

The ABC's of CDP's

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In the good ole' days....

Places were represented by "circles" on maps.

We had no idea of their incorporation or not.



Sometimes county maps gave us more information.



This is an
unincorporated place
in California.

But, how'd they get
that population
statistic?

*The Census Bureau
helps fill in those gaps.*



Timeline:
“Unincorporated Places”
become CDPs

1940: Supplementary report for unincorporated places. Must have population of at least 500.

1950: unincorporated places defined only outside urbanized areas. Must have a population of at least 1,000.

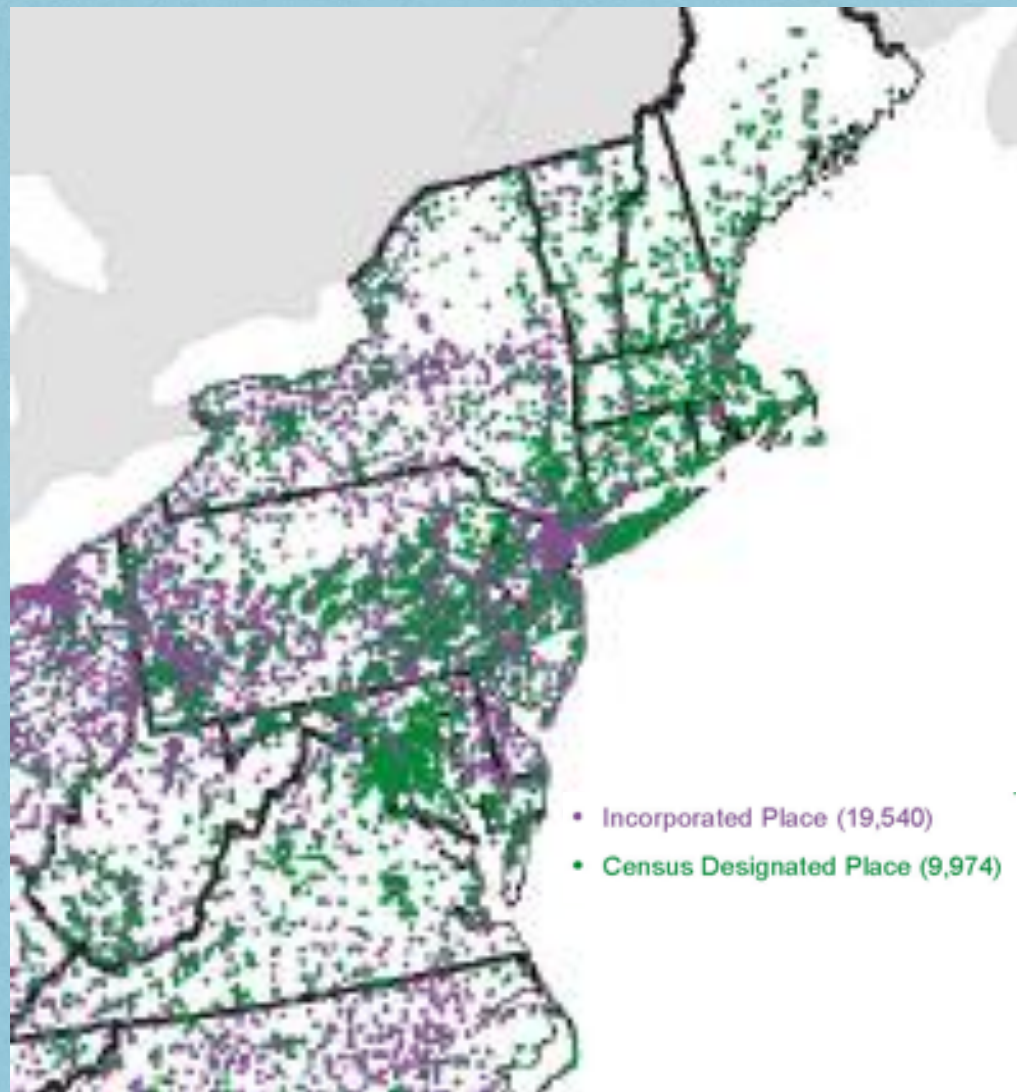


Timeline: “Unincorporated Places” become CDP’s

1960 through 1990: defined inside *urbanized areas*, with the minimum population threshold declining from 10,000 to 5,000, then to 2,500 during this period. Outside urbanized areas, population of at least 1,000.

