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THE American Community Survey

This booklet shows the content of the **American Community Survey** questionnaire.

Start Here

Respond online today at: https://respond.census.gov/acs

Complete this form and mail it back as soon as possible.

This form asks for information about the people who are living or staying at the address on the mailing label and about the house, apartment, or mobile home located at the address on the mailing label.



If you need help or have questions about completing this form, please call 1-800-354-7271. The telephone call is free.

Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD): Call 1-800-582-8330. The telephone call is free.

¿NECESITA AYUDA? Si usted habla español y

necesita ayuda para completar su cuestionario, llame sin cargo alguno al 1-877-833-5625. Usted también puede completar su entrevista por teléfono con un entrevistador que habla español. O puede responder por Internet en: https://respond.census.gov/acs

For more information about the American Community Survey, visit our web site at: http://www.census.gov/acs

Please print today's date.

Please print the name and telephone number of the person who is filling out this form. We will only contact you if needed for official Census Bureau business.

Last Name

Area Code + Number

How many people are living or staying at this address?

- INCLUDE everyone who is living or staying at this address.

 INCLUDE yourself if you are living here for more than 2 months.

 INCLUDE anyone else staying here who does not have another place to stay, even if they are here for 2 months or less.

 DO NOT INCLUDE anyone who is living somewhere else for more than 2 months, such as a college student living away or someone in the Armed Forces on deployment.

Number of people

Fill out pages 2, 3, and 4 for everyone, including yourself, who is living or staying at this address for more than 2 months. Then complete the rest of the form.

FORM ACS-1(INFO)(2017)



Data Details

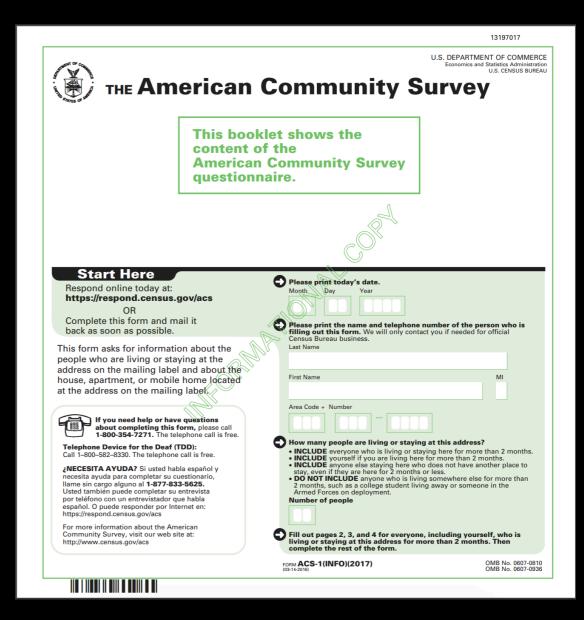
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Course Outline

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Choroplethr Basics
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- 4. Data Details
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The "Decennial Census"

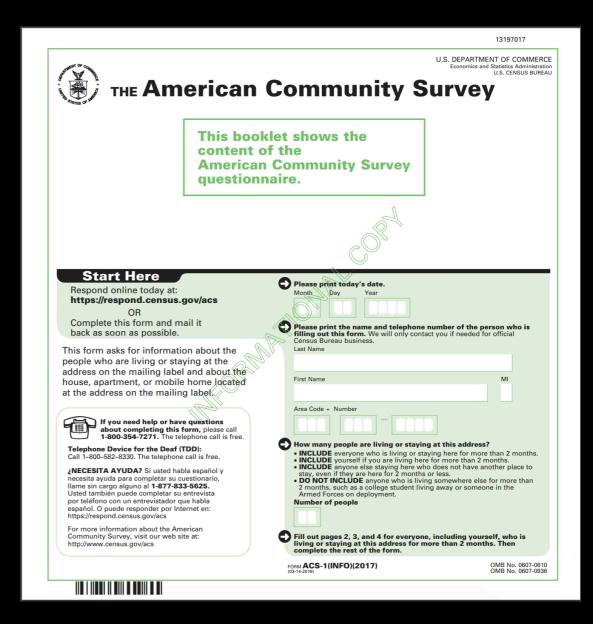
- Complete enumeration
- Done every ten years
- First done in 1790

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Total number of Inhabitants of the United States exclusive of S. Western and N. Territory.	Free white Males of 21 years and up-	Free Males under 21 years of age.	Free white	All other Fer-	Slaves.	Total
S.W. territory N. Ditto	6271	10277	15365	361	3417	35691

The American Community Survey (ACS)

