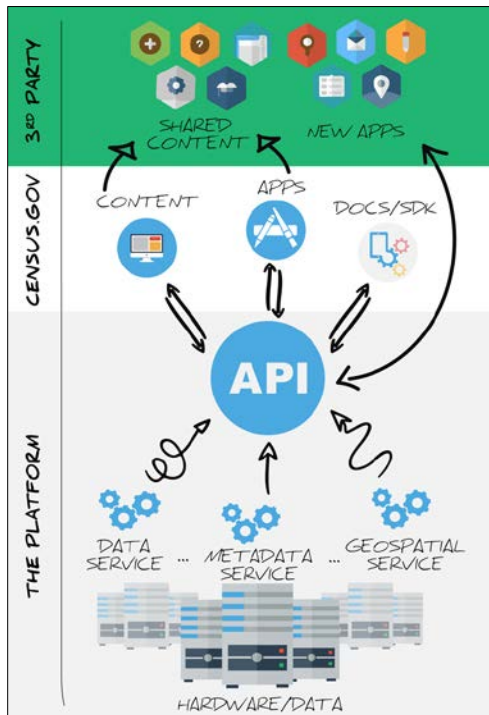# Life After FactFinder: Transition to data.census.gov

Washington Demographic Conference
September 22, 2020

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Latest Update

Population Estimates in data.census.gov:
- First table available in August
- Working on a delivery tool to help deliver metadata to our site. Once available, POP can continue to deliver new tables to data.census.gov.

Next code release (10/20):
- Focus on spring 2021 Decennial data release
  - Download
  - Collections of Geographies in One-Click Selection
  - Profile Pages
  - Improved Embargo
- Webpage Search
- Addressed data user feedback

American FactFinder Aftermath:
- Significant increase in the number of site visits, page views, and user feedback since September with an April peak.
- Continued outreach and encouraging contact cedsci.feedback@census.gov with questions.

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Top 10 Feedback: April - August 2020

1. Data Availability	795	16.6%
Missing ACS data	433	54.5%
Other Data Availability (e.g. availability questions for migrated data, datasets/surveys/programs not yet available on the site)	126	15.8%
Missing Decennial data	86	10.8%
Missing Econ data	80	10.1%
Missing PEP data	70	8.8%

2. Navigation	601	12.5%
Site not intuitive/Can't navigate the site	376	62.6%
Navigation Instructions	156	26.0%
General Navigation Issues	58	9.7%
Lack of availability due to filter selections	11	1.8%

3. Filtering	391	8.1%
Can't locate ZCTAs for ACS	137	35.0%
Filter panel is inconsistent	131	33.5%
General Filtering Issues	58	14.8%
Confusion about use of summary levels	25	6.4%
Other defects with filters	23	5.9%
Filter selection not appearing in list	11	2.8%
Unable to find Geo Components	6	1.5%

4. Download	296	6.2%
Don't like download format	126	42.6%
Download fails	73	24.7%
General download issues	64	21.6%
Bulk download capability needed	18	6.1%
Download defects	8	2.7%
Download instructions needed	7	2.4%

5. Performance	290	6.0%
Site moves slow/lags/freezes/doesn't load	128	44.1%
Support ID/Reference IDs	58	20.0%
Other performance issues	57	19.7%
White Screens	47	16.2%

6. Pseudo Geos	205	4.3%
Request more pseudos for ZCTAs	101	49.3%
Request more pseudos for tracts	36	17.6%
Request more pseudos for other geos	36	17.6%
Request more pseudos for Blocks/Block Groups	21	10.2%
Defects for pseudo geos	14	6.8%
Request more pseudos for places	4	2.0%
Other Pseudo Geos	1	0.5%

7. Printing	157	3.3%
Specifically wants PDF functionality	86	54.8%
Wants to print table or map	68	43.3%
Presentable documents to be shared or printed in full	8	5.1%
Other printing issues	1	0.6%

8. Address Search	149	3.1%
Integrated address search	149	100%

9. Search Relevancy	83	1.7%
Other search relevancy issues	57	68.7%
Disagree with table return order/Irrelevant tables	20	24.1%
Entity recognition not properly distinguishing search terms	3	3.6%
Problems with single search	2	2.4%
Tagging Issue	1	1.2%

