

# The ACS Statistical Analyzer

## INTRODUCTION

The American Community Survey (ACS) annually collects socio-economic and commuting data from a sample of housing units that is much smaller than the long-form survey during the decennial census. Estimates from the ACS may be used individually for indicating the condition of a geographic area or population in the area. They also may be used jointly for indicating differences in the conditions between different geographic areas or different groups or for indicating changes over time in the condition of a given geographic area or for a given sub-population.

Estimates from all surveys include some amount of error due to sampling, and the amount of error in estimates from the ACS is significantly greater than estimates from the traditional long-form survey. In "A Compass for Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data: What Generalists Need to Know, October 2008," the U.S. Census Bureau has the following guidance to using estimates from the ACS for both of the above purposes:

"As the ACS estimates are based on a sample survey of the U.S. population, information about the sampling error associated with the estimates must be taken into account when analyzing individual estimates or comparing pairs of estimates across areas, population subgroups, or time periods."

This *ACS Statistical Analyzer* helps users of ACS estimates follow this guidance of the U.S. Census Bureau. ACS estimates here include not only estimates in the published ACS tables at American FactFinder, but also those estimates from the Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) derived from these published estimates or CTPP estimates, and those derived from any ACS Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS).

Although the *ACS Statistical Analyzer* focuses on ACS estimates, it also deals with Census 2000 estimates. Users of ACS estimates often want to compare current conditions as reflected in ACS estimates with the conditions in 2000, as reflected in Census 2000 estimates. Census 2000 estimates include not only those in the published tables at American FactFinder, but also those from CTPP tables, those derived from the published tables or CTPP tables, and those derived from a 2000 PUMS.

## FUNCTIONS

The *ACS Statistical Analyzer* serves 4 functions (A, B, C, and D) and 15 sub-functions to derive measures of precision for these estimates and their sub-estimates:

- A. To derive other precision measures for published ACS estimates at American FactFinder or ACS estimates in the Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP). Estimates from these two sources come with a margin of error (MOE):
  - 01 - For up to 200 ACS estimates from the same table (**A01 - ACS**)
- B. To derive the precision measures for individual estimates that do not already have an MOE. These include published Census 2000 estimates, CTPP 2000 estimates, individual user-derived estimates from an ACS PUMS, and user-derived estimates from a Census 2000 PUMS.
  - 02 - For frequencies, totals, averages, or medians from an ACS PUMS using replicate estimates (**B02 - ACS Direct**)
  - 03 - For averages from Census 2000 or a PUMS using a distribution table (**B03 - Average**)
  - 04 - For medians from Census 2000 or a PUMS using a distribution table (**B04 - Median**)
  - 05 - For frequencies from Census 2000 or a PUMS using design factors (**B05 - Frequency**)
  - 06 - For percentages from 2000 Census or a PUMS using design factors (**B06 - Percentage**)
- C. To derive the precision measures of new estimates obtained from two or more original estimates that already have an MOE. These estimates can be published ACS estimates, CTPP estimates, estimates whose precision measures are derived using Function B, or estimates whose precision measures are derived using another sub-function of this function. This function covers estimates derived with one of the following six operations:
  - 07 - Sum of up to 200 estimates (**C07 - Sum**)
  - 08 - Difference of two estimates (**C08 - Diff**)
  - 09 - Percent difference of two estimates (**C09 - %Diff**)
  - 10 - Ratio of one estimate over another (**C10 - Ratio**)
  - 11 - Percentage of one estimate in another (**C11 - Percentage**)
  - 12 - Product of two estimates (**C12 - Product**)

- D. To compare pairs of two estimates that already have an MOE for up to 200 pairs. The estimates may be published ACS estimates, CTPP estimates, estimates whose precision measures are derived using Function B, or estimates that are derived along with their precision measures using Function C. This function covers three types of comparison:
- 13 - One ACS estimate with another (**D13 - ACS&ACS**)
  - 14 - One ACS estimate with a Census 2000 estimate using an actual MOE (**D14 - ACS&2000 Actual**)
  - 15 - One ACS estimate with a Census 2000 estimate using an assumed MOE (**D15 - ACS&2000 Assumed**)

**Joint and Alternative Uses.** More than one sub-function may need to be used for some analyses, and some sub-functions may be used to serve a purpose other than the original one. For details on these joint and alternative uses, double-click the icon to the right:

**Concepts.** The precision measures for any estimate include its MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval. For users who want to know how they may be used or who are not familiar with the basic statistical concepts used, double-click the icon to the right:

**Applicability.** These functions and sub-functions do not apply to certain estimates, including place of work characteristics, totals and total-based percentages, certain estimates to be compared. For details, double-click the icon to the right:

**Data Needs.** The data needs for each sub-function are listed at the top of each worksheet for that sub-function. Most of these data needs are self-explanatory. Double-click the icon to the right for details about some of these data needs.

**Formulas.** For users who are interested in the statistical procedures and formulas used in each of these functions and sub-functions, double-click the icon to the right:

**Sources and Forms of Estimates.** The following table summarizes the sources and forms of estimates that are applicable for each sub-function

Sub-Functions	ACS Estimates					Census 2000	
	Obtained from American FactFinder	Obtained from CTPP	Derived from a PUMS - Using Replicate Estimates	Derived from a PUMS - Using a Design Factor	Derived from Function B or C	Obtained from American FactFinder	Obtained from CTPP
A01	All Forms	All Forms					
B02			Frequencies Totals Averages Medians				
B03				Averages		Averages	Averages
B04				Medians		Medians	Medians
B05				Frequencies		Frequencies	Frequencies
B06				Percentages		Percentages	Percentages
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C11	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms
C12	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms
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D14	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms
D15	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms	All Forms

## ORGANIZATION

This template consists of this cover worksheet, one worksheet for each of the 15 sub-functions, and one worksheet containing design factors for 2000. These sub-function worksheets are named as in the parentheses for each sub-function described above. Different colors are used to code the functions across different functions. The tabs for the sub-functions under the same function are coded with the same color. The tabs also are named the same way as the sub-functions are numbered above. The worksheet for 2000 design factors is named as 2000 DF.

Cells in each worksheet are protected except those for input data. The user cannot see the formulas used in the protected cells. Nor can they edit the protected cells. However, the user can still format these cells, columns, and rows.

## CREDITS

Xuehao Chu of the Center for Urban Transportation Research developed the *ACS Statistical Analyzer*. It is based on Excel 2003 and on the standard procedures and formulas presented in the insert in cell K52. The development was funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) National Center for Transit Research. Daniel Harris was the FDOT Project Manager. For more information, contact Xuehao Chu at (813) 974-4343, [xchu@cutr.usf.edu](mailto:xchu@cutr.usf.edu) or Daniel Harris at (850) 414-4532, [daniel.harris@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.harris@dot.state.fl.us).

