# U.S. Census Bureau

Measuring America: People, Places, and Our Economy

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# **Agenda**

- Importance of Census Bureau Data
- Decennial Census and the American Community Survey (ACS)
- Accessing Census Bureau Data
  - Easy data tools
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  - Advanced Searching via API
  - Custom Visualizations



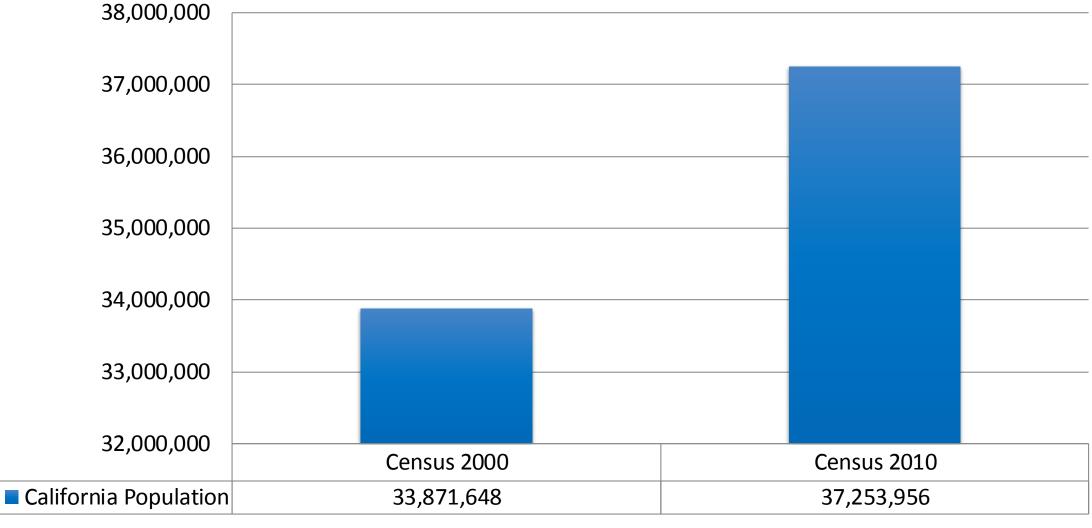
## **Decennial Census**

- Constitutional Mandate
  - Article 1, Section 2
  - 23 Censuses since 1790
- Congressional Reapportionment
- Redistricting
- Data is used to distribute federal funds