10. Mapping	61	1.3%
Want improved functionality (i.e., draw radius using address)	36	59.0%
Don't know how to use mapping	10	16.4%
Defects with mapping	7	11.5%
Other mapping issues	7	11.5%

Total Feedback: 4801
Total Top 10 Feedback: 3028
Top 10 Percentage: 63.1%

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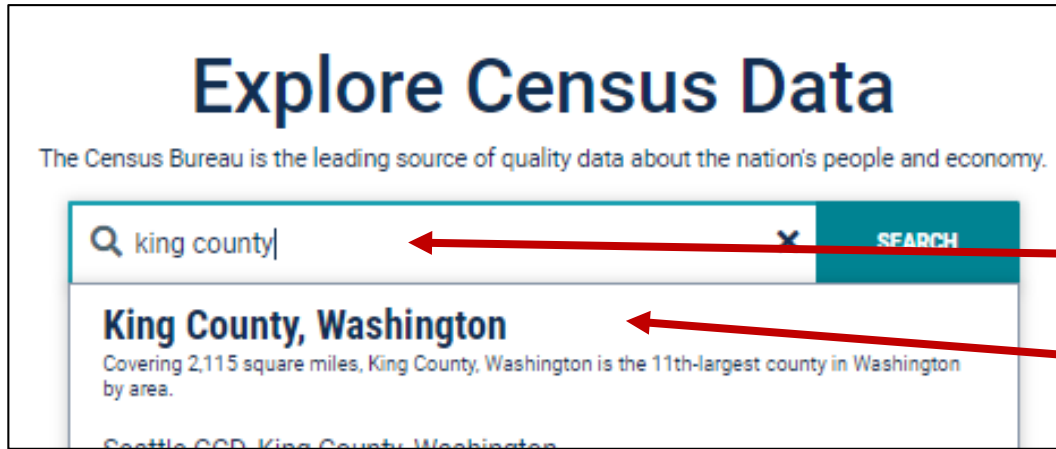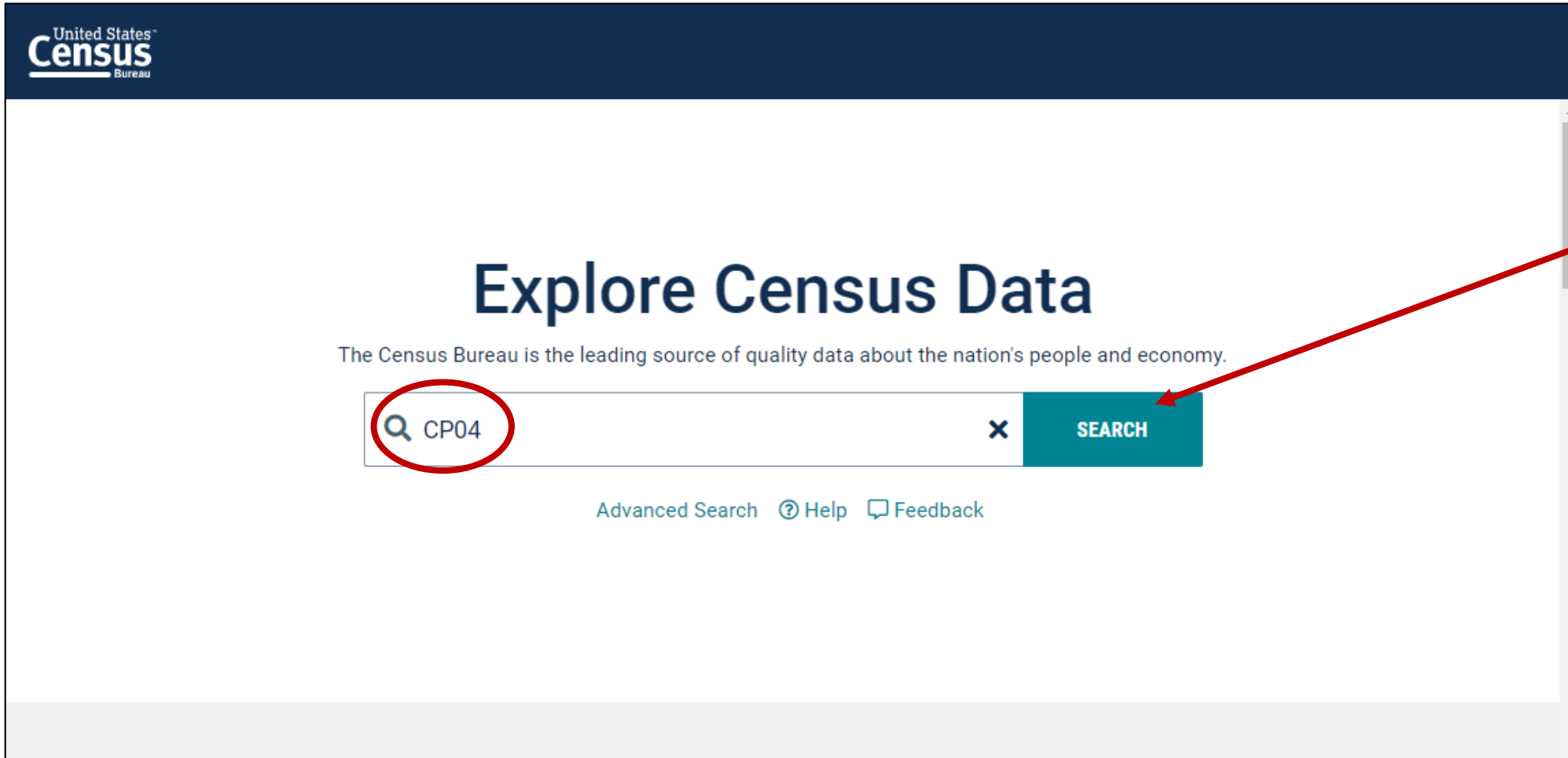
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Accessing Census Bureau data for King County