- Results published annually
- Started in 2005
- Samples ~295,000 households each month

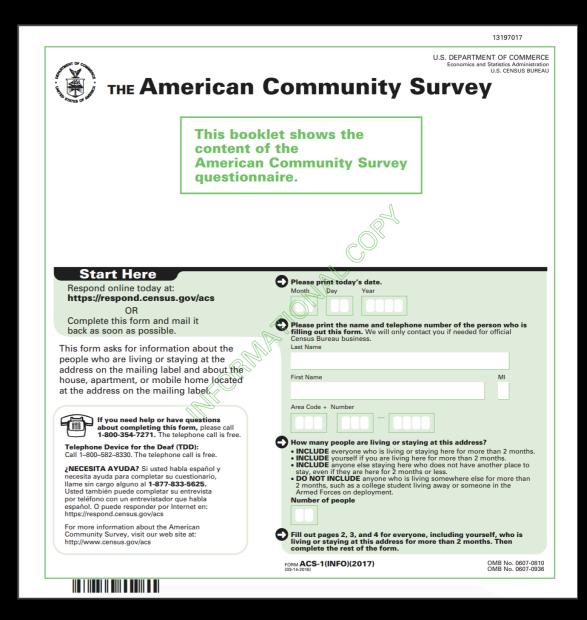


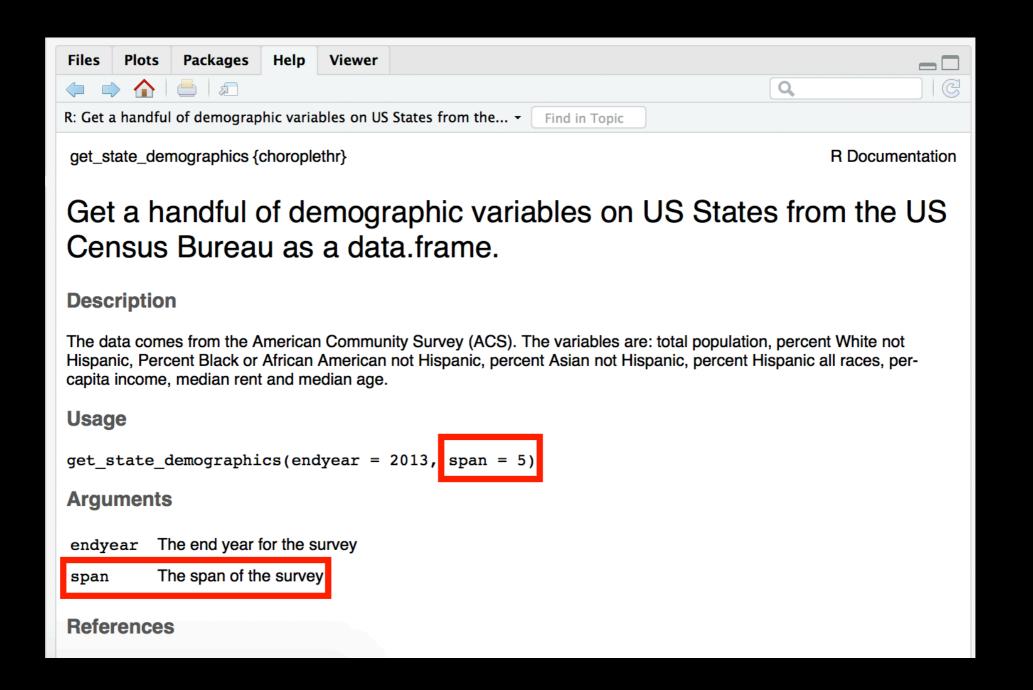
Implications of Sampling

- Values are estimates
- Each estimate has a margin of error
- Estimates for low-population regions (e.g. rural counties, census tracts) tend to have higher margins of error

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Each year has 1- and 5-year spans