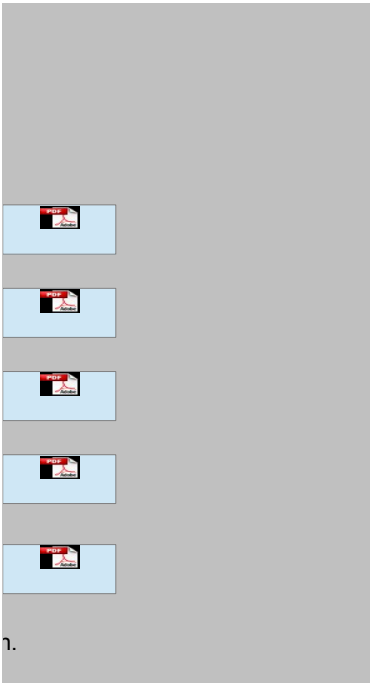
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# Individual Published ACS Estimates

## INTRODUCTION

### USAGE

For each of up to 200 ACS estimates from the same table from American FactFinder:

- To determine its relative reliability.
- To derive its confidence interval at the 90% confidence level.
- To derive its MOE at an alternative confidence level (i.e., other than 90%).
- To derive its confidence interval at the alternative confidence level.

### DATA NEEDS

Enter the following data items into the white cells under **INPUT AND ANALYSIS**

- Desired alternative confidence for all estimates in cell **E64**.
  - + Keep the cell blank if no alternative confidence
  - + Enter 95 rather than 0.95 for 95%
- Year of data for all estimates in cell **E66**.
  - + Use 2006 for multi-year data from American FactFinder or for CTPP estimates
  - + Use actual year for single-year data from American FactFinder
- Up to 200 ACS estimates in range **E82:E181**.
- 90% MOE for each ACS estimate (without +/-) in range **F82:F181**.
- Description of the table in range **D71:L74**.

### CONDITIONS

The entered data must meet these conditions:

- MOE values are from tables at American FactFinder for the CTPP.
- If from American FactFinder, the up-to-200 estimates are for the same data

### ENTERING DATA

The following are suggestions:

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select the cell and click **Clear**. Do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and results.

## EXAMPLE

### DESIRED ALTERNATIVE CONFIDENCE

95%

### YEAR OF DATA (2006 is entered because the data are from 2006 ACS)

2006

### OTHER DATA INPUT AND RESULTS

- ACS or CTPP Table
- Universe
- Dataset
- Geography

ACS or CTPP
B08121. MEDIAN EARNINGS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS BY MEANS OF WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER WITH EARNINGS
2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
Miami City, Florida

### Other Input

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Description of Estimates

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		Interval Confidence @ 90% Confidence	Confidence Interval













# Precision Measures for ACS PUMS Estimates

## Using Replicate Estimates

### INTRODUCTION

USAGE -- To determine precision measures for ACS PUMS estimates using replicate estimates.

DATA NEEDS -- Enter the following data items into the white cells under INPUT:

- Desired confidence level.
  - + Enter 95 rather than 0.95 for 95%
- Up to 20 estimates (i.e., Full Weight estimates).
- Description of the estimates.
- 80 replicate estimates obtained from using 80 replicate weights for each Full Weight estimate.

### CONDITIONS

- Do not use this sub-function for an estimate if it is zero or a controlled frequency.
- Do not use the results from this sub-function for a median if the estimated MOE is zero.
- Use the following for these special cases:
  - + **B03 - Average** if the estimate of interest is an average
  - + **B04 - Median** if the estimate of interest is a median
  - + **B05 - Frequency** if the estimate of interest is a frequency

ENTERING INPUT DATA -- The following are suggestions:

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu. Do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

### INPUT AND RESULTS

#### RESULTS

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- Desired confidence.
- Full Weight estimates in row **66** for up to 20 characteristics.
- Description of the estimates in row **65**.
- 80 replicate estimates from using 80 replicate weights in rows **67-146** for each Full Wei

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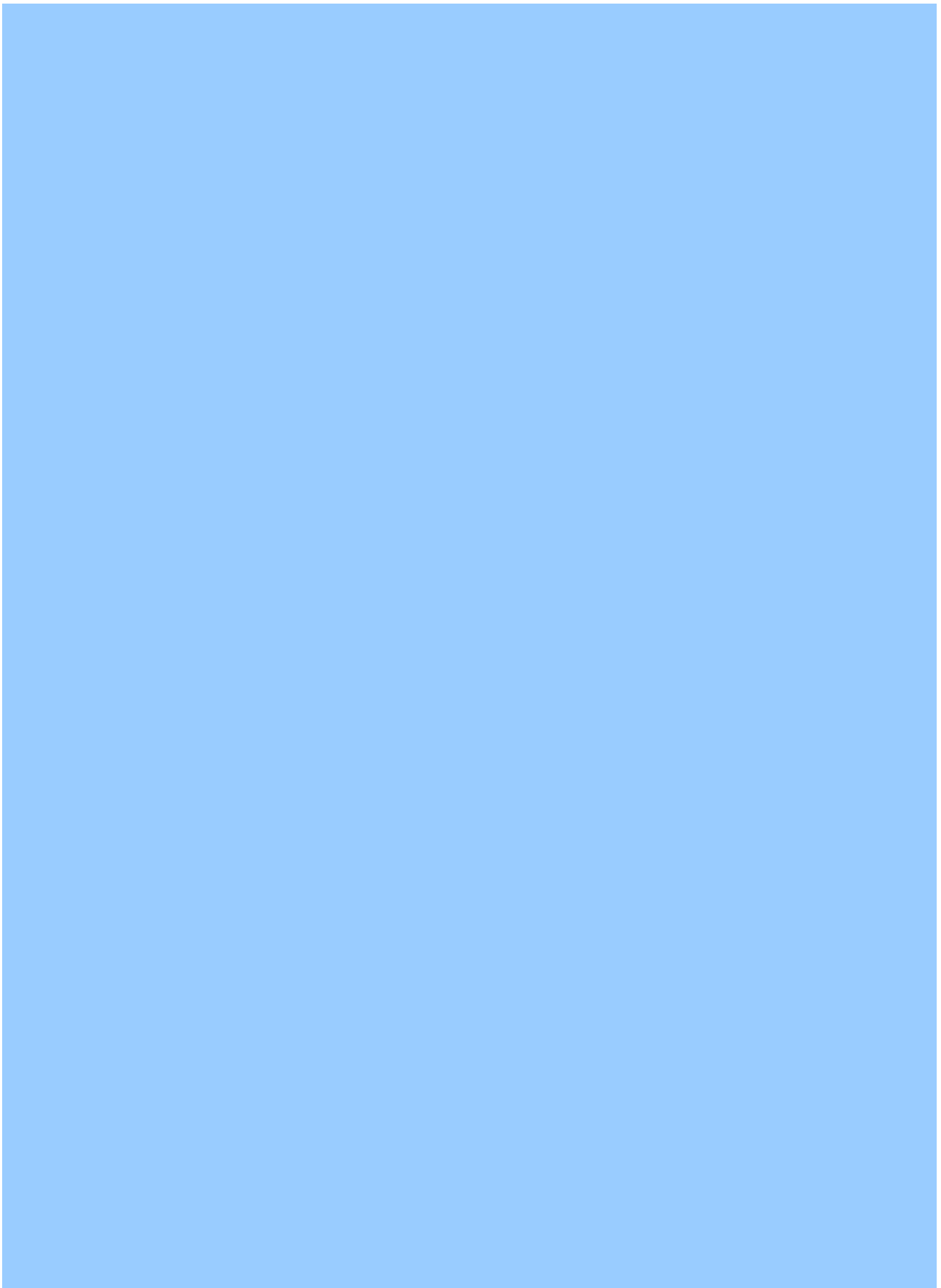






