

Finding Census Data Online

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Question:

- ⦿ I'm looking to compare the most recent data for educational attainment of African Americans in the cities of Detroit and Chicago.

American Fact Finder

- ⊗ Has the past two decennial censuses (2000 and 2010)
- ⊗ Has data for the American Community Surveys (ACS)
 - ⊗ ACS replaced the decennial census long form in 2010. Allows for the release of data estimates more quickly.
 - ⊗ Comes in 3 time periods: 1 year (most recent data but not available for smaller areas), 3 year, and 5 year (less timely, but compares more households so the results are more accurate).

Question:

- ⊙ I'm interested in comparing the racial statistics and educational attainment of persons living in several Michigan cities in the 1980s.

Social Explorer

- ⦿ Has Census data back to 1790, but not at all geographies
- ⦿ Find numeric data and create maps

🎬 When in doubt, refer patron to Julia or Kathleen