?get_state_demographics

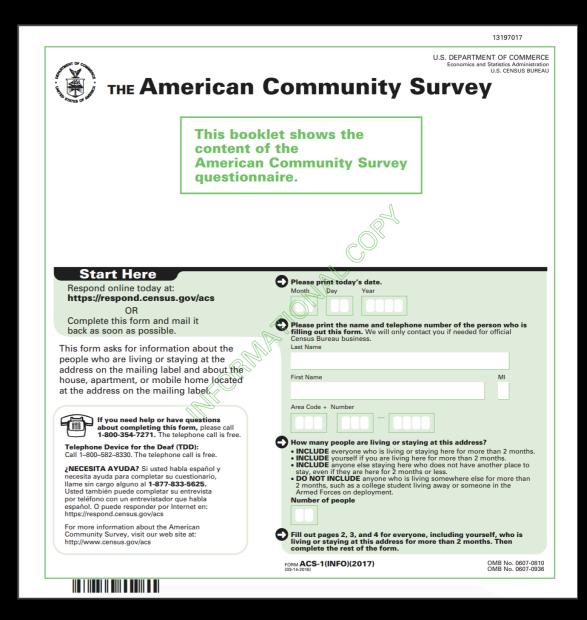
When to Use 1-year, 3-year, or 5-year Estimates Tweet Share Choosing which dataset involves more than simply considering the population size in your area. You must think about the balance between currency and sample size/reliability/precision. For details, research implications, and examples, see "Understanding and Using ACS Single-Year and Multiyear Estimates," page 9 in Distinguishing features of ACS 1-year, 1-year supplemental, 3-year, and 5-year estimates 1-year supplemental estimates 1-year 3-year estimates 5-year estimates estimates 12 months of collected data 12 months of 36 months of collected data 60 months of collected data Example: Example: collected data Example: Example: 2011-2013 ACS 3-year estimates 2011-2015 ACS 5-year estimates 2015 ACS 1-year supplemental 2015 ACS 1-Date collected between: Date collected between: year estimates Date collected between: January 1, 2011 and January 1, 2011 and Date collected December 31, 2013 December 31, 2015 January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015 January 1, 2015 and December 31 2015 Data for areas Data for areas with populations of Data for all areas Data for areas with populations of with populations of 65,000+ Smallest Smallest sample size Larger sample size than 1-year Largest sample size sample size Less reliable than 5-year More reliable than 1-year: less Most reliable Less reliable than 3-year or reliable than 5-year Most current Less current than 1-year estimates: Most current data Least current data more current than 5-year Annually Annually released: Annually released: Annually released: released 2014-present 2007-2013 2009-present 2005-present Best used Best used when Best used when Best used when Currency is Precision is more important than Currency is more important than More precise than 1-year, spans more important fewer years than 5-year Analyzing smaller populations Analyzing smaller populations Analyzing very small populations Analyzing large Examining smaller geographies Examining smaller geographies Examining tracts and other smaller populations because the standard 1-year geographies because 1-year because the standard 1-year estimates are not available estimates are not available estimates are not available

Span Pros and Cons

https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/estimates.html

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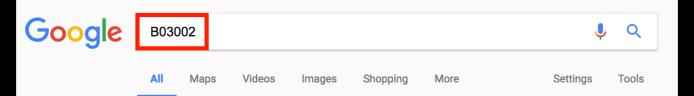
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                       total_population
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                       white_alone_not_hispanic = as.numeric(acs::estimate(race.data[,3])),
                       black_alone_not_hispanic = as.numeric(acs::estimate(race.data[,4])),
                       asian_alone_not_hispanic = as.numeric(acs::estimate(race.data[,6])),
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                                                 = as.numeric(acs::estimate(race.data[,12])))
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Data comes from tables

get_state_demographics # no parentheses!



About 23,000 results (0.51 seconds)

Table B03002: Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race - Census Reporter

https://censusreporter.org/tables/B03002/ ▼

Columns in this table. Total: Not Hispanic or Latino: White alone; Black or African American alone; American Indian and Alaska Native alone; Asian alone; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone; Some other race alone; Two or more races: Two races including Some other race; Two races excluding Some other ...

B03002 - American FactFinder - Census Bureau

https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.../B03002/0400000US29%7C0100000US ▼ United States, Missouri. Estimate, Margin of Error, Estimate, Margin of Error. Total: 321,418,821, ******, 6,083,672, ******. Not Hispanic or Latino: 264,922,699, +/-8,415, 5,843,259, +/-2,092. White alone, 197,534,496, +/-20,894, 4,858,768, +/-2,158. Black or African American alone, 39,597,600, +/-56,543, 704,787, +/-6,412.

B03002. Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race [21] - American Community ...