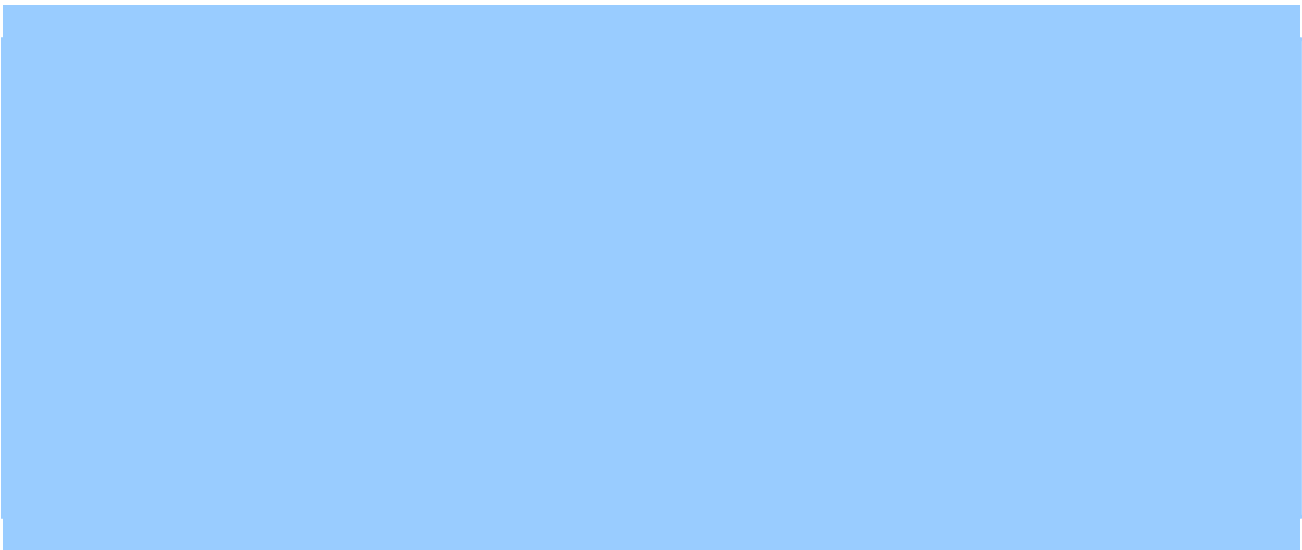


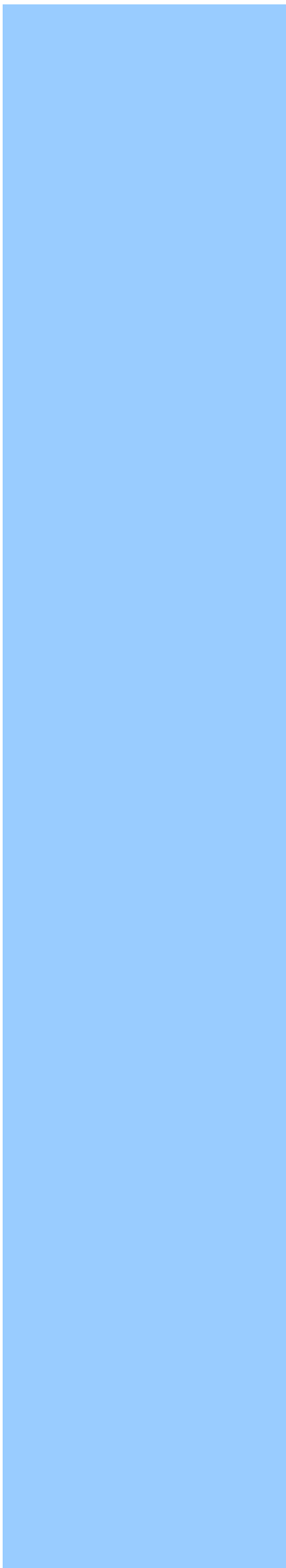




















# Precision Measures for Estimates of Averages

## Using a Distribution Table

### INTRODUCTION

USAGE -- *To determine the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval for one estimate of average*

DATA NEEDS -- *Enter the following data items into the white cells under **INPUT**:*

- Source of estimates:
  - + Published Census 2000, ACS PUMS, 2000 PUMS, or CTPP
  - + Duration of ACS Period (1, 3, or 5 Years) if ACS PUMS is the source
  - + Size of the PUMS (1% or 5%) if 2000 PUMS is the source
- Desired level of confidence.
  - + Enter 95 rather than 0.95 for 95%
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if estimates are based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the state where the geographic area is located.
- A distribution table for the subject measure.

### CONDITIONS

- The distribution table may have up to 25 ranges.
- For ACS PUMS data:
  - + Limit to 2005 or later
  - + Use sub-function **B02 - ACS Direct** to get exact measures of precision.

OBTAINING INPUT DATA -- *Refer to the inserted pdf file at K50 in the Cover worksheet for guidance.*

ENTERING INPUT DATA -- *The following are suggestions:*

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

### EXAMPLE

OBJECTIVE -- *Derive measures of precision for the average commuting time in 2000 in Miami City, Flor*

- Detailed Table QT-P23 shows an average commuting time of 28.1 minutes.

SOURCE -- *Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:*

- Published estimates from Census 2000 = **1**.
- User-derived estimates from an ACS PUMS = **2**.
- User-derived estimates from a 2000 PUMS = **3**.