Single Search:

Explore Census Data

The Census Bureau is the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy.

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King County, Washington

Covering 2,115 square miles, King County, Washington is the 11th-largest county in Washington by area.

Seattle CCD, King County, Washington

Two Ways to access the Geography Profile for King County

1. **The Single Search Bar**
   - Type King County in the single search bar
   - Click "King County, Washington Profile"

All Results Page:

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ALL   TABLES   MAPS   PAGES

About 4,720 results | Filter

EXPLORE DATA

2,233,163 +/- ***** **Total Population in King County, Washington**
Source 2018 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/

EXPLORE DATA

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Related Searches

King County, Washington Business and Economy

Tables

The All Results Page
- Type King County in the single search or use the advanced search filters
- On the right hand side of the screen under "Explore Data", click "King County, Washington Profile"

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General Census Bureau data for King County

Populations Estimates Table and Geography Profile for King County

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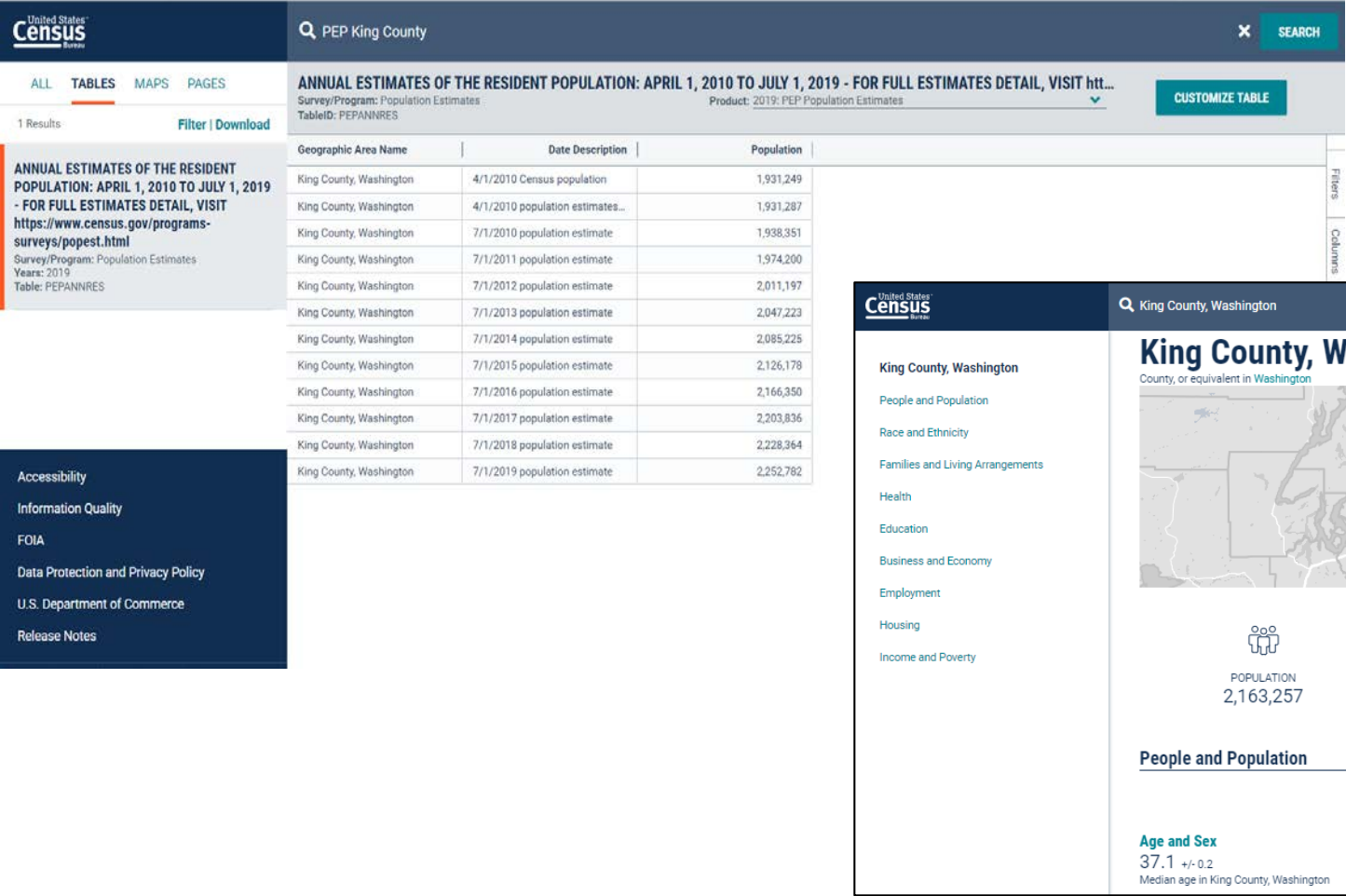
Visualizations of popular Census Bureau data for King County

Click a table title for more information on the topic

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Specify Table ID

- Type the table ID in the single search bar: **CP04**

- Click **Search**

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Navigate to Table and Click Filter to Add Your Geographies

- Click **Tables** in the upper left

- By default, you will get data for the United States

- Click **Filter** to begin the process to select other geographies

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Select Geography: King County, WA