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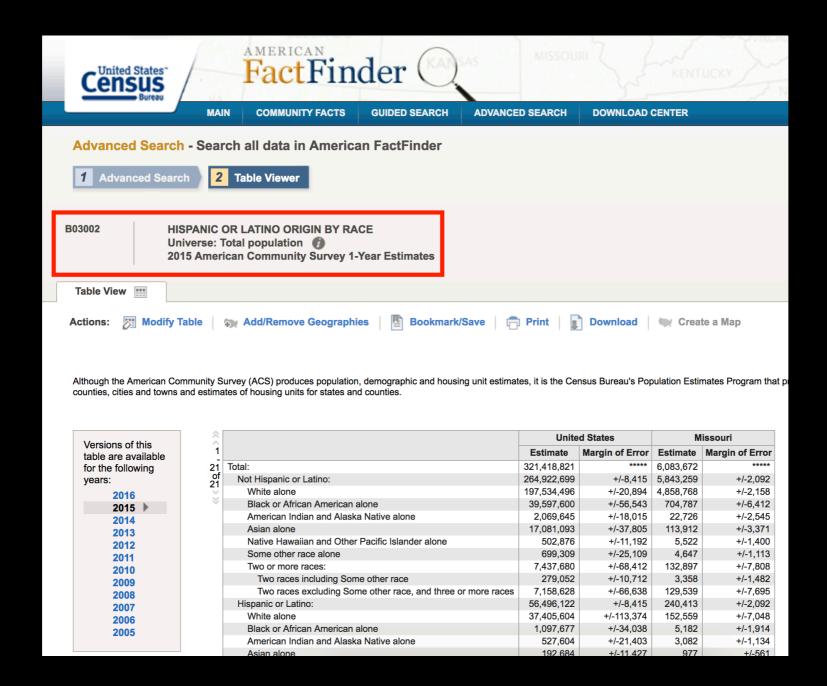
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You can google table IDs...



And wind up here ...

(American Fact Finder)

FACTFINDER HELP ABOUT THE DATA American Community Survey □ Survey **American Community Survey** Description: The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey designed to provide com collects long form type information (e.g., employment, migration, educational attainment, The American Community Survey collects data throughout the year in every county in the The ACS previously published 3-year estimates, but this data release was discontinued year, 3-year and 5-year estimates. For more information about the ACS content, methodology, and documentation, visit the **Data Sets:** 2005 American Community Survey 2006 American Community Survey 2007 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates 2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates 2007-2009 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2010 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates 2008-2010 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates 2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2006-2010 American Community Survey American Indian and Alaska Native Tables 2006-2010 American Community Survey Selected Population Tables 2011 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates 2009-2011 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates 2010-2012 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2013 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates 2011-2013 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

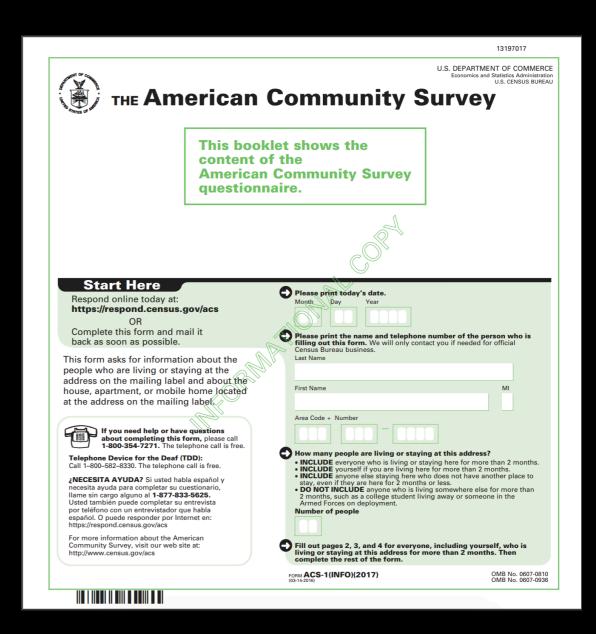
A list of all tables for all surveys

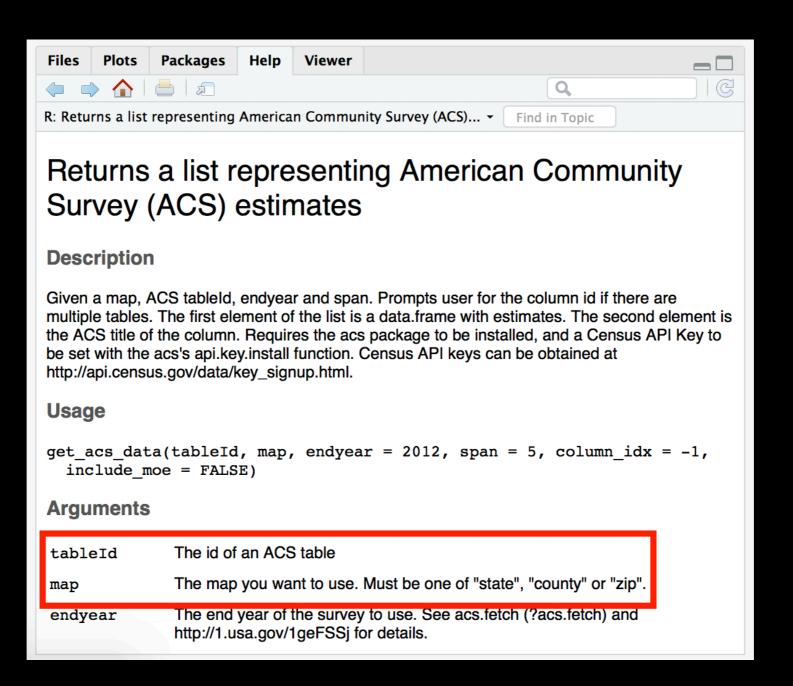
2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/affhelp/jsf/pages/metadata.xhtml?lang=en&type=survey&id=survey.en.ACS_ACS_

