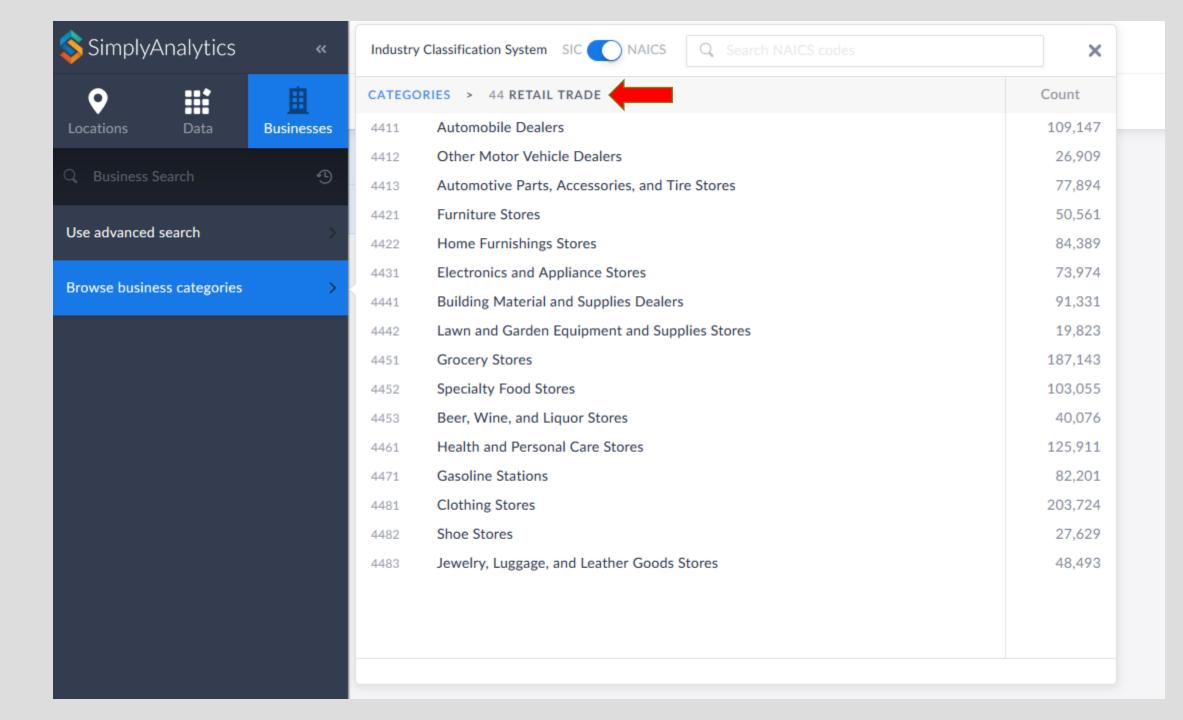


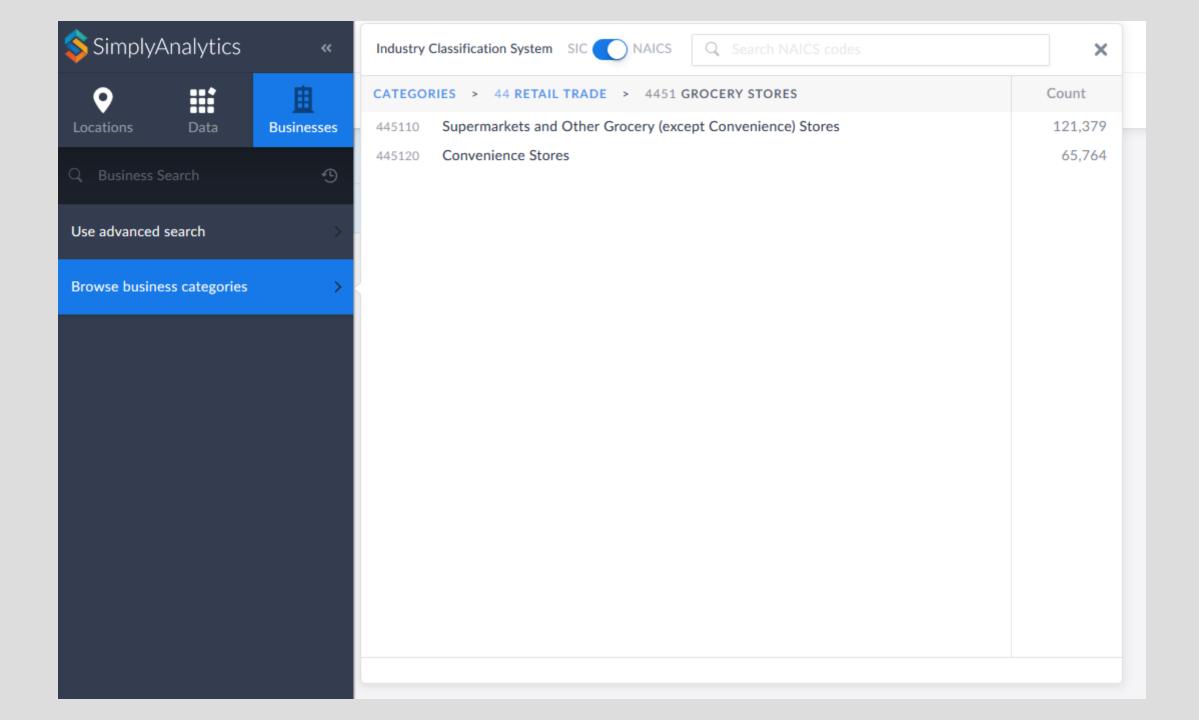


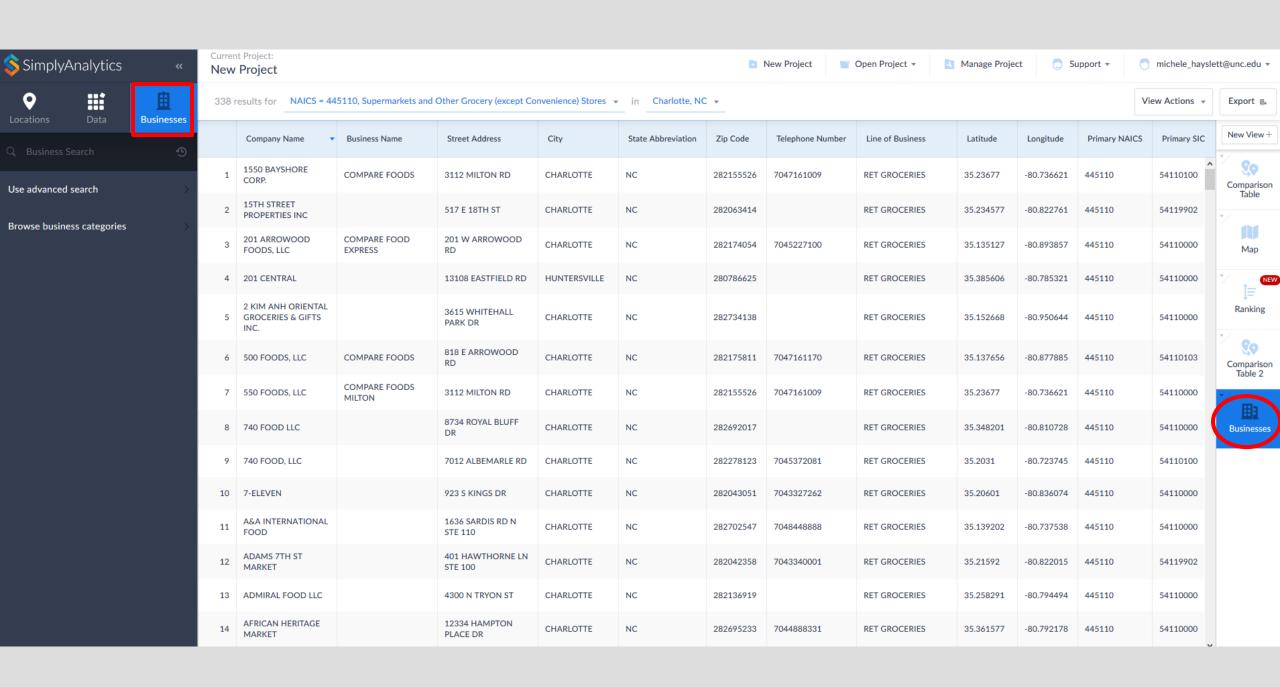








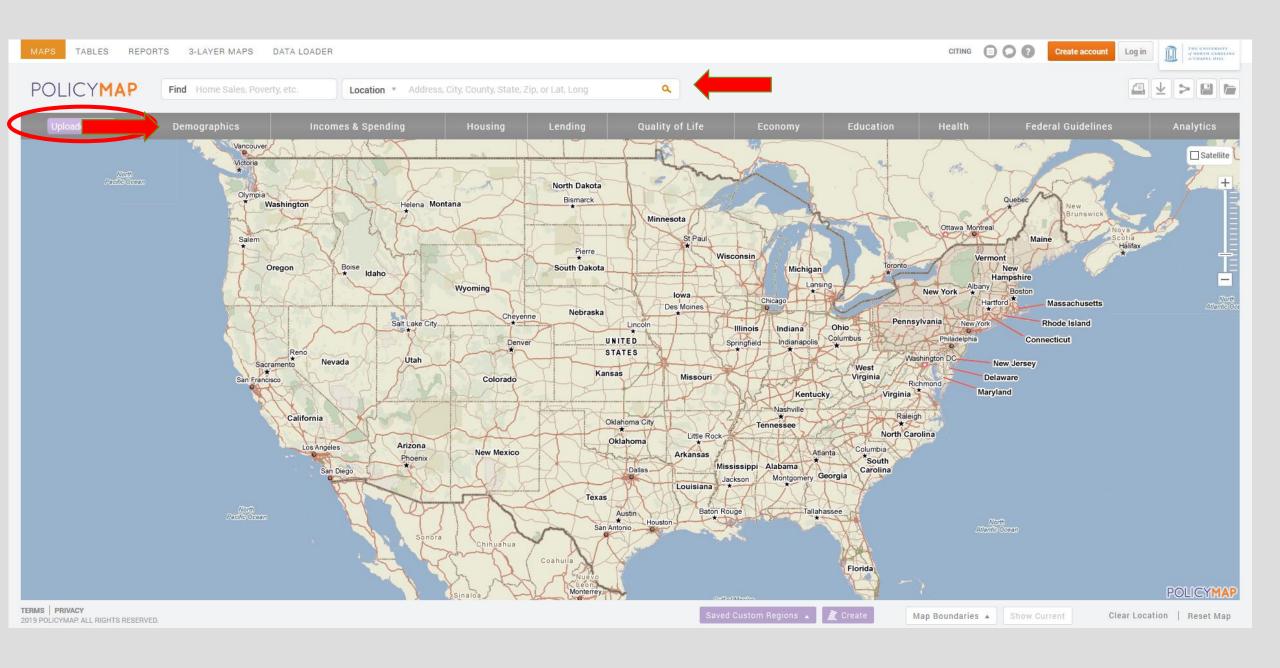


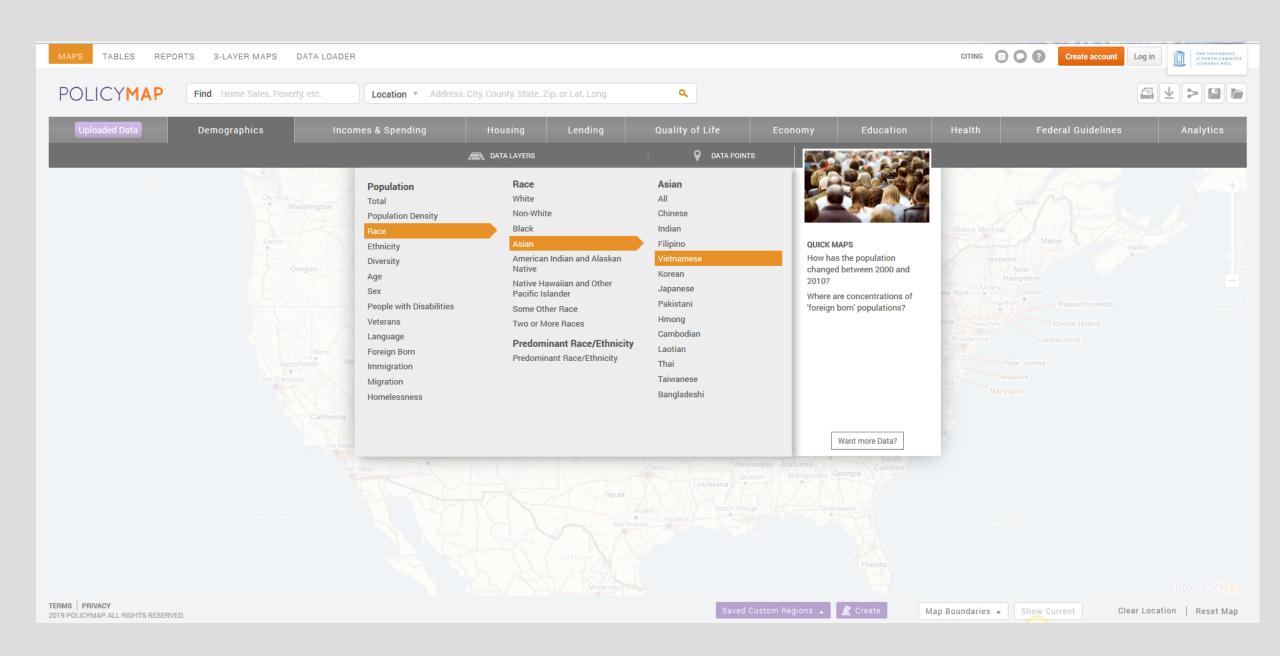