- Select Geography

  Geography → County → Washington → **King County, Washington**

- **Click the chevron** that says Hide in the upper right to return to the table results page

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Choose Your Product

- Verify **2018 ACS 1-Year Estimates Comparison Profiles** from the product drop down menu

- Click **Customize Table** in the upper right

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Customize Your Table: Hide Columns

- Click **Hide** at the top of the table

- **Uncheck the boxes** for the columns you would like to remove from your view. In this example, we will leave the options for "2018, 2014, and 2018-2014 Statistical Significance" still marked.

- Click **Hide** again at the top of the table

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Customize Your Table: Adjust Column Width

- Adjust the column width by dragging left/right in the column header

View Your Results

- Median rent is on the rise from 2014 ($1,300) to 2018 ($1,674). This is already adjusted for inflation and the difference is statistically significant as indicated by the *

- Households spending 25% to 29.9% of their income on gross rent has increased

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Export to Excel

You can export an entire table to Excel:
- Right click the table
- Select Export Table
- Select Export to Excel

Open Excel file

Save Your Table

- Copy the URL from your address bar to return to this table result later

Change Your Table ID

- Click into the single search bar and type a new table ID: **CP03**

- Notice the filters you previously selected are saved by default

- Click **Search**

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View Your Results

- View your new table result for your previously selected geographies

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Select Geography: All Census Tracts in King County, WA

