

## Block Groups

Type	Characteristics	Nests within:	Population threshold	Housing Threshold
Standard county based and tribal reservation based	Form the geographic framework within which census blocks are numbered. Smallest area for which demographic statistics are produced from the American Community Survey (ACS).	Census tracts	Minimum: 600 Maximum: 3000	Minimum: 240 Maximum: 1200
Special land use	Distinguish areas of little or no population that have a specific type of land use AND are coextensive with a special land use census tract.  Large water bodies.	Census tracts	Little/None or must be within standard block groups thresholds.  Area measurement thresholds are no longer applicable for special land use block groups.	

Tracts				
Type	Characteristics	Nests within:	Population threshold	Housing Threshold
Standard county based and tribal reservation based	Form the geographic framework within which census blocks are numbered. Smallest area for which demographic statistics are produced from the American Community Survey (ACS).	Previous Tracts	Minimum: 1,200 Maximum: 8,000	Minimum: 480 Maximum: 3,200
Special land use	Distinguish areas of little or no population that have a specific type of land use AND are coextensive with a special land use census tract.  Large water bodies.	Previous Tracts	Little/None or must be within standard block groups thresholds.  Area measurement thresholds are no longer applicable for special land use block groups.	