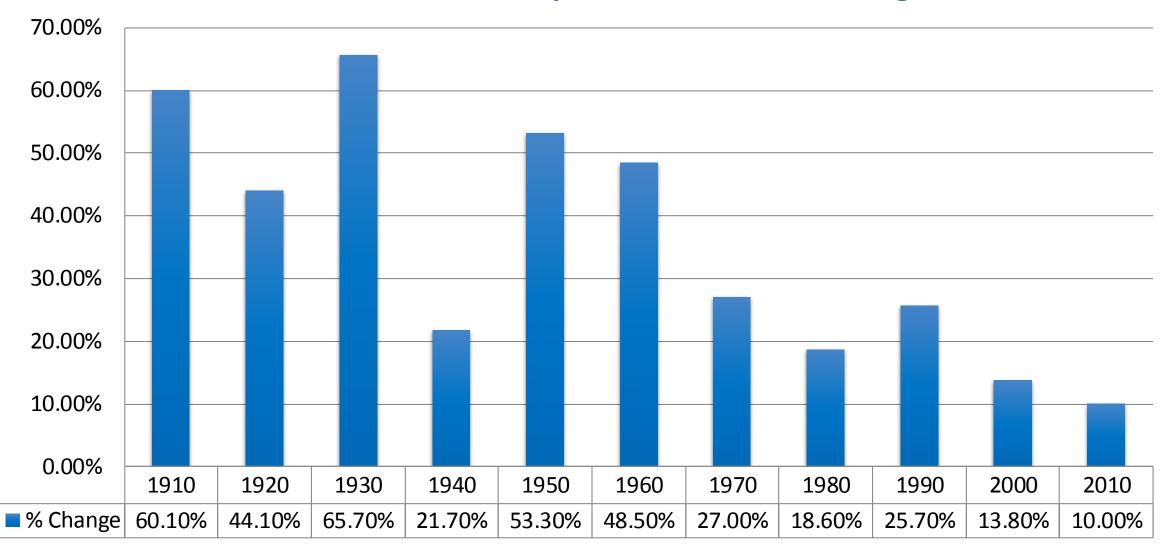


### **California Population Growth**





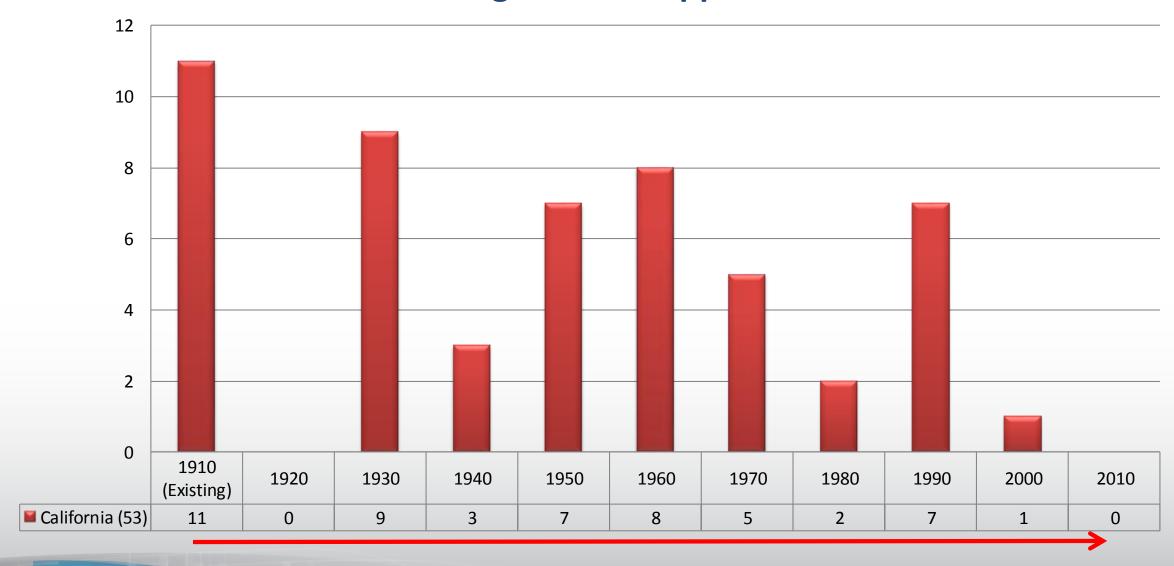
#### **California Resident Population Percent Change**





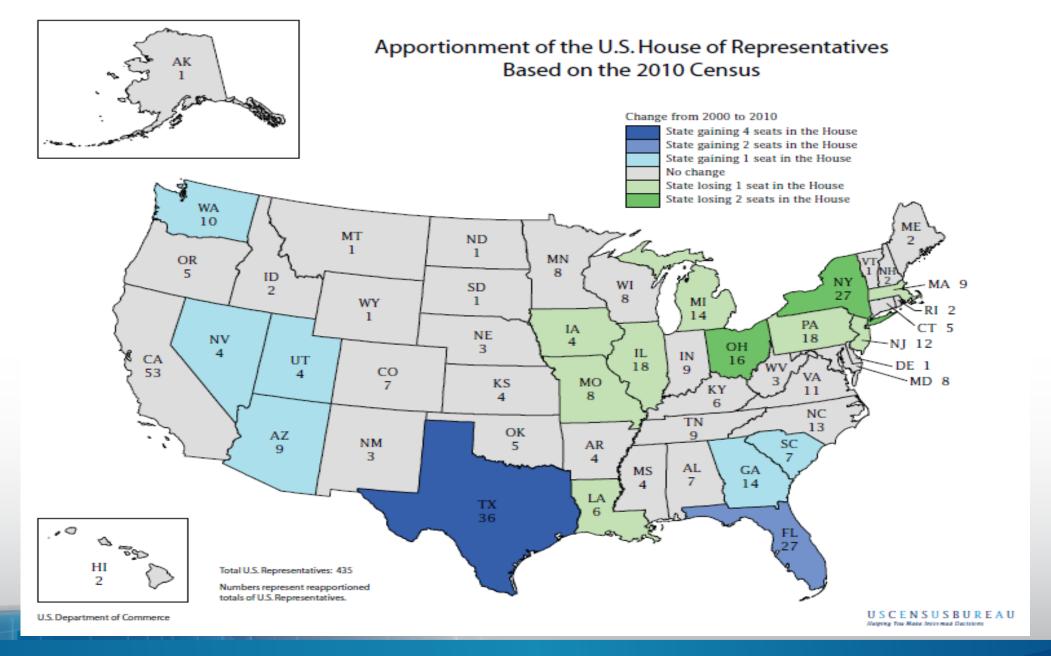
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#### **California Congressional Apportionment**



