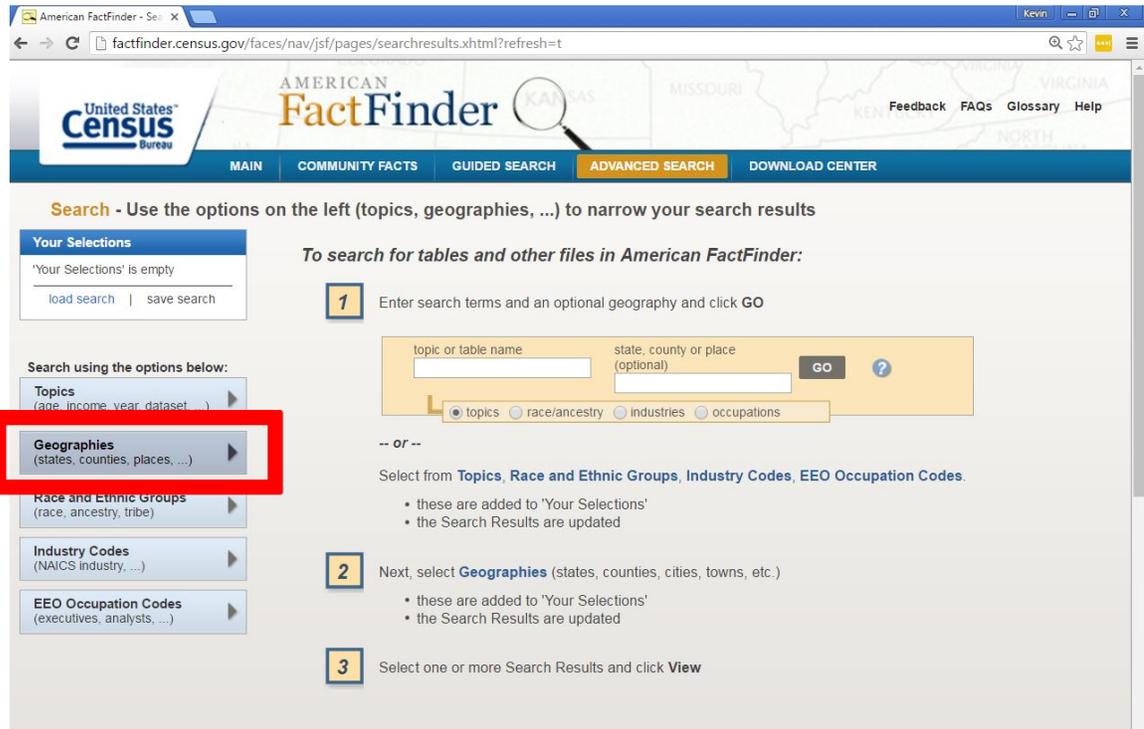
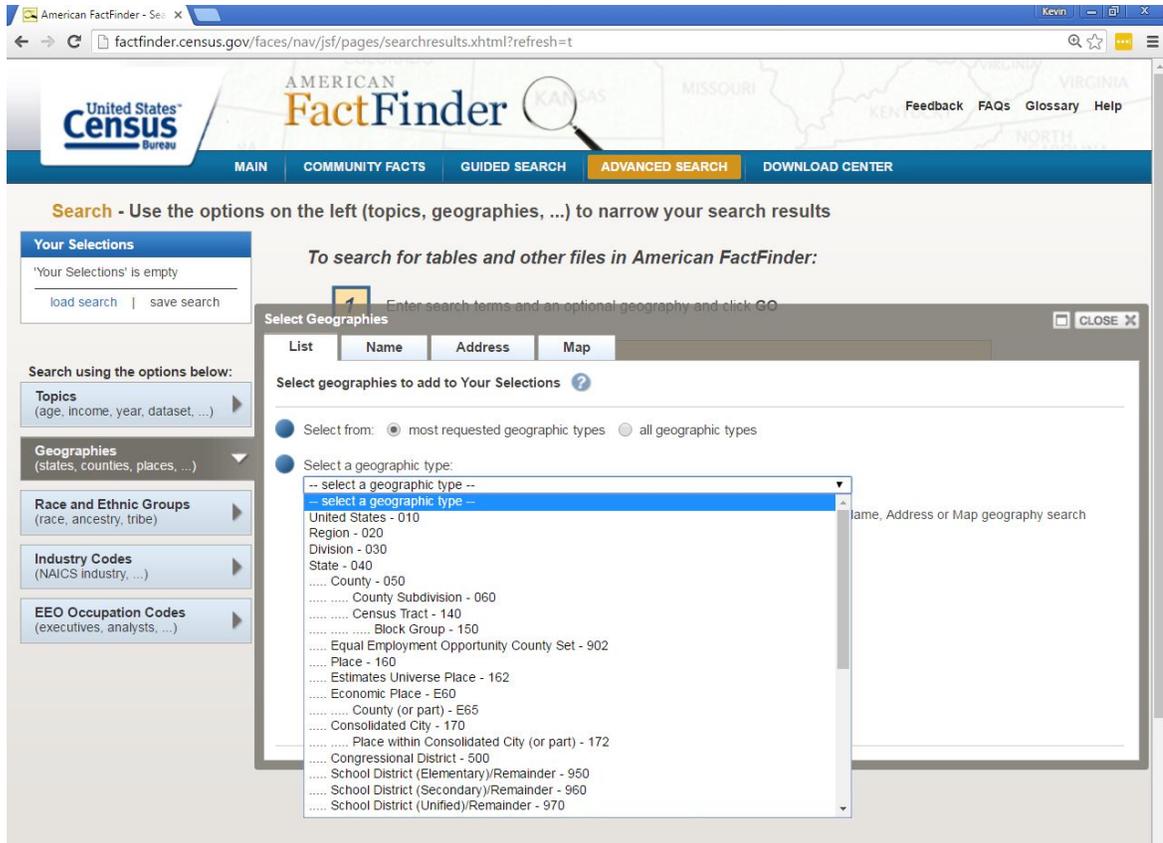


