

# Quick List:

## Comparing the American Community Survey (ACS) with the 2000 Census Long Form

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Resources for accessing data in real time  
<http://www.ca.uky.edu/snarl>

Even though most of the questions in the American Community Survey are similar to what was in the 2000 Census Long Form, there are also important differences. This means that comparing data between the two sources is not always possible.

*The American Community Survey can change year to year.  
For the most up-to-date information on comparing data,  
always check the Census Bureau's website on the American Community Survey.*

Copies of this handout and others are available online at: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/snarl>. Just click on "Kentucky: By the Numbers."

(For details, go to: [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance\\_for\\_data\\_users/comparing\\_data](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance_for_data_users/comparing_data))

### **"DO NOT COMPARE"**

*(Questions were not asked in the 2000 Decennial Census Long Form)*

Marital History  
Fertility  
Education: Field of Degree  
Veteran Status: Service-Connected Disability Status  
Veteran Status: Service-Connected Disability Ratings  
Food Stamp Benefit  
Health Insurance

### **"DO NOT COMPARE"**

*(Questions differ too much)*

Residence 1 Year Ago (Migration)  
Relationship to Householder  
Household/Family Type  
Subfamilies  
Disability: Hearing / Vision difficulty  
                    Ambulatory / Self-Care difficulty  
                    Independent Living difficulty  
Real Estate Taxes  
Gross Rent as a Percentage of Household Income  
Contract and Gross Rent  
Occupants per Room  
Vacancy Status of Housing

### **"Compare with Caution"**

*(Differences can affect comparisons)*

**Age and Sex**  
Age

**Race**  
Race

**Hispanic Origin**  
Hispanic or Latino Origin

**Poverty**  
Poverty Status of Families and People in Families  
Poverty Status of All People in the Poverty Universe

**Income (Households and Families)**  
Household and Family Incomes  
Sources of Income (households)

**Earnings and Income (Individuals)**  
Per Capita Income  
Earnings (people)  
Income (people)

**Employment Status; Work Experience; Labor Force**  
Employment Status

**Industry & Occupation**  
Class of Worker  
Industry  
Occupation

**Housing**  
Value of Property  
Telephone Service  
Selected Monthly Owner Costs  
Rooms  
Plumbing Facilities  
Owner Costs as a Percentage of Household Income  
Kitchen Facilities  
Bedrooms

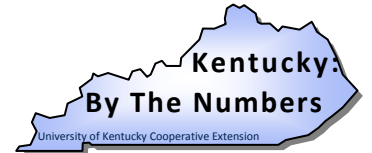
**Group Quarters**  
Group Quarters Population

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For more information on comparing data from these two sources, see:  
***Cautionary Tales: Comparing the American Community Survey with Data from the Decennial Census.***

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### “Compare”

*(No additional information needed)*

#### **Foreign Born; Citizenship; Year of Entry; Nativity**

Citizenship Status

Nativity

#### **Place of Birth**

Place of Birth

#### **Journey to Work; Workers; Commuting**

Place of Work

Private Vehicle Occupancy

Time Leaving Home

Travel Time to Work

#### **Grandparents; Grandchildren**

Grandparents as Caregivers

#### **Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English**

Ability to Speak English

Language Spoken at Home

#### **Housing**

Cost of Utilities

House Heating Fuel

Monthly Rent

Tenure

Units in Structure

Vehicles Available

Year Moved In

Year Structure Built

### “Compare”

*(BUT, Additional information is needed)*

#### **Age and Sex**

Sex

#### **Ancestry**

Ancestry

#### **Foreign Born; Citizenship; Year of Entry; Nativity.**

Year of Entry

#### **Journey to Work; Workers; Commuting**

Means of Transportation to Work

#### **Marital Status and History**

Marital Status

#### **School Enrollment**

Type of School

School Enrollment

#### **Educational Attainment**

Educational Attainment

#### **Veteran Status**

Period of Military Service

Veteran Status

#### **Employment Status; Work Experience; Labor Force**

Hours Worked

Weeks Worked

#### **Housing**

Mortgage Status

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