

Basic Community Assessment Data

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U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

<http://factfinder2.census.gov/>

Community Facts –

1. Enter the name of a geography. Click “Enter”.
2. You’ll get **Topics** on left screen. Click the links within **Topics** to get the data.

Guided Search –

1. Click *Get Me Started*, then click a radial button for **People, Housing,** or **Businesses or Industries**. Click “Next”.
2. You will get a list of topics. Click the expand button [+] in each topic to get a list of the tables for that topic. Click on a link. The screen will reload and what you clicked on will be added to **Your Selections**. Click “Next”.
3. Either search for a **Geography** or open the drilldown list and select a geography. You will notice that the font for some choices is greyed out, which means that these geographies aren’t available. Select a geography. Click “Next”.
4. You may possibly be asked to again select a topic by using the expand button [+]. Not all topics will be available for all geographies. What you select is added to **Your Selections**.
5. Next you have the option of selecting a **Race/Ethnic Group**. Click **Select From Race/Ethnic Groups** and then either search for a race, ancestry, or tribe; or click on a choice in the list that is displayed. You can also through the four choices you’ll get in **Browse Race and Ethnic Groups** and select one that way. Click “Next”.
6. **Search Results** is the list of datasets that match what you’ve selected.
7. Click on the data you want.

County Business/Zip Code/MSA-msa Business Patterns –

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

Scroll down to **View Data in Tables** and a) select a state in **U.S., States, and Counties** and click “Go!”, OR b) enter a **Zip Code** and click “Go!” OR c) select a **Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area** and click “Go!”. You will get data for paid employees, payroll, and number of establishments for Industry Sectors. Click **Detail** for get data for Industry Subsectors. Click **Compare** to compare your selection with other counties, zip code areas, or an MSA/msa. Zip Codes compare on a state level; counties and MSA/msa’s compare on a national level. A *Micropolitan Statistical Area* is an incorporated area with a population of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000.

U.S. BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

To get to these websites click the *Regional Economic Accounts* homepage at <http://www.bea.gov/regional/index.htm> and in *Data* heading click -

Local Area Personal Income and Employment -

Another way to get to this is to click on *Interactive Data* at the top of the BEA homepage

These are the sub-state geographies of counties, Metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, BEA Economic Areas, “State Metro/Non-metro Portions” and more. You have a choice of ten tables. Select a topic, then work through the steps of drilldowns and radial button choices.

Scroll past the *Data* heading to *BEA’s REGIONAL FACT SHEETS: BEARFACTS –* BEA’s Economic Areas are current economic geographies that cross state borders as needed. When you click on “BEARFACTS for States and Local Areas” you get a choice of 4 types of maps, click on one of them; click on “BEA Economic Area” then click on the map to get a fact sheet for that unique economic geography.

U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

To get to these websites click on *Databases, Tables and Calculators* at <http://www.bls.gov/data/> and click on “Employment” and “Unemployment”. For these three databases click on “One-Screen Data Search” to access them, then make your choices in numerical order to get data. “Top Picks” are the most requested datasets. Read “Special Notice” to learn about the data.

Employment, Hours, and Earnings – State and Metro Area

State and County Employment and Wages

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

“Data and Statistics” homepage <http://www.cdc.gov/DataStatistics/>

Data and Statistics by Topics is the main feature here. In *Tools & Resources* see *State and Territorial Data*. *Interactive Database Tools* is a one-stop shop for all CDC online data tools.

U.S. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Annual list of Federally Recognized American Indian Tribes

<http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xraca/documents/text/idc1-021809.pdf>

Need more training in these resources? Contact me about the data workshops that we offer in Oklahoma. Since we began offering our free workshops in September 2003 we've presented over 280 of them to 2,800+ attendees.

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