

American FactFinder: Finding block data

Question

How do I find Census 2000 data for my block (or any block) in American FactFinder?

Answer

Data for blocks are only available in American FactFinder from Census 2000 Summary File 1, the Census 2000 Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171) Summary File, and the Census 2000 Summary Files for American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Summary File 1 block data by county is available in the Download Center.

- Select Download Center from the left navigation menu on the American FactFinder main page.
- Select Census 2000 Summary File 1.
- Select all blocks in a County. Choose a state and county.
- Choose all or selected tables.
- State the Download. Select open or save for your file. See FAQ 990 for more information on using the Download Center in AFF.

Block Data using Data Sets

1. Select Data Sets from the left navigation menu on the AFF main page.
2. Select Decennial Census.
3. Select Summary File 1 (default) and Detailed Tables from the list of options to the right of the data set name.
4. Select Geography - Choose block as the geographic type from the first drop down box.
5. The next selections are:
 - select a state from the list
 - select a county,
 - select a census tract,
 - select a block group,
 - select the block(s).

Select your table(s) from the list of tables, by using the by subject list or the by keyword search. Add the table(s) to the selection box. Click Show Result.

If your only interest is to find a specific block number, click on the address search link located on the lower left side of the AFF main page. Question 15 contains information on how to find a census tract or block number.

NOTE: A block is the smallest geographic unit for which the Census Bureau tabulates 100-percent data. It is a subdivision of a census tract. Many blocks correspond to individual city blocks bounded by streets, but blocks--especially in rural areas--may include many square miles and may have some boundaries that are not streets. The Census Bureau established blocks covering the entire nation for the first time in 1990. Previous censuses back to 1940 had blocks established only for part of the nation. Over 8 million blocks are identified for Census 2000.