Census Data Research Guide

1. Go to the Advanced Search of the American FactFinder page of the US Census website:
<http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t>



2. If you click on the geographies tab you can make your search as broad or as specific as you require (i.e. census blocks, city or cities, zip codes, census tracts). [see next page]



3. If you are using census tracts (the most detailed you can get from the census website), find out which tracts are in your area of interest beforehand because you will need to pick them by number at the American FactFinder website.
 - o The census website breaks up the census tract by state and county. You can find your state and then county's census tracts (as done by the 2010 census) here: <https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/maps/2010tract.html>

- After you determine the area you want to look at, you select that geographic type, state, county and geographic area from the pop-up window and click “add to your selections”

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the United States Census Bureau logo and the 'AMERICAN FactFinder' title. Below this is a search bar and a navigation menu with options like 'MAIN', 'COMMUNITY FACTS', 'GUIDED SEARCH', 'ADVANCED SEARCH', and 'DOWNLOAD CENTER'. The main content area features a search instruction: 'Search - Use the options on the left (topics, geographies, ...) to narrow your search results'. On the left side, there is a 'Your Selections' box with a red arrow pointing to it, and a sidebar with categories: 'Topics', 'Geographies', 'Race and Ethnic Groups', 'Industry Codes', and 'EEO Occupation Codes'. A 'Select Geographies' pop-up window is open, allowing users to choose geographic types, states, counties, and specific areas. The pop-up includes a table with columns for 'List', 'Name', 'Address', and 'Map'. Below the table, there are radio buttons for 'most requested geographic types' and 'all geographic types', and dropdown menus for selecting a geographic type, state, and county. A list of census tracts in King County, Washington is displayed, with an 'ADD TO YOUR SELECTIONS' button and an 'ABOUT THIS GEOGRAPHY' link. A footer note suggests alternative search options if the geographic type is not found.