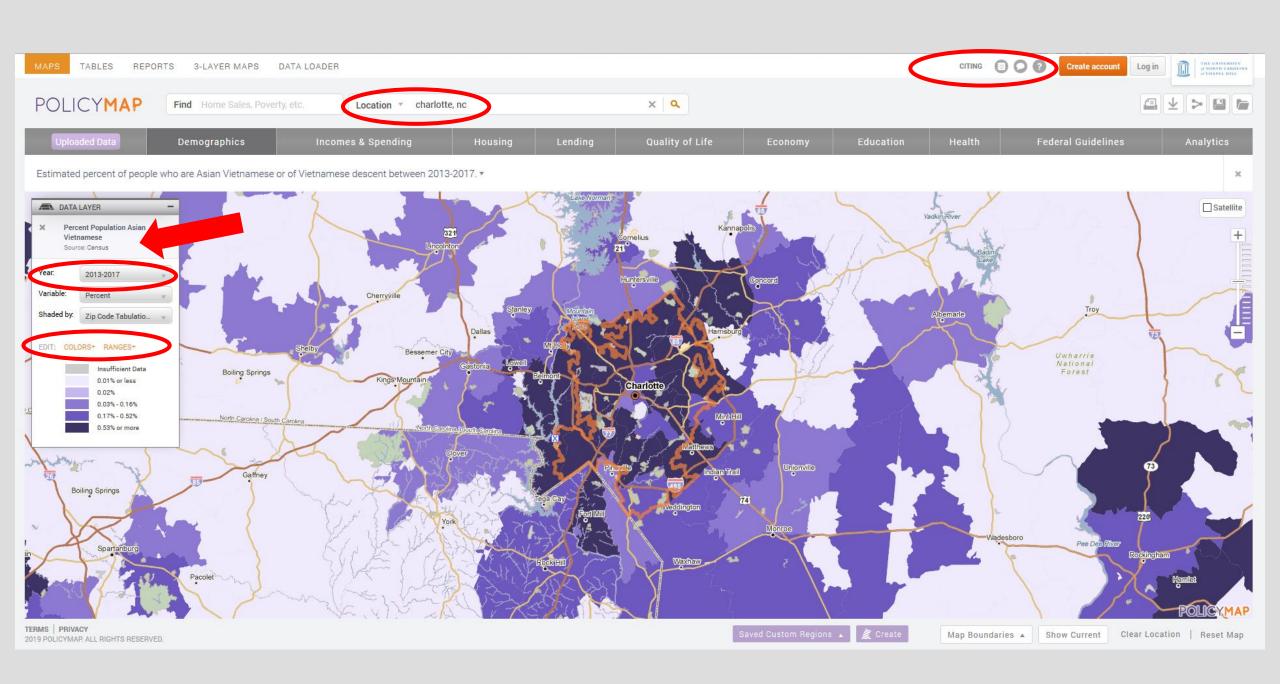
Questions?

PolicyMap https://www.policymap.com/

- Interface takes some orientation; hard to tell where all the Census data are
- Focuses on current data; history only to 2000
- Commercial (pay for access); may have to request a trial to see interface
- Mainly maps but can generate tables for most data (not 3rd party-sourced tables, and it's hard to tell which those are)
- Wide variety of data, much from government agencies, some locally contributed. Can add in your own data.
- 3-Layer Maps can be tricky to figure out. Options to map layers versus points not necessarily intuitive.