DURATION OF ACS PERIOD (Years) -- *Enter one of the following three values into this white cell if SO*

- One-Year Period = **1**.
- Three-Year Period = **3**.

- Five-Year Period = 5.

SIZE OF 2000 PUMS -- Enter one of the following two values into this white cell if SOURCE = 3:

- 1% PUMS = 1.

- 5% PUMS = 5.

OTHER INPUT -- Enter the following other input into the appropriate white cells:

- The estimate of an average.

- Desired confidence for the MOE of the estimate.

- Percent in sample for the geographic area if the estimate is based on Census 2000.

- Design factor for the subject characteristic and the geographic area.

DISTRIBUTION TABLE -- Enter the distribution table as follows:

- Description distribution ranges in column **D**.

- The smallest value of each range in column **E**.

- The largest value of each range in column **F**.

- The number of units for each range in column **G**.

- The word "Last" in column **C** of the row where the last range of the distribution table is entered.

#	Last Row	Range Description	Smallest Value
1		Less than 5 minutes	0
2		5 to 9 minutes	5
3		10 to 14 minutes	10
4		15 to 19 minutes	15
5		20 to 24 minutes	20
6		25 to 29 minutes	25
7		30 to 34 minutes	30
8		35 to 39 minutes	35
9		40 to 44 minutes	40
10		45 to 59 minutes	45
11		60 to 89 minutes	60
12	Last	90 or more minutes	90

## RESULTS

Description of the Average	Average
Average commuting time in 2000, Miami City, Florida	28.10

## INPUT

SOURCE -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:

- Published estimates from Census 2000 = 1.

- User-derived estimates from an ACS PUMS = 2.

- User-derived estimates from a 2000 PUMS = 3.

**DURATION OF ACS PERIOD** (Years) -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell if **SO**

- One-Year Period = **1**.
- Three-Year Period = **3**.
- Five-Year Period = **5**.

**SIZE OF 2000 PUMS** -- Enter one of the following two values into this white cell if **SOURCE = 3**:

- 1% PUMS = **1**.
- 5% PUMS = **5**.

**OTHER INPUT** -- Enter the following other input into the appropriate white cells:

- The estimate of an average.
- Desired confidence for the MOE of the estimate.
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if the estimate is based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the subject characteristic and the geographic area.

**DISTRIBUTION TABLE** -- Enter the distribution table as follows:

- Description distribution ranges in column **D**.
- The smallest value of each range in column **E**.
- The largest value of each range in column **F**.
- The number of units for each range in column **G**.
- The word "Last" in column **C** of the row where the last range of the distribution table is entered.

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19	21,137
24	20,206
29	6,890
34	24,268
39	2,428
44	4,059
59	8,211
89	7,703
	4,245

<b>MOE</b>	<b>Relative Reliability</b>	<b>Confidence Interval</b>		<b>Standard Error</b>
		<b>Lower Bound</b>	<b>Upper Bound</b>	
0.50	0.9%	27.60	28.60	0.26

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MOE	Relative Reliability	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Standard Error

# Precision Measures for Estimates of Medians

## Using a Distribution Table

### INTRODUCTION

USAGE -- *To determine the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval for one estimate of median household income.*

DATA NEEDS -- *Enter the following data items into the white cells under **INPUT**:*

- Source of estimates:
  - + Published Census 2000, ACS PUMS, 2000 PUMS, or CTPP estimates
  - + Duration of ACS Period (1, 3, or 5 Years) if ACS PUMS is the source
  - + Size of the PUMS (1% or 5%) if 2000 PUMS is the source
- Desired level of confidence.
  - + Enter 95 rather than 0.95 for 95%
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if estimates are based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the state where the geographic area is located.
- A distribution table for the subject measure.

CONDITIONS -- *The distribution table may have up to 25 ranges. For ACS PUMS data, they should be based on the 2000 PUMS.*

OBTAINING INPUT DATA -- *Refer to the inserted pdf file at K50 in the Cover worksheet for guidance.*

ENTERING INPUT DATA -- *The following are suggestions:*

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu and then **Clear**. Do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

### EXAMPLE

OBJECTIVE -- *Derive measures of precision for median household income in 1999 in Miami City, Florida.*

- Detailed Table P53 shows that median household income in Miami City, Florida was \$23,483 in 1999.

SOURCE -- *Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:*

- Published estimates from Census 2000 = **1**.
- User-derived estimates from an ACS PUMS = **2**.
- User-derived estimates from a 2000 PUMS = **3**.

DURATION OF ACS PERIOD (Years) -- *Enter one of the following three values into this white cell if SOURCE = 2:*

- One-Year Period = **1**.
- Three-Year Period = **3**.
- Five-Year Period = **5**.

SIZE OF 2000 PUMS -- *Enter one of the following two values into this white cell if SOURCE = 3:*

- 1% PUMS = **1**.

- 5% PUMS = 5.

**OTHER INPUT** -- Enter the following other input into the appropriate white cells:

- The estimate of a median.
- Desired confidence for the MOE.
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if the estimate is based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the subject characteristic and the geographic area.

**DISTRIBUTION TABLE** -- Enter the distribution table as follows:

- Description distribution ranges in column **D**.
- The smallest value of each range in column **E**.
- The number of units for each range in column **F**.
- The word "Last" in column **C** of the row where the last range of the distribution table is entered.

Last Row	Range Description	Smallest Value
1	Less than \$10,000	0
2	\$10,000 to \$14,999	10000
3	\$15,000 to \$19,999	15000
4	\$20,000 to \$24,999	20000
5	\$25,000 to \$29,999	25000
6	\$30,000 to \$34,999	30000
7	\$35,000 to \$39,999	35000
8	\$40,000 to \$44,999	40000
9	\$45,000 to \$49,999	45000
10	\$50,000 to \$59,999	50000
11	\$60,000 to \$74,999	60000
12	\$75,000 to \$99,999	75000
13	\$100,000 to \$124,999	100000
14	\$125,000 to \$149,999	125000
15	\$150,000 to \$199,999	150000
16	Last \$200,000 or more	200000

**RESULTS**

Description of the Median	Median
Median household income in 1999, Miami City, Florida	23,483.00

**INPUT**

**SOURCE** -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:

- Published estimates from Census 2000 = 1.
- User-derived estimates from an ACS PUMS = 2.
- User-derived estimates from a 2000 PUMS = 3.

**DURATION OF ACS PERIOD** (Years) -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell if S

- One-Year Period = **1**.
- Three-Year Period = **3**.
- Five-Year Period = **5**.

