

Internet Research Projects

Chapter 14: Minority Groups and U.S. Society: Themes, Patterns, and the Future

Alternate Instructions for Locating Groups with the American Community Survey 2012, Three-Year Estimates

The Census Bureau website is complex and not all pathways lead to the desired goal. If you have trouble finding information for any of the groups listed in the Internet Research Projects in Chapter 2 and Chapters 6-10, try these alternate instructions. There is a lot of “clicking” required so be patient!

1. Go to the official U.S. Census Bureau website at www.census.gov
2. Click “Data” from the list of options at the top of the home page and then click “Data Tools and Apps”
3. Click “The American Fact Finder” – the top selection in the list on the page that opens
4. On the next page,
 - a. Click “Guided Search”
 - b. Click “Get me Started”
5. On the next page, click the button next to “I’m looking for information from a specific dataset” and then click “Next”
6. On the next page,
 - a. Click the down arrow in the box on the left called “Select a Program”
 - b. Click “American Community Survey”
 - c. Click “2012 ACS 3-year estimates”
 - d. Click “Add to your selections”
 - e. Click “Next”
7. On the next page,
 - a. Click the + sign next to “People”
 - b. You can click any of the selections listed next but, since we will generally want information on education, click the + sign next to “Education” and then click “Education Attainment”
 - c. Click “Next”
8. On the next page,
 - a. Click the down arrow next to “select a geographic type”
 - b. Click “United States”
 - c. Click “United States” again
 - d. Click “Add to your selection”
 - e. Click “Next”
9. On the next page, click “Select from Detailed Groups”

- 10.** In the window at the top of the next page labeled “Search for a race, ancestry, or tribe:” type the name of your group and then click “Go”
- 11.** Under “Race and Ethnic Group Result” click the square button at the far left and then click the “Add to Your Selections” button that lights up. Click “Next”
- 12.** The data set should be listed on the next page. Click on “Selected Population Profile in the United States to see the table and get your information