2000 to present: no minimum population threshold.

PSAP (Partnership Statistical Areas Program)

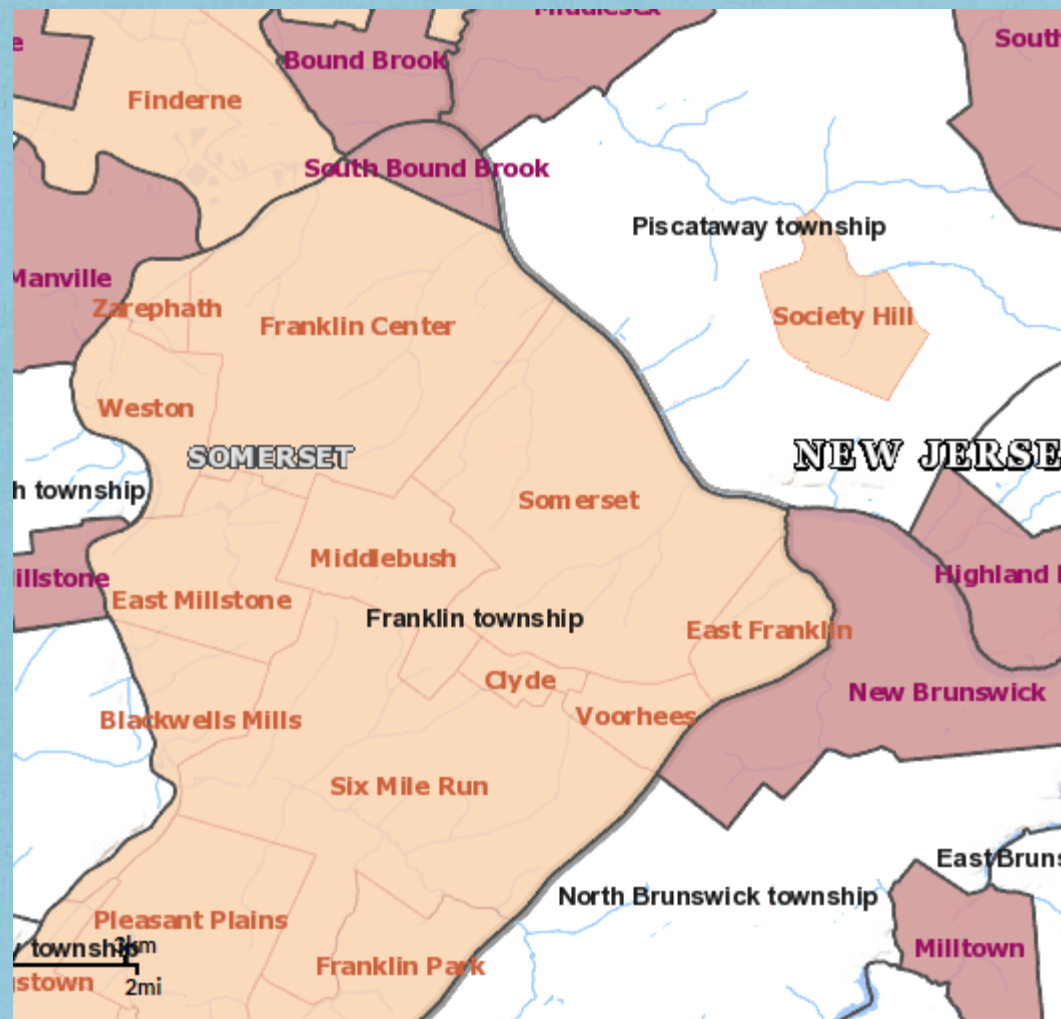


CDP's cannot be within another Place

Place = something incorporated other than a township (or township-style) gov't.

