American Community Survey
U.S. Census Bureau
http://www.census.gov/acs/www/

About the Data
The American Community Survey (ACS) is a national survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau that gathers information on demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics. The survey samples approximately 3 million households annually, and the resulting data are useful for myriad community development issues and applications.

Methodology and Data Sources
The ACS questionnaire is distributed to approximately 3 million addresses annually to generate a nationally representative sample of households. Estimates are released each year covering the most recent one- and five-year periods. One-year estimates are most appropriate for large geographic areas, while only five-year estimates are available for the least populous areas.

Select Variables
- Age
- Ancestry
- Disability
- Educational Attainment
- Employment
- Household Structure
- Housing Unit Size and Type
- Income
- Poverty
- Race/Ethnicity
- Rent and Mortgage Costs
- School Enrollment
- Sex
- Tenure
- Veteran Status

Additional Resources
For more information, please refer to the following online resources:
- ACS Handbooks for Data Users
  http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/handbooks.html
- ACS Training Presentations
  http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/training-presentations.html
Accessing This Data Set
ACS data can be accessed in a variety of ways, but the primary platform is through American FactFinder at http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml.

Contact Information
Customer Help Center: 1-800-923-8282
For online help, go to https://ask.census.gov/.

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