Search and Navigation Tips

(1) Working with Search Results

- Click the Search tab on the upper navigation bar to display the Search Results page.

- Click on the word Topics on the left navigation bar to expand it

- Scroll down to the choice called Program and click on the plus sign to expand it.

- Next, click on Decennial Census.

- Type the words group quarters in the Search within Results text box and click GO.

- Sort your search results by clicking on the Title column header. (This rearranges the products.)

- Click on clear all selections in the Your Selections box.

(2) Quick Start

- Click Main to return to the American FactFinder Main page.

- Enter the word tenure in the topic or table name text box. (As you enter the text the type-ahead overlay appears with recommendations.)

- Next, enter California in the Geography text box.

- Click GO to start your search.

- Select the first table on the page and either: (1) click on the hyperlink (the title of the table) or (2) click on the checkbox to the left of the ID (the table number) and then select View, which is now illuminated below the blue Search Results bar. The checkbox method enables you to choose up to three data products to view. Either method takes you to the table on the Data Products View page. Click View All to see the three tables.

- Click Main to return to the American FactFinder Main page.

- Clear all selections.

(3) Topic Search

- Expand the Topics section and then expand People.

- Expand the Age Group section, then click on Children. (Note that the number in parentheses is the number of data products available for that topic.)

- Expand the Dataset section.

- Click on 2008 Population Estimates and note the available data products. (Also note that you can take a detour here without affecting the choices you have made. Click on the Glossary link at the top of the page and get the definition for age dependency ratio by clicking on the "A" in glossary and then clicking on the appropriate link.)

- Click the Remove button to remove the 2008 Population Estimates search criteria.

- Click Main to return to the American FactFinder Main page.

- Clear all selections.

(4) Search Using Geographies, Population Groups and Industry Codes

We are searching for a few census tracts in San Mateo County.

- Open the Geographies overlay.

- Using the Geography Filter Options, start with the level of geography (or geographic type) you are seeking, in this case, Census Tract.

- Expand the Within State section and select California from the expanded list.

- Expand the Within County section and select San Mateo.

- Select the check boxes next to the first three Census Tracts listed - - Census Tract 6001, Census Tract 6002, and Census Tract 6003 and click the Add button. (Note that they are now listed in the Your Selections box.)

- Close the overlay.

- Select the P1 Race table from the Search Results frame and click View. Note how one census tract at a time is displayed. Click View All on the top right of the page and the table for each census tract appears, one after another.

- Click the Back to Search arrow and then clear all selections from Your Selections.

The Population Groups overlay and the Industry Codes overlay work in a similar way.

- Expand the Population Groups overlay. Note the available data products. Close the overlay.

- Expand the Industry Codes overlay and close it.

- Clear all selections.

(5) Create a Map

- Expand the Topics section and then expand Program.

- Select Population Estimates.

- Click the hyperlink for GCT-T01 Population Estimates - United States - - States; and Puerto Rico.

- Click Create a Map on the Actions bar.

- Click on the cell that intersects July 1, 2008 and Alabama (value in cell is 4,661,900).

- Click Show Map. (Note you can toggle back to the table by clicking Table View.)

- To create a different thematic map from the same table, select Create a Different Map, and American FactFinder returns you to the table view. (On this table the only option is to choose a different year.)

- Click Back to Search, then clear all selections.

(6) Modify a Table

- Click the Search tab on the Navigation bar to display the search results page.

- Select H1 – Occupancy Status, then click View. (Note that this table is from the 2010 Redistricting data.)

- Click Modify Table and notice how the column and row headings change.

- Click the check box at the top of the Indiana column (wait), then the Iowa column and both are hidden and a yellow box indicating you have modified the table appears.

- To restore the Indiana and Iowa columns, click the Show Hidden Rows/Columns link.

- Click the Collapse button next to Total, then click the Expand sign to show all rows.

- Click on the Move up arrow next to the Vacant row in the table.

- Click Reset Table and then OK to restore the original table. Modified note disappears.

- Click Back to Search, then clear all selections.

(7) Transpose Rows and Columns

- Select Topics.

- Select Product Type.

- Select Geographic Comparison Table.

- Select Geographies from the left navigation bar.

- From the Geography Overlay, under Geography Filter Options, select State (under Geographic Type)

- From the Geography Results, select California, then click Add.

- Close the Geography overlay.

- From the Search Results, click on GCT-PL1 – Race and Hispanic or Latino: 2010 – State - - County / County Equivalent.

- From the Data Product Viewer page, select Modify Table.

- To swap the rows and columns within the table, click Transpose Rows/Columns.

- Click Reset Table.

- Click OK.

- Click Main to return to the American FactFinder Main page.

- Clear all selections.

(8) Bookmark, Save Query, and Download

Recommended browsers for AFF2:
Internet Explorer 7.0 and above
Firefox 3.5 and above

- Click on Topics, then Program, then Population Estimates.

- Click on Table T06, Sex By Age.

- Click Bookmark.

- Click Create Bookmark (you may create a folder if you wish).

- Next, click Add.

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- Click Bookmark then click Save Query.

- Select Save, then (after picking a location) Save in the Save As box.

- Close when Download Complete is displayed.

- To retrieve a saved query, click Main on the navigation bar.

- Next, scroll down to the lower left of page and click the Load Query button.

- Click Browse to search for the saved file. It will have the extension .aff.

- Once the file is highlighted, click Open, then click OK.

- Click Main on the Navigation bar.

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- Click Download.

- Next, select the Comma delimited radio button (default) and click OK.

- Click Save.

- In Save As dialog box, select a file (or desktop) in which to save the table, then click Save.

- From Download complete box, click Open to check file.

- Double click on file with .csv extension.