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?get_acs_data

Requires a tableld and a map

get_acs_data output

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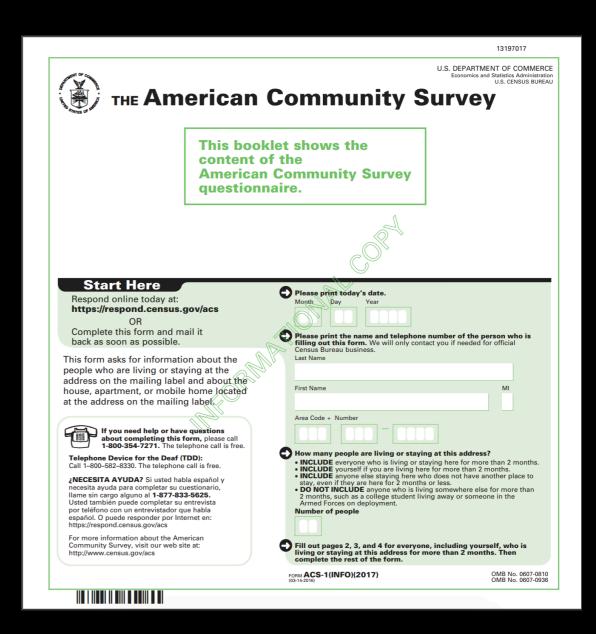
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arizona 25848
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colorado 32217
connecticut 38803
district of columbia 47675
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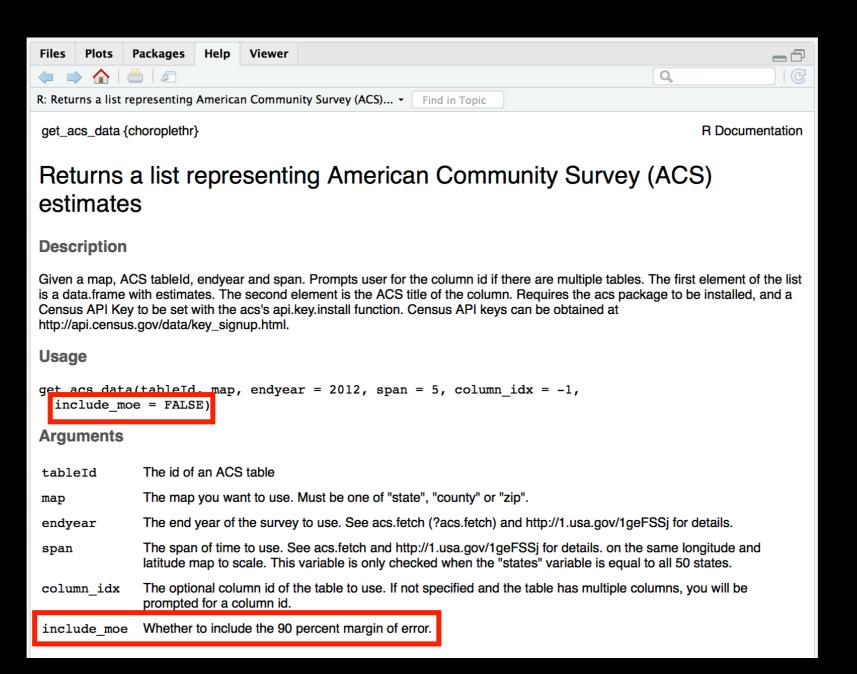
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2	alabama	24091	131
3	arkansas	22798	155
4	arizona	25848	123
5	california	30318	92
6	colorado	32217	149
7	connecticut	38803	248
8	district of columbia	47675	568
9	delaware	30554	300
10	florida	26829	110

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