## **Congressional Seats Apportionment**





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## **American Community Survey History**

1940-2000

 Decennial Census: Short Form & Long Form

2005

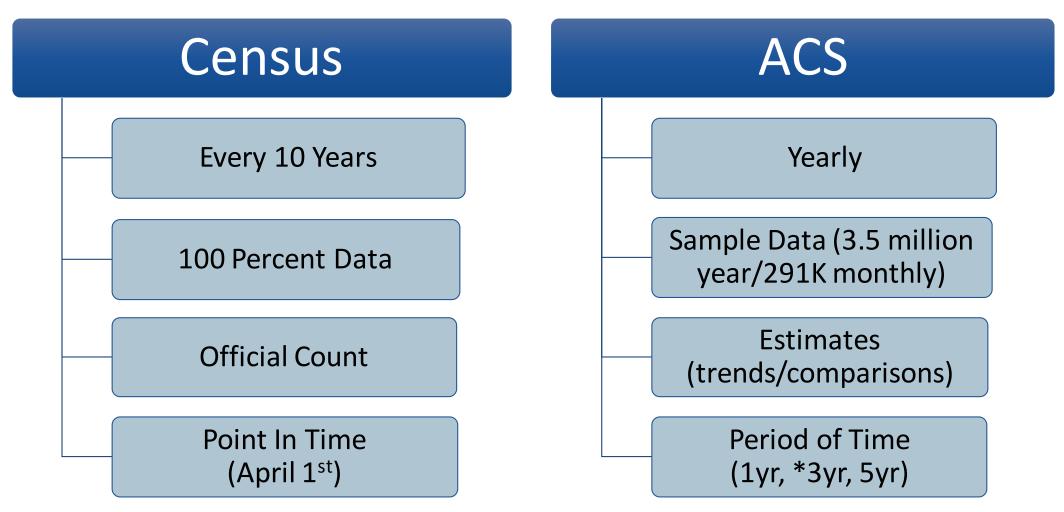
American Community Survey
 Replaces Decennial Long Form

2010

 Decennial Census: Short Form Only



#### **Differences Between Decennial Census and ACS**





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#### **ACS Period Estimates**

# 1-Year Estimates

Geographies of 65,000 or more

# 3-Year Estimates

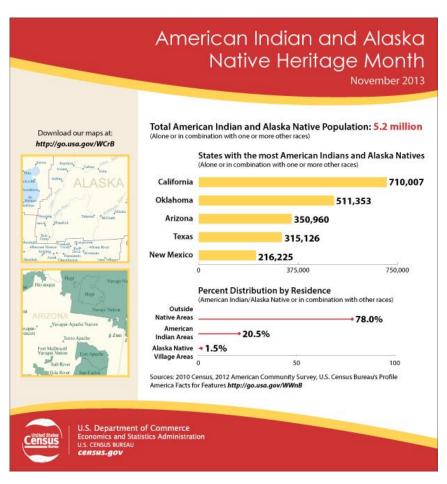
• Geographies of 20,000 or more \*discontinued after 2013