- Select Geography

  Geography →
  Tract →
  Washington →
  King County,
  Washington →
  **All Census
  Tracts within
  King County,
  Washington**

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Select Topic: Older Population
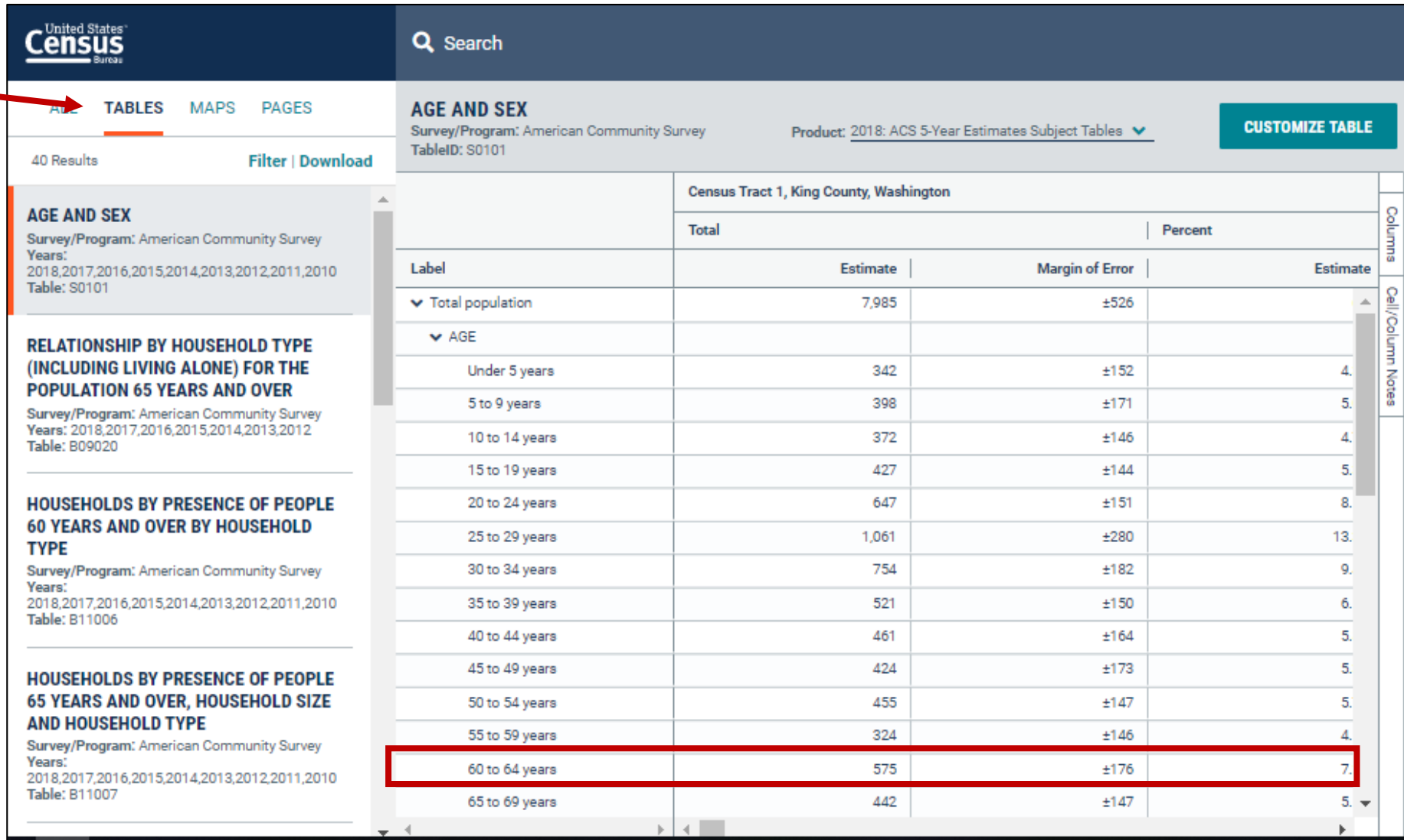
- Select Topic

  Topic → Populations and People → **Older Population**

- Verify filters and click **Search** in the lower right

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View Table Results

- Click **Tables** in the upper left

- Find an estimate that you would like to map

Navigate to Map

Navigate to the map tab

- Click **Maps** in the upper left

- Click your table of interest

- Verify the map is set to the census tract level, and that it is zoomed to census tracts in the King County.