**SIZE OF 2000 PUMS** -- Enter one of the following two values into this white cell if **SOURCE = 3**:

- 1% PUMS = **1**.
- 5% PUMS = **5**.

**OTHER INPUT** -- Enter the following other input into the appropriate white cells:

- The estimate of a median.
- Desired confidence for the MOE.
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if the estimate is based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the subject characteristic and the geographic area.

**DISTRIBUTION TABLE** -- Enter the distribution table as follows:

- Description distribution ranges in column **D**.
- The smallest value of each range in column **E**.
- The number of units for each range in column **F**.
- The word "Last" in column **C** of the row where the last range of the distribution table is entered.

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1,581
2,661

MOE	Relative Reliability	Confidence Interval		Standard Error
		Lower Bound	Upper Bound	
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		Confidence Interval		
MOE	Relative Reliability	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Standard Error

# Precision Measures for Estimates of Frequencies

## Using Design Factors

### INTRODUCTION

USAGE -- To determine the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval for up to 200 estimates.

DATA NEEDS -- Enter the following data items into the white cells under **INPUT AND RESULTS**

- Source of estimates:
  - + Published Census 2000, ACS PUMS, 2000 PUMS, or CTPP
  - + Duration of ACS Period (1, 3, or 5 Years) if ACS PUMS is the source
  - + Size of the PUMS (1% or 5%) if 2000 PUMS is the source
- Desired level of confidence.
  - + Enter 95 rather than 0.95 for 95%
- Size of the geographic area in the same unit as the estimate.
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if estimates are based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the state where the geographic area is located.

### CONDITIONS

- Estimates of frequencies are limited to the following:
  - + Persons, including population, workers, etc.
  - + Households
  - + Families
  - + Housing units
- The up to 200 estimates of frequencies are:
  - + from the same source of data (e.g., 1% 2000 PUMS)
  - + from the same geographic area
  - + about the same characteristic shown in a table of design factors

OBTAINING INPUT DATA -- Refer to the inserted pdf file at K50 in the Cover worksheet for guidance.

ENTERING INPUT DATA -- The following are suggestions:

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- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu and click **Clear**. Do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

### EXAMPLE

#### SETTING

Suppose that you want to tally a 5% 2000 PUMS for state A. Further, suppose that for county A the number of people is 131, 220. The sum of the PUMS weights for those people who are 16 years or older is 64, 610, which is the estimate of interest. What are the precision measures for this estimate at the 95% confidence level if the percent in sample is 12% and that the design factor for the relevant characteristic (employment status) is 1.5?

SOURCE -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:

- Published estimates from Census 2000 = **1**.
- User-derived estimates from an ACS PUMS = **2**.

- User-derived estimates from a 2000 PUMS = **3**.

DURATION OF ACS PERIOD (Years) -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:

- One-Year Period = **1**.
- Three-Year Period = **3**.
- Five-Year Period = **5**.

SIZE OF 2000 PUMS -- Enter one of the following two values into this white cell if SOURCE = **3**:

- 1% PUMS = **1**.
- 5% PUMS = **5**.

OTHER INPUT -- Enter the following other input into the appropriate white cells:

- Up to 100 estimates and their descriptions for the same geography obtained from the same source:
  - + Estimates in column **E**
  - + Description of estimates in column **D**
- Desired confidence for the MOE.
- Total size of the area in the same unit as the estimates (persons, households, or housing units).
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if estimates are based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the subject characteristic and the geographic area.

## RESULTS

Other Input		
Description of Estimate	Estimate	MOE
1 16+ civilian labor force in County A, State A	59,948.0	1,849.9

## INPUT AND RESULTS

SOURCE -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:

- Published estimates from Census 2000 = **1**.
- User-derived estimates from an ACS PUMS = **2**.
- User-derived estimates from a 2000 PUMS = **3**.

DURATION OF ACS PERIOD (Years) -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:

- One-Year Period = **1**.
- Three-Year Period = **3**.
- Five-Year Period = **5**.

SIZE OF 2000 PUMS -- Enter one of the following two values into this white cell if SOURCE = **3**:

- 1% PUMS = **1**.
- 5% PUMS = **5**.

OTHER INPUT -- Enter the following other input into the appropriate white cells:

- Up to 100 estimates and their descriptions for the same geography obtained from the same source:
  - + Estimates in column **E**
  - + Description of estimates in column **D**
- Desired confidence for the MOE.
- Total size of the area in the same unit as the estimates (persons, households, or housing units).

- Percent in sample for the geographic area if estimates are based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the subject characteristic and the geographic area.

**RESULTS**

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131,220
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Results			
Relative Reliability	Confidence Interval		Standard Error
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	
1.6%	58,098.1	61,797.9	943.85

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# Precision Measures for Estimates of Percentages

## Using Design Factors

### INTRODUCTION

USAGE -- *To determine the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval for up to 200*

- Published estimates of percentages from Census 2000 at American FacFinder.
- User-derived estimates of percentages from an ACS PUMS.
- User-derived estimates of percentages from a Census 2000 PUMS.

DATA NEEDS -- *Enter the following data items into the white cells under **INPUT** and **RESULTS**:*

- Source of estimates
  - + Published Census 2000, ACS PUMS, or 2000 PUMS
  - + Duration of ACS Period (1, 3, or 5 Years) if ACS PUMS is the source
  - + Size of the PUMS (1% or 5%) if 2000 PUMS is the source
- Up to 200 estimates of percentages.
- Base of the percentage.
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if estimates are based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the subject characteristic and the geographic area.

### CONDITIONS

- Estimates of frequencies are limited to the following:
  - + Persons, including population, workers, etc.
  - + Households
  - + Families
  - + Housing units
- The up to 200 estimates of frequencies are:
  - + from the same source of data (e.g., 1% 2000 PUMS)
  - + from the same geographic area
  - + about the same characteristic shown in a table of design factors

OBTAINING INPUT DATA -- *Refer to the inserted pdf file at K50 in the Cover worksheet for guidance.*

ENTERING INPUT DATA -- *The following are suggestions:*

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu and the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

### EXAMPLE

#### SETTING

For Miami City, FL, the Census 2000 Summary File 3 reports 126,539 workers 16 years or older in 2000 commuted to work by public transportation (excluding taxi), implying that 11.1 percent of the workers commuted to work by public transportation. The base of the percentage is 126,539 workers in 2000. A total of 12.0 percent of the long-form sample. The design factor for Florida at this sampling rate is 1.4 for estimates related to metropolitan areas. At the 90% confidence level, what are the precision measures for this estimate?

SOURCE -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:

- Published estimates from Census 2000 = **1**.
- User-derived estimates from an ACS PUMS = **2**.
- User-derived estimates from a 2000 PUMS = **3**.