- After you click “add to your selections” they will appear in the left column “your selections.” The next step is for you to find the particular variables you want to look at. Some often-used variables will appear automatically (as you see below), but you can also search for particular data categories in the “refine your search results: topic or table name” box.

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder search results page. The search results are displayed in a table with columns for ID, Table, File or Document, Dataset, and About. A red arrow points to the 'Refine your search results' box, which contains a search input field with the text 'langu' and a dropdown menu showing suggestions for variables related to language spoken at home.

| ID | Table, File or Document | Dataset | About |
|-------|---|---------------------------|-------------------|
| S0101 | AGE AND SEX | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S0601 | SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TOTAL AND NATIVE POPULATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S0701 | GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S0801 | COMMUTING CHARACTERISTICS BY SEX | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S0802 | MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S1002 | GRANDPARENTS | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S1101 | HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S1201 | MARITAL STATUS | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S1301 | FERTILITY | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S1401 | SCHOOL ENROLLMENT | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S1501 | EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S1601 | LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |
| S1602 | LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING HOUSEHOLDS | 2014 ACS 5-year estimates | ? |

- To find the percentage of each language spoken in the designated area, you will want to use the table “Language spoken at home by ability to speak English for the population 5 years and over.” This will give you the detailed languages spoken at home and the percent of households that speaks English ‘well’ or ‘less than well’ for each of those languages.


[Modify Table](#) | [Add/Remove Geographies](#) | [Bookmark/Save](#) | [Print](#) | [Download](#) | [Create a Map](#)

[View Geography Notes](#) | [View Table Notes](#)

Note: This is a modified view of the original table.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

Versions of this table are available for the following years:

2014 ▶

[2013](#)

[2012](#)

[2011](#)

[2010](#)

| | Census Tract 234.04, King County, Washington | Census Tract 250.03, King County, Washington | Census Tract 321.02, King County, Washington | Census Tract 321.03, King County, Washington | Census Tract 321.04, King County, Washington | Census Tract 322.08, King County, Washington | Census Tract 322.10, King County, Washington |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Estimate |
| Total: | 3,074 | 6,647 | 4,645 | 3,796 | 5,723 | 7,987 | 10,527 |
| Speak only English | 2,782 | 4,717 | 4,311 | 3,180 | 5,072 | 6,783 | 7,639 |
| Spanish or Spanish Creole: | 13 | 219 | 29 | 227 | 235 | 113 | 252 |
| Speak English "very well" | 13 | 209 | 29 | 191 | 153 | 78 | 252 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 0 | 10 | 0 | 36 | 82 | 35 | 0 |
| French (incl. Patois, Cajun): | 0 | 43 | 8 | 0 | 37 | 31 | 138 |
| French Creole: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Italian: | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Portuguese or Portuguese Creole: | 0 | 32 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| German: | 17 | 108 | 81 | 44 | 57 | 85 | 104 |
| Yiddish: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other West Germanic languages: | 0 | 29 | 23 | 16 | 0 | 39 | 0 |
| Scandinavian languages: | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greek: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Speak English "very well" | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Russian: | 41 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 7 | 5 | 134 |
| Speak English "very well" | 14 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 124 |
| Speak English less than "very well" | 27 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 7 | 5 | 10 |

- From this screen you would add up all the ‘total populations’ for each census tract to get the total population in the area you are looking at. Then, add up the numbers of people speaking a particular language in for all the columns. Finally divide that second number by the total population to get the percent of the total population that speaks that language in your area. You will do the same for ‘speaks English very well’ and ‘speaks English less than very well’ if necessary
 - If you are doing this, it is helpful to click on the “modify table” tab (as seen in the upper left corner of the above print-screen) and then “hide” all the columns for each census tract that you are not looking at. This makes it easier to add them across the row.

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