But, CDP's can exist within:

MCD (Minor Civil Division)= Township, or "town" in NY State and New England.



Mixing Place and CDP

-Available at a State Level

-Co-mingled in the Census Bureau's mind

The screenshot shows a web interface with three main steps:

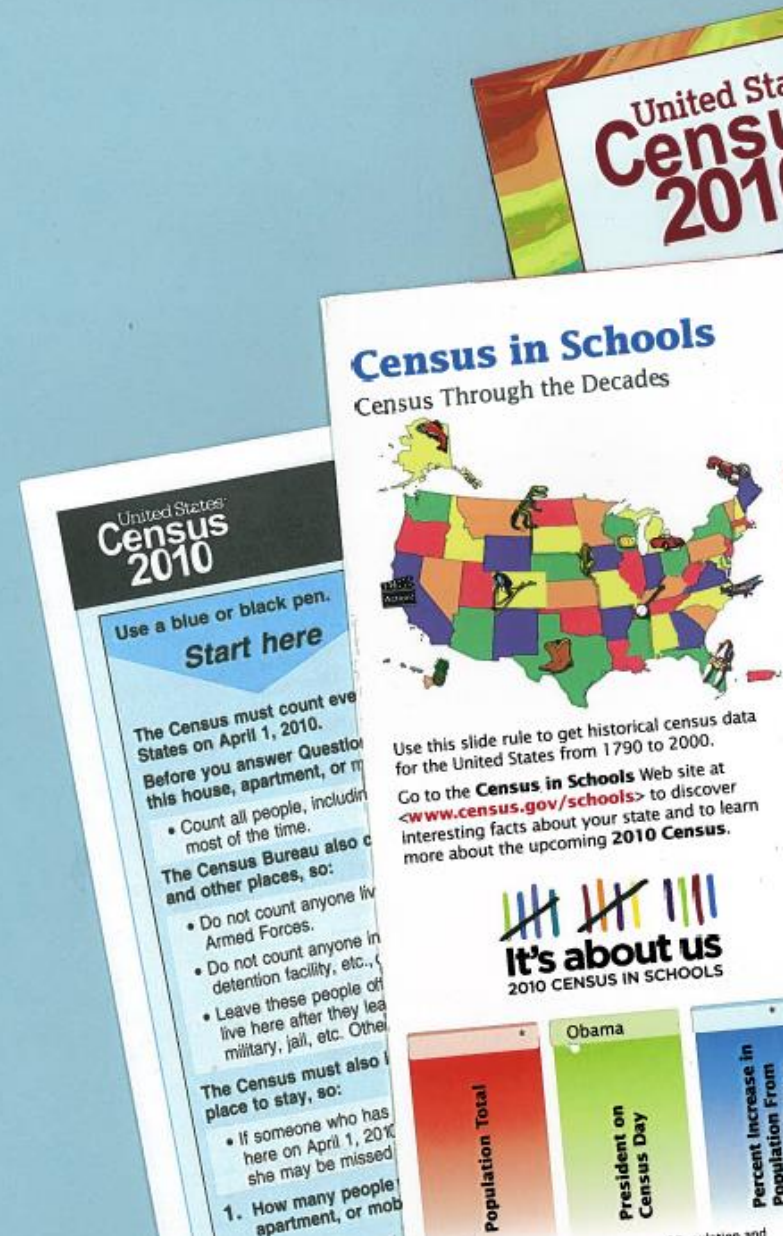
- Select a geographic type:** A dropdown menu is set to "..... Place - 160".
- Select a state:** A dropdown menu is set to "New Jersey".
- Select one or more geographic areas and click **Add to Your Selections**:** A list of geographic areas is shown in a scrollable box:
 - All Places within New Jersey
 - Absecon city, New Jersey
 - Allamuchy CDP, New Jersey
 - Allamuchy-Panther Valley CDP, New Jersey
 - Allendale borough, New Jersey
 - Allenhurst borough, New Jersey
 - Allentown borough, New Jersey
 - Allenwood CDP, New Jersey
 - Alloway CDP, New Jersey
 - Alpha borough, New Jersey

At the bottom, there are two buttons: "ADD TO YOUR SELECTIONS" and "ABOUT THIS GEOGRAPHY". Below the buttons, a note reads: "Didn't find your geographic type? Click the 'all geographic types' radio button."