DURATION OF ACS PERIOD (Years) -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell if SOURCE

- One-Year Period = **1**.
- Three-Year Period = **3**.
- Five-Year Period = **5**.

SIZE OF 2000 PUMS -- Enter one of the following two values into this white cell if SOURCE = **3**:

- 1% PUMS = **1**.
- 5% PUMS = **5**.

OTHER INPUT -- Enter the following other input into the appropriate white cells:

- Up to 200 estimates and their descriptions for the same geography obtained from the same source as
  - + Estimates in column **E**
  - + Description of estimates in column **D**
- Desired confidence for the MOE of all estimates.
- Base used in calculating the estimate of all percentages.
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if estimates are based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the subject characteristic and the geographic area.

## RESULTS

Other Input	
Description of Estimate	Estimate
1 % workers commuting by public transportation in 2000, Miami City	11.1

## INPUT AND RESULTS

SOURCE -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell:

- Published estimates from Census 2000 = **1**.
- User-derived estimates from an ACS PUMS = **2**.
- User-derived estimates from a 2000 PUMS = **3**.

DURATION OF ACS PERIOD (Years) -- Enter one of the following three values into this white cell if SOURCE

- One-Year Period = **1**.
- Three-Year Period = **3**.
- Five-Year Period = **5**.

SIZE OF 2000 PUMS -- Enter one of the following two values into this white cell if SOURCE = **3**:

- 1% PUMS = **1**.
- 5% PUMS = **5**.

OTHER INPUT -- Enter the following other input into the appropriate white cells:

- Up to 200 estimates and their descriptions for the same geography obtained from the same source as
  - + Estimates in column **E**
  - + Description of estimates in column **D**



- Desired confidence for the MOE of all estimates.
- Base used in calculating the estimate of all percentages.
- Percent in sample for the geographic area if estimates are based on Census 2000.
- Design factor for the subject characteristic and the geographic area.

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		Lower Bound	Upper Bound	
0.45	2.5%	10.6	11.6	0.28

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# Sum of Two or More Estimates

## INTRODUCTION

### USAGE

- To derive a new estimate from summing up to 200 original estimates that already have an MOE.
- To derive the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval of the new estimates.

### DATA NEEDS

- Desired confidence for the MOE of all sums.
- The original estimates to be summed.
- MOE for each original estimate.
- Confidence for the original estimates' MOE.
- If the original estimates are published ACS estimates at American FactFinder:
  - + Enter 90% as the confidence for the original estimates
  - + Year of data for the original estimates (actual year for single-years; 2006 for multiyears); blank otherwise.

### CONDITIONS

- The MOE of the original estimates is based on the same confidence level.
- If published ACS estimates at American FactFinder, the original estimates are based on ACS data.
- Not applicable to original estimates of averages, medians, or ratios.

### ENTERING INPUT DATA -- *The following are suggestions:*

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu; do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

## ANALYSIS

### DATA INPUT

- Desired confidence level for the MOE of the sum.
- Confidence for original estimates' MOE; 90% if published ACS estimates.
- Year of data if published ACS estimates; blank otherwise.


### RESULTS

Description of Sum	Sum	MOE

### OTHER DATA INPUT

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# Difference of Two Estima

## INTRODUCTION

### USAGE

- To derive the difference between two original estimates that already have an MOE.
- Diff = **Minuend** - **Subtrahend**.
- To derive the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval of the difference.

### DATA NEEDS

- Desired confidence for the difference's MOE.
- The original estimates.
- MOE for each original estimate.
- If an original estimate is a **published ACS** estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Year of data for the original estimate (actual year for single-years; 2006 for multiyears); blank
  - + Leave the cell for confidence blank
- If an original estimate is **not** a published ACS estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Confidence for the original estimate' MOE
  - + Leave the cell for year of data blank

### CONDITIONS

- The subtrahend is not part of the minuend.
- Use **B05 - Frequency** instead if:
  - + The subtrahend is part of the minuend (e.g., all persons - persons of Hispanic ethnicity)
  - + Estimates are frequencies (e.g., persons) not totals (e.g., total income)

### ENTERING INPUT DATA -- *The following are suggestions:*

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- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu a **Clear**. Do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

## ANALYSIS

### DATA INPUT

- Desired confidence level for the difference:
- Original estimates and related information:

	Description	Estimate	MOE
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### RESULTS

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Confidence; blank if published ACS	Year of data if published ACS; blank otherwise

Confidence Interval

Relative Reliability	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Standard Error	

# % Difference of Two Estimates

## INTRODUCTION

### USAGE

- To derive the % difference between two original estimates that already have an MOE.
- %Diff =  $100 * \frac{\text{Numerator} - \text{Denominator}}{\text{Denominator}}$
- To derive the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval of the % difference.

### DATA NEEDS

- Desired confidence for the % difference's MOE.
- The original estimates.
- MOE for each original estimate.
- If an original estimate is **published ACS** estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Year of data for the original estimate (actual year for single-years; 2006 for multiyears); blank
  - + Leave the cell for confidence blank
- If an original estimate is **not** a published ACS estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Confidence for the original estimate' MOE
  - + Leave the cell for year of data blank

### CONDITIONS

- The numerator is not part of the denominator.

### ENTERING INPUT DATA -- *The following are suggestions:*

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu **Clear**. Do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

## ANALYSIS

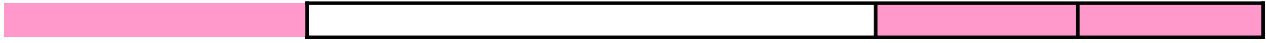
### DATA INPUT

- Desired confidence level for the % difference:
- Original estimates and related information:

	Description	Estimate	MOE
Numerator			
Denominator			

### RESULTS

Description	%Diff	MOE
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<b>Confidence level; blank if published ACS estimate</b>	<b>Year of data if published ACS; blank otherwise</b>

<b>Relative Reliability</b>	<b>Confidence Interval</b>		<b>Standard Error</b>
	<b>Lower Bound</b>	<b>Upper Bound</b>	



# Ratio of Two Estimates

## INTRODUCTION

### USAGE

- To derive the ratio of two estimates that already have an MOE.
- Ratio = 
$$\frac{\text{Numerator}}{\text{Denominator}}$$
- To derive the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval of the ratio.

### DATA NEEDS

- Desired confidence for the ratio's MOE.
- The original estimates.
- MOE for each original estimate.
- If an original estimate is a **published ACS** estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Year of data for the original estimate (actual year for single-years; 2006 for multiyears)
  - + Leave the cell for confidence blank
- If an original estimate is **not** a published ACS estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Confidence for the original estimate' MOE
  - + Leave the cell for year of data blank

### CONDITIONS

- The numerator is not part of the denominator.
- Use sub-function **C11 - Percentage** instead if the numerator is part of the denominator.