Summary

- AFF best for current; complete variables and geographies
- Social Explorer easiest to use; greatest history (with NHGIS)
- NHGIS best for history and getting lots of geographies at once
- SimplyAnalytics the most available for NC; a little more history than AFF;
 wider variety of data than just Census
- PolicyMap easy to use; wide variety of data beyond just Census

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OnTheMap

https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/

- A free mapping tool from the Census Bureau's *Economic* Programs
- Interface takes some orientation
- Recent program; history only to early 2000s
- Mainly maps; get tables from LEHD Home link at top right
- Combines Census data with states' ESC data. Can add in your own data.
- Data available will vary by state—since MOUs had to be established with each state individually, start date is different for most. (NC was a pilot state.)

Questions OnTheMap Can Answer

- Where do young workers live who are employed in a specific geographic area?
 >>Area Profile Analysis
- Where are the workplace destinations for workers living in a particular community or neighborhood? >>Destination Analysis
- How do specific employment areas compare in terms of worker origin patterns, worker ages, monthly earnings, and industry-sector employment? How are these areas changing over time and among different demographics? >>Area Comparison Analysis
- What percentage of low-wage workers live and work within a city, versus those who commute to a nearby city? >>Inflow/Outflow Analysis
- How many workers that earn \$1,250 or less a month live along a transit corridor and work downtown or in some other area along the same corridor? >> Distance & Direction Analysis
- How many potential customers/employees live or work near a candidate site location? >>Paired Area Analysis

See documentation at https://bit.ly/2GpPkYf for explanation of various reports

Microdata

Comparison Table – Microdata

(Notes on slide 59)

Tool	Decennial/ ACS	Aggregate/ Microdata ^l	Current/ Historical	Ease of Use ²	Ownership
<u>DataFerrett</u>	Both + many more	Both	Current (mostly)	Hard	Government
Federal Statistical RDCs	Both + many more	Microdata	Both	Impossible, only available to faculty	Government
IPUMS ²	Both + many more	Microdata	Both	Hard	Non-profit
Terra ² (TerraScope)	Both + many more	Both	Both	Medium	Non-profit

Comparison Table – Microdata

(Notes on slide 59)

Tool	Tables/Maps	Online?	Register?	Bulk Download	Application Time
<u>DataFerrett</u>	Tables	Yes but need to install applet	Yes, just enter email	Yes	N/A
Federal Statistical RDCs ¹	Really oriented toward Models	No	Yes, major application	No	6 – 12 months
IPUMS ²	Tables	Yes, or request data extract	Yes and submit research purpose	Yes	Quick, few hours to couple days
Terra ² (TerraScope)	Tables; download vector files	Yes	Yes	Yes	Quick, few hours to couple days

Notes

- I. Federal Statistical Research Data Centers
- 2. IPUMS, NHGIS and Terra are all products of the UMN Population Center.

IPUMS USA

https://usa.ipums.org/usa/

- Grant-funded project from UMN Pop Ctr
- Offers microdata, so researchers have great flexibility in creating their own tabulations
- Have to register, but free
- Interface not entirely intuitive
- Processes data requests off-line (asynchronously) so good for big downloads

IPUMS TERRA

https://usa.ipums.org/usa/

- Grant-funded project from UMN Pop Ctr
- Offers microdata, so researchers have great flexibility in creating their own tabulations
- Have to register, but free
- Interface not entirely intuitive
- Allows researchers to combine raster (GIS), environmental and Census data
- Provides international Census data as well as U.S., but availability varies by country and year, and only has largest couple geographies.

DataFerret

https://dataferrett.census.gov/

- Census tool created in 1995
- Enables custom cross-tabulations with PUMS microdata but also has aggregate Census data, Current Population Survey* data and data from other surveys.
- Not simple; often takes experimentation to create the table wanted
- Will eventually also be incorporated into data.census.gov

Federal Statistical Research Data Centers

https://www.census.gov/about/adrm/fsrdc/locations.html

- 29 secure data vaults across the country
- Must apply to use; only available to faculty, not grad students
- Used to be only Census data but now offer many datasets from a variety federal agencies
- Seat is \$15,000 unless researcher is affiliated with a member institution
- Some data (Census data) require a background check as part of the application procedure, and swearing in as temporary Census Bureau employee.