# 5-Year Estimates

All geographies



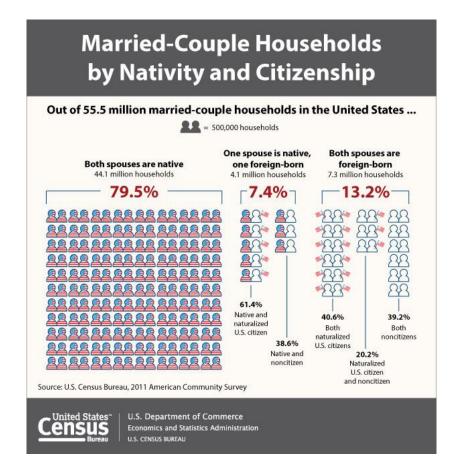
#### **Demographic Characteristics**



- Age
- Race
- Sex
- Hispanic Origin



#### **Social Characteristics**



- Education
- Marital Status
- Fertility
- Grandparent/ Caregivers
- Veterans
- Disability Status

- Place of Birth
- Citizenship
- Year of Entry
- Language Spoken at Home
- Ancestry / Tribal Affiliation

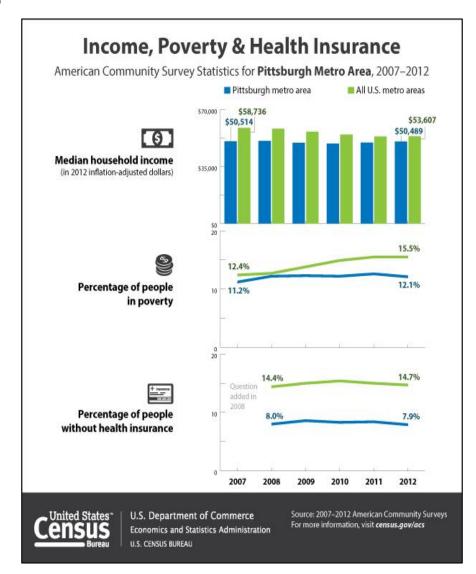


#### **Economic Characteristics**

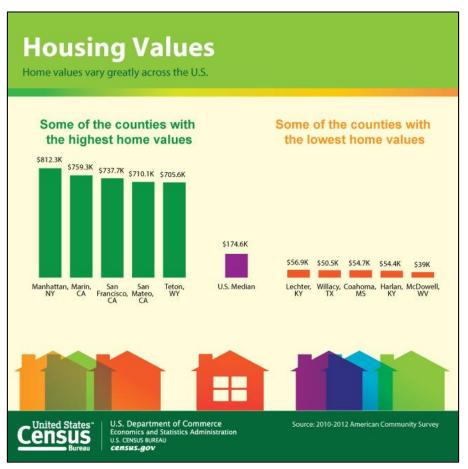
- Income
  - Social Security Income
  - Retirement Income
- Employment Status
- Occupation
- Industry
- Commuting to Work
- Place of Work
- Health Insurance
  - Medicare
  - Medicaid



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#### **Housing Characteristics**



- Tenure
- Occupancy & Structure
- Housing Value
- Taxes & Insurance
- Utilities
- Mortgage/Monthly Rent



#### **ACS Data Products and Release Schedule**

Data Product (next release)	Population Threshold of Statistical Area	Year of Data Release											
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Year(s) of Data Collection												
1-Year Estimates 09-17- 15	65,000 +	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
3-Year Estimates Discontinued	20,000 +			2005 - 2007	2006 - 2008	2007 - 2009	2008 - 2010	2009 - 2011	2010 - 2012	2011 - 2013	Discontinued>		
5-Year Estimates 12-10- 15	All Areas *					2005 - 2009	2006 - 2010	2007 - 2011	2008 - 2012	2009 - 2013	2010 - 2014	2011- 2015	2012- 2016



<sup>\*</sup> All Areas = All legal, administrative, and statistical geographic areas down to the block group level.

Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) estimates first became available in 2012, with the 2007 – 2011 estimates.

## Margin of Error (MOE)

- Margin of Error Definition:
  - A measure of the precision of an estimate at a given level of confidence (90%, 95%, 99%)
    - -- MOEs at the 90% confidence level for all published ACS estimates
- Confidence Interval Definition:
  - A range that is expected to contain the population value of the characteristic with a known probability

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