Decennial vs. ACS

■ Decennial Census

- A snapshot every 10 years
- Official count of the population
- Basic Characteristics.
- In tables “2010 Data” or “SF-2, -3, -4, etc.”
- Block-level availability



DECENNIAL VS. ACS



■ American Community Survey

- A moving picture: monthly
- Sample count based on population thresholds.
- “Deep” Characteristics: Social, Demographic, Economic, Housing
- In tables, refer to: “B-, C-, S-, and DP” id’s
- CDP data available!

ACS

■ Social Characteristics (DP02)

- Educational Attainment
- Marital Status
- Fertility
- Grandparents/Caregivers
- Veterans
- Disability
- Place of Birth
- Citizenship Status
- Language
- Ancestry/Tribal
- School Enrolment
- Degree

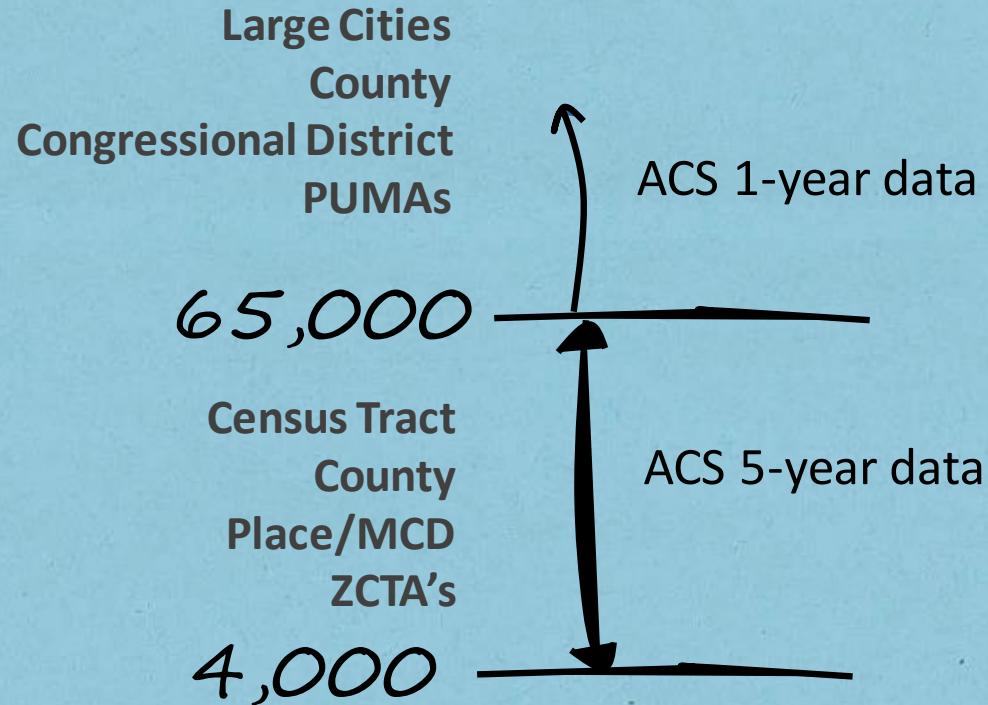




■ Economic Characteristics (DP03)

- Income & Earnings
- Class of Worker
- Employment Status
- Occupation
- Industry
- Commute
- Place of Work
- Health Insurance
- Food stamps/SNAP

Thresholds for ACS data



Geographies available – large MOE's

How to use Census Data

1. Geography (State, Co., ZIP or Tract)



2. Subject (Demographic, Economic, etc.)



3. Time Frame (2000,2010, 2009-14 ACS)

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