

README File for ACS 2006 Summary File via FTP

Finding the Data

Directory Structure

Under the main FTP directory at <http://www2.census.gov/acs2006/summaryfile/sumfile/> there is a directory for each of the 50 States, Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, the United States (excluding Puerto Rico), and for example SAS programs on how to read the Summary Files into SAS. The directory structures are named in the following fashions.

1. The directories are named by the individual State name (DistrictofColumbia, PuertoRico, and UnitedStates as well).
2. A State that has spaces in the name will be compressed to remove the space(s) with the first letter of each word capitalized; Example: DistrictofColumbia.
3. The SAS Example program directory will be named SASExamplePrograms to show the directory at the top of the directory structure through FTP (the SASReadme.txt file will give additional information on the example programs).

Geography Information

Within each of the data directories, 50 States, Puerto Rico, and US, there will be a geography file named in the following convention.

State 2-digit alpha FIPS code>geo.2006-1yr; Alabama as an example algeo.2006-1yr

For more information on the Summary File Geography file go to the following URL:

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/sf/tech_doc.htm

Zip Files (Compressed Files)

The data is available in the following fashion under the data directories:

<State 2-digit alpha FIPS code>000<Four Digit Sequence Number>. 2006.1yr.zip

Alabama as an example for sequence number 0144: al0000144.2006-1yr.zip For more information on the data in the Summary Files go to the following URL:

http://www.census.gov/acs/www/UseData/sf/tech_doc.htm

Please note the sequence numbers go from 0001 to 0144. Also within each data directory there will be an all-encompassing data file that contains all the zip files for that geography in the following fashion.

all_<State 2-digit alpha FIPS code>.zip; Alabama as an example all_al.zip

The zipped files (compressed files) each contain 3 text files in the following format

Estimate Files -<State 2-digit alpha FIPS code>0000<Four digit Sequence Number>e.2006-1yr Margin of Error Files -<State 2-digit alpha. FIPS code>0000 <Four digit Sequence Number>m.2006-1yr Standard of Error Files -<State 2-digit alpha FIPS code>0000<Four digit Sequence Number>s.2006-1yr

Using Alabama sequence number 0144 as an Example

Estimate Files - al 0000144e.2006-1 yr

Margin of Error Files - al0000144m.2006-1yr Standard of Error Files - al0000144s.2006-1yr