### ENTERING INPUT DATA -- *The following are suggestions:*

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the click **Clear**. Do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

## ANALYSIS

### DATA INPUT

- Desired confidence level for the ratio:
- Original estimates and related information:

	Description	Estimate	MOE
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### RESULTS

	Description	Ratio	MOE



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	<b>Confidence Interval</b>		
<b>Relative</b>	<b>Lower</b>	<b>Upper</b>	<b>Standard</b>

Reliability	Bound	Bound	Error

# Percentage Derived from Two Estimates

## INTRODUCTION

### USAGE

- To derive the percentage from two estimates that already have an MOE.
- Percentage =  $100 * \frac{\text{Numerator}}{\text{Denominator}}$
- To derive the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval of the percentage.

### DATA NEEDS

- Desired confidence for the percentage's MOE.
- The original estimates.
- MOE for each original estimate.
- If an original estimate is a **published ACS** estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Year of data for the original estimate (actual year for single-years; 2006 for multiyears); blank or
  - + Leave the cell for confidence blank
- If an original estimate is **not** a published ACS estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Confidence for the original estimate' MOE
  - + Leave the cell for year of data blank

### CONDITIONS

- The numerator is part of the denominator.
- Applicable to estimates of both frequencies and totals.

### ENTERING INPUT DATA -- *The following are suggestions:*

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu and **Clear**. Do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

## ANALYSIS

### DATA INPUT

- Desired confidence level for the percentage:
- Original estimates and related information:

	Description	Estimate	MOE
Numerator			
Denominator			

### RESULTS

	Description	Percentage	MOE

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	<b>Confidence Interval</b>		
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Reliability	Bound	Bound	Error	

# Product of Two Estimates

## INTRODUCTION

### USAGE

- To derive the product of two original estimates that already have an MOE.
- Product = **Estimate 1 \* Estimate 2.**
- To derive the MOE, relative reliability, and confidence interval of the product.

### DATA NEEDS

- Desired confidence for the product's MOE.
- The original estimates.
- MOE for each original estimate.
- If an original estimate is a **published ACS** estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Year of data for the original estimate (actual year for single-years; 2006 for multiyears); blank otherwise
  - + Leave the cell for confidence blank
- If an original estimate is **not** a published ACS estimate from American FactFinder:
  - + Confidence for the original estimate' MOE
  - + Leave the cell for year of data blank

### ENTERING INPUT DATA -- *The following are suggestions:*

- Paste as Values if numbers are copied and pasted.
- To delete any input data for another use, either use the **Delete** key or select **Edit** from the menu and then click on the cell.
- Do not use the space bar for deleting the content of any cell for input data.
- Adjust cells, columns, and/or rows to increase the readability of both input and output.

## ANALYSIS

### DATA INPUT

- Desired confidence level for the difference:
- Original estimates and related information:

	Description	Estimate	MOE
Estimate 1			
Estimate 2			

### RESULTS

Description	Product	MOE

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then click **Clear**.

<b>Confidence; blank if published ACS</b>	<b>Year of data if published ACS; blank otherwise</b>

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# Comparison of Two ACS Estimates

## INTRODUCTION

### USAGE

- To determine if the difference between each of up to 200 pairs of ACS estimates is statistically sign

### DATA NEEDS

- Desired confidence for comparison of all pairs in **E60**. Enter 95 rather than 0.95 for 95%.
- The estimates and their MOE for each pair of estimates to be compared.
  - + The estimates in columns E and H
  - + The MOE in columns F and I
  - + The confidence in columns G and J
- Enter 90% as the confidence for estimates from American FactFinder or CTPP.

### CONDITIONS

- *Two ACS Estimates within a Period*
  - + The two areas being compared do not overlap. That is, they do not share a common area.
  - + The two population groups do not overlap. That is, they do not include a common group.
- *Two ACS Estimates across Periods*
  - + Avoid comparing a single-year period with a multi-year period (e.g., one-year vs. three-year).
  - + Avoid comparing two multi-year periods of different lengths (e.g., three-year vs. five-year).
  - + Avoid comparing one pre-2006 and one post-2006 (inclusive of 2006) periods for an area with
  - + Avoid comparing two multi-year periods that overlap (e.g., 2005-2009 vs. 2006-2010).
- *Use a higher confidence level for the comparison*
  - + If more than one comparison is to be made, or
  - + If the impact of an incorrect conclusion is substantial

## EXAMPLE

DESIRED CONFIDENCE LEVEL

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OTHER INPUT AND RESULTS

		OTHER INPUTS
		Estimate 1 (desc
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#	Description	Estimates
1	Total:	157,077
2	Car, truck, or van:	123,089
3	Drove alone	109,364
4	Carpooled:	13,725
5	In 2-person carpool	10,102

6	In 3-person carpool	2,091
7	In 4-or-more-person carpool	1,532
8	Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	19,315
9	Bicycle	710
10	Walked	6,163
11	Taxicab, motorcycle, or other means	1,501
12	Worked at home	6,299

## INPUT AND RESULTS

DESIRED CONFIDENCE LEVEL

OTHER INPUT AND RESULTS

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Description below if desired)		Estimate 2 (description below if desired)			Results
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MOE	Confidence	Estimates	MOE	Confidence	Is the Difference Statistically Significant?
8,333	90%	153,953	8,081	90%	No
7,548	90%	125,086	6,956	90%	No
6,801	90%	110,063	6,203	90%	No
2,300	90%	15,023	3,004	90%	No
1,805	90%	11,589	2,402	90%	No

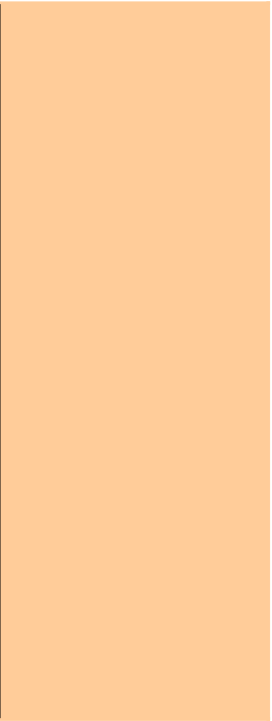










# One ACS Estimate and One 2000 Estimate

## Using Actual MOE for the 2000 Estimate

### INTRODUCTION

#### USAGE

- To determine if the difference between an ACS estimate and a Census 2000 estimate is statistically significant

#### DATA NEEDS

- Desired confidence for comparison in cell **E62**. Enter 95 rather than 0.95 for 95%.
- For the ACS estimate:
  - + The estimate in column E
  - + The MOE in column F
  - + The confidence in column G. Enter 90% for estimates from American FactFinder or CTPP.
- For the Census 2000 estimate:
  - + The estimate in column H
  - + MOE in column I
  - + Confidence in column J.

