Accessing Census Data in 2019: The Transition to data.census.gov

Texas State Data Center Annual Meeting

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Outline

• Why? and How?
• Current Snapshot
• Using data.census.gov: Tips/tricks & live demo
• Customer-Driven Design/Looking Ahead
• Q&A
U.S. Census Bureau Releases Revised Economic Indicator Calendar

The U.S. Census Bureau announced updates to the 2019 economic indicator release schedule through the March statistical month.
Enterprise Dissemination

- Streamline access to data
- Maintain the best of our current tools
- Reduce redundancies and operational costs
- Provide greater access to Census Bureau API
The New Dissemination Platform:

How It All Works
Feedback is **KEY** to Our Development

40 day development cycles

- Allows for Feedback, Review, Incorporation of Feedback

Feedback collected:

- National Conferences
- State Agencies and Affiliate Meetings
- Webinars and other outreach
- Internal Stakeholders and Data Providers
- [cedsci.feedback@census.gov](mailto:cedsci.feedback@census.gov) emails
- Usability Sessions
Current Snapshot
### Data in the New Platform: American Community Survey

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ACS data back to 2005 will be added to the API

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Learn More – New FAQs & Updated Notes

Includes:
• Answers to common questions
• Chart of available data
• List of features and functionality
• Known Issues
2019 Milestones

**Summer 2019**

- End of new data releases on American FactFinder
- First data releases exclusively on new platform (Nonemployer, Public Sector)

**Fall 2019**

Major data releases:
- 2018 ACS
- 2017 Economic Census
Live Demo
Looking Ahead
Plans to Add More Checkboxes to Select All Geos in a List

- All counties in Texas
- Anderson County, Texas
- Anderson County, Texas -- Rural
- Andrews County, Texas
- Andrews County, Texas -- Rural
- Angelina County, Texas
Coming Later: Another filtering option

- **New filtering option**: Choose your geography through a series of clicks instead of complex labels
- **Geographic components (urban/rural) hidden from default view**
- **A to Z**

*This is a wireframe only to show some of the user needs that we are working to meet. The exact build may differ and could come incrementally across multiple future releases.*
Feedback Process

1. Receive Feedback
2. Collect Feedback to see if Original Concern was Remedied
3. Validate and Prioritize Issues
4. Discuss Issues with Developers
5. Distribute Issues to Value Team for Prioritization and Incorporation in Next PI or on the Roadmap
6. Developers Address Issues
7. Testing Conducted Internally
8. Release to the Public
9. Feedback Process
Tell Us What You Think

Email your comments to cedsci.feedback@census.gov

Learn More and Share

June 20 Webinar:
census.gov/data/academy/webinars/2019/census-website-updates.html

Release Notes & FAQs:
data.census.gov/assets/faqs-release-notes.pdf

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