

The Correction and Re-release of the 2008 ACS 1-Year and the 2006-2008 ACS 3-Year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files

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A small number of errors were detected in the 2008 ACS internal microdata file, leading to errors in the 2008 ACS PUMS and the 2006-2008 ACS PUMS files. Corrected 2008 data will be used to produce the 2005-2009 ACS 5-Year and the 2007-2009 ACS 3-Year data products as well as all future multiyear PUMS products. The 2008 ACS 1-Year PUMS and the 2006-2008 ACS 3-Year PUMS files were corrected to the extent they could be without posing a possible disclosure risk. The data file included with this document is corrected data.

The following housing variables were corrected: telephone service (TEL), number of rooms (RMSP), number of bedrooms (BDSP), kitchen facilities (KIT), and their respective allocation flags. For more detail on these errors see Errata Note # 53 and #54. The “speaking a language other than English at home” (HHL) variable was also corrected due to the editing error referred to in Errata Note #61. All ACS Errata Notes are available at http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/errata/.

The method used to make the correction involved extracting the corrected 2008 ACS microdata for these items along with the appropriate record identification. This extract was matched to the original 2008 PUMS records and the incorrect data items were replaced with the corrected data items. The corrected 2008 ACS 1-Year PUMS file was then used to recreate the 2006-2008 ACS 3-Year ACS PUMS file.

To request the original, uncorrected PUMS files, please send an e-mail request to acso.users.support@census.gov.