#### CONDITIONS

- *Avoid comparing estimates that may be affected by these differences:*
  - + Residence rule (usual residence for Census 2000 but two-month residence for the ACS)
  - + Reference period (prior calendar year for Census 2000 but prior 12 months for the ACS for income)
  - + Seasonable variation (April 1 for Census 2000 but continuous for the ACS)
- *The two estimates may be from any of the following sources:*
  - + Published at American FactFinder
  - + Available from the CTPP
  - + Derived within this template
  - + Derived from a PUMS
  - + Derived in any other way
- *Use a higher confidence level for the comparison*
  - + If more than one comparison is to be made, or
  - + If the impact of an incorrect conclusion is substantial

### EXAMPLE

#### QUESTION

- Does a difference truly exist (95% confidence) in the percent of workers who usually commute to work by public transportation in 2000 (Census 2000) and 2008 (ACS) for Miami City, FL?

The 2008 ACS reports that 12.3 percent (90% MOE = 0.9) of the workers 16 years or older in Miami City, FL in 2008. The Census 2000 Summary File 3 reports 126,539 workers 16 years or older in 2000 and 11.1 percent (90% MOE = 0.9) of the workers 16 years or older in 2000 (excluding taxi), implying that 11.1 percent of the workers commuted to work by public transportation in 2000.

To determine the actual 90% MOE for the Census 2000 estimate, additional information is used. T of the total population was in the long-form sample. The design factor for Florida at this sampling r Using sub-function **B06 - Percentage**, the actual 90% MOE for the Census 2000 estimate is deter

DESIRED CONFIDENCE LEVEL

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OTHER INPUT AND RESULTS

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		ACS Estimate (description below)	
		2008 1-Year	
#	Description	Estimates	MOE
1	% workers commuting by public transportation	12.3	0.90

### INPUT AND RESULTS

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# One ACS Estimate and One 2000 Estimate

## Using the ACS MOE for the 2000

### INTRODUCTION:

#### USAGE

- To determine if the difference between an ACS estimate and a Census 2000 estimate is statistically significant, use the ACS MOE for the 2000 estimate.

#### DATA NEEDS

- Desired confidence for comparison in cell **E72**. Enter 95 rather than 0.95 for 95%.
- For the ACS estimate:
  - + The estimate in column E
  - + The MOE in column F
  - + The confidence in column G. Enter 90% for estimates from American Fact Finder or CTPP.
- For the Census 2000 estimate, enter the estimate in column H.

#### CONDITIONS

- *The ACS estimates must not be obtained through population controls.*
- *Avoid comparing estimates that may be affected by these differences:*
  - + Residence rule (usual residence for Census 2000 but two-month residence for the ACS)
  - + Reference period (prior calendar year for Census 2000 but prior 12 months for the ACS)
  - + Seasonable variation (April 1 for Census 2000 but continuous for the ACS)
- *MOE for the Census 2000 estimate*
  - + If the difference between two estimates is found to be statistically significant, the result is statistically significant.
  - + If the difference between two estimates is found not to be statistically significant, the result is not statistically significant.
  - + If the user still wants to compare the two estimates when this worksheet finds their difference is not statistically significant, use **D14 - ACS&2000 Actual**.
- *The two estimates may be from any of the following sources:*
  - + Published at American Fact Finder
  - + Available from the CTPP
  - + Derived within this template
  - + Derived from a PUMS
  - + Derived in any other way
- *Use a higher confidence level for the comparison*
  - + If more than one comparison is to be made, or
  - + If the impact of an incorrect conclusion is substantial

#### ASSUMPTION

- *The MOE for the 2000 estimate is smaller than that for the ACS estimate.*
- *This is true for almost all cases. But there are a few exceptions.*
- *Use D14 - ACS&2000 Actual if the user wants to be sure.*

### EXAMPLE:

#### QUESTION

- For Miami City, Florida, is the difference in the percent of workers who commute to work by public transportation in 2008 (ACS) statistically different at the 95% confidence level?

The 2008 ACS reports that 12.3 percent (90% MOE = 0.9) of the workers 16 years or older in Miami City, Florida, commuted to work by public transportation in 2008. The Census 2000 Summary File 3 reports 126,539 workers 16 years or older in 2000 who commuted to work by public transportation (excluding taxi), implying that 11.1 percent of the workers commuted to work by public transportation in 2000.

DESIRED CONFIDENCE LEVEL

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OTHER INPUT AND RESULTS

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		ACS	2000
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1	Drove alone	70.1	
2	Carpooled	9.3	
3	Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	12.2	
4	Walked	3.5	

To determine the actual 90% MOE for the Census 2000 estimate, additional information is used. The design factor for Florida at the time of the 2000 Census was 1.5. The design factor for Miami City, Florida, at the time of the 2000 Census was 1.5. Using sub-function **B05 - Percentage**, the actual 90% MOE for the Census 2000 estimate is 1.5 \* 0.9 = 1.35 percent.

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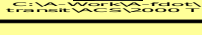
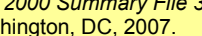
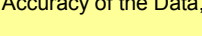




# Design-Factor Tables for Census 2000

This worksheet contains PDF files of design factors for the United States and individual states. They are required to determine the accuracy measures for estimates using data from the Census 2000 Long-Form Survey. These estimates include both published Census 2000 estimates and user-derived estimates from a 2000 PUMS. The following four sub-functions require these design factors when Census 2000 data are used:

- B03 - Average
- B04 - Median
- B05 - Frequency
- B06 - Percentage

Geography	Design Factor Table	Geography	Design Factor Table
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Alabama		Montana	
Alaska		Nebraska	
Arizona		Nevada	
Arkansas		New Hampshire	
California		New Jersey	
Colorado		New Mexico	
Connecticut		New York	
Delaware		North Carolina	
District of Columbia		North Dakota	
Florida		Ohio	
Georgia		Oklahoma	
Hawaii		Oregon	
Idaho		Pennsylvania	
Illinois		Rhode Island	
Indiana		South Carolina	
Iowa		South Dakota	
Kansas		Tennessee	
Kentucky		Texas	
Louisiana		Utah	
Maine		Vermont	
Maryland		Virginia	
Massachusetts		Washington	
Michigan		West Virginia	
Minnesota		Wisconsin	
Mississippi		Wyoming	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Census 2000 Summary File 3 Technical Documentation*, Chapter 8 - Accuracy of the Data, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, 2007.