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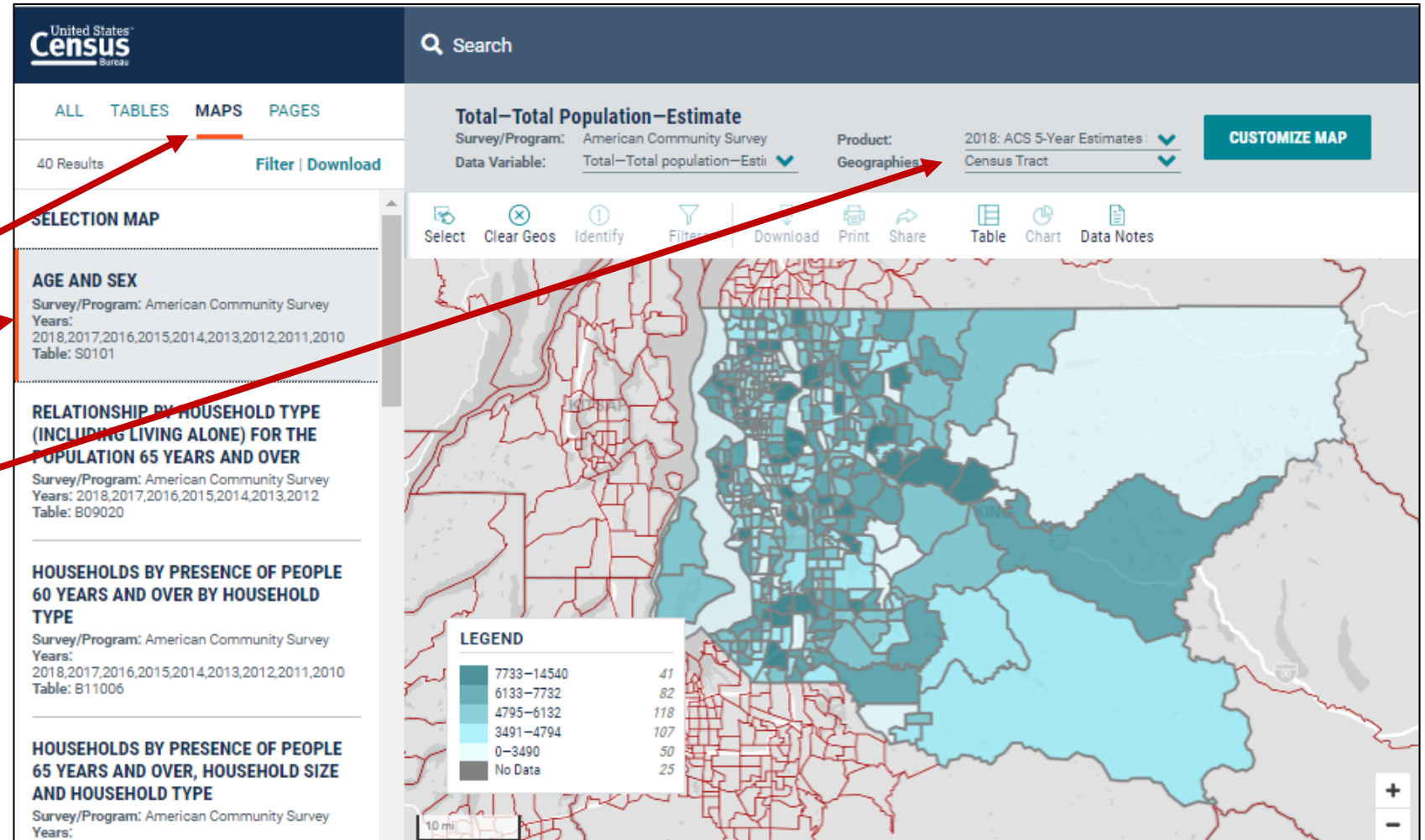
Select Your Variable
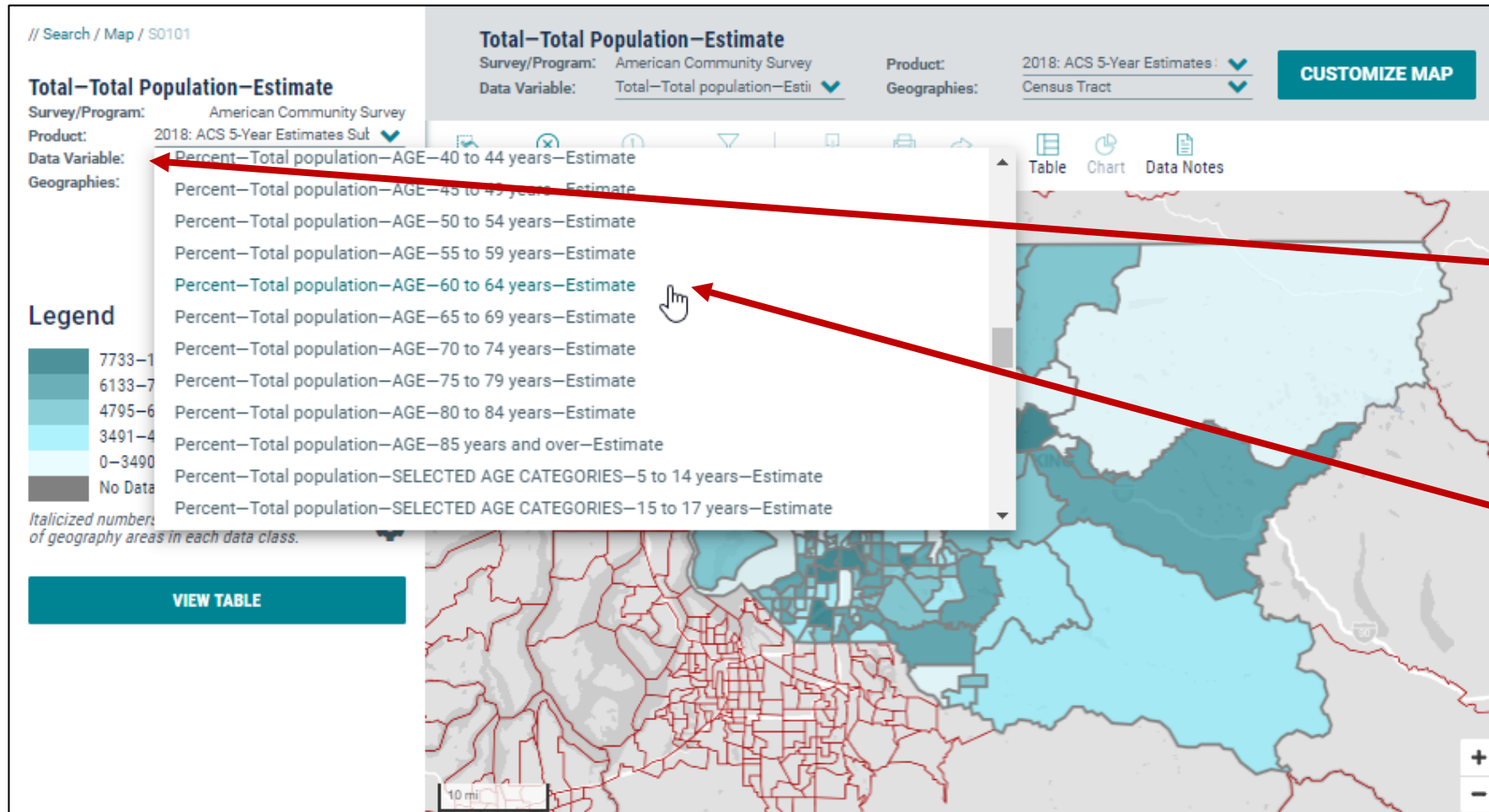
From the Map View

- Click **Customize Map**

- Select the **Data Variable dropdown menu** and **keep scrolling to the bottom** until you've loaded the full list

- Find and click the variable that says **Percent – Total population – AGE – 60 to 64 years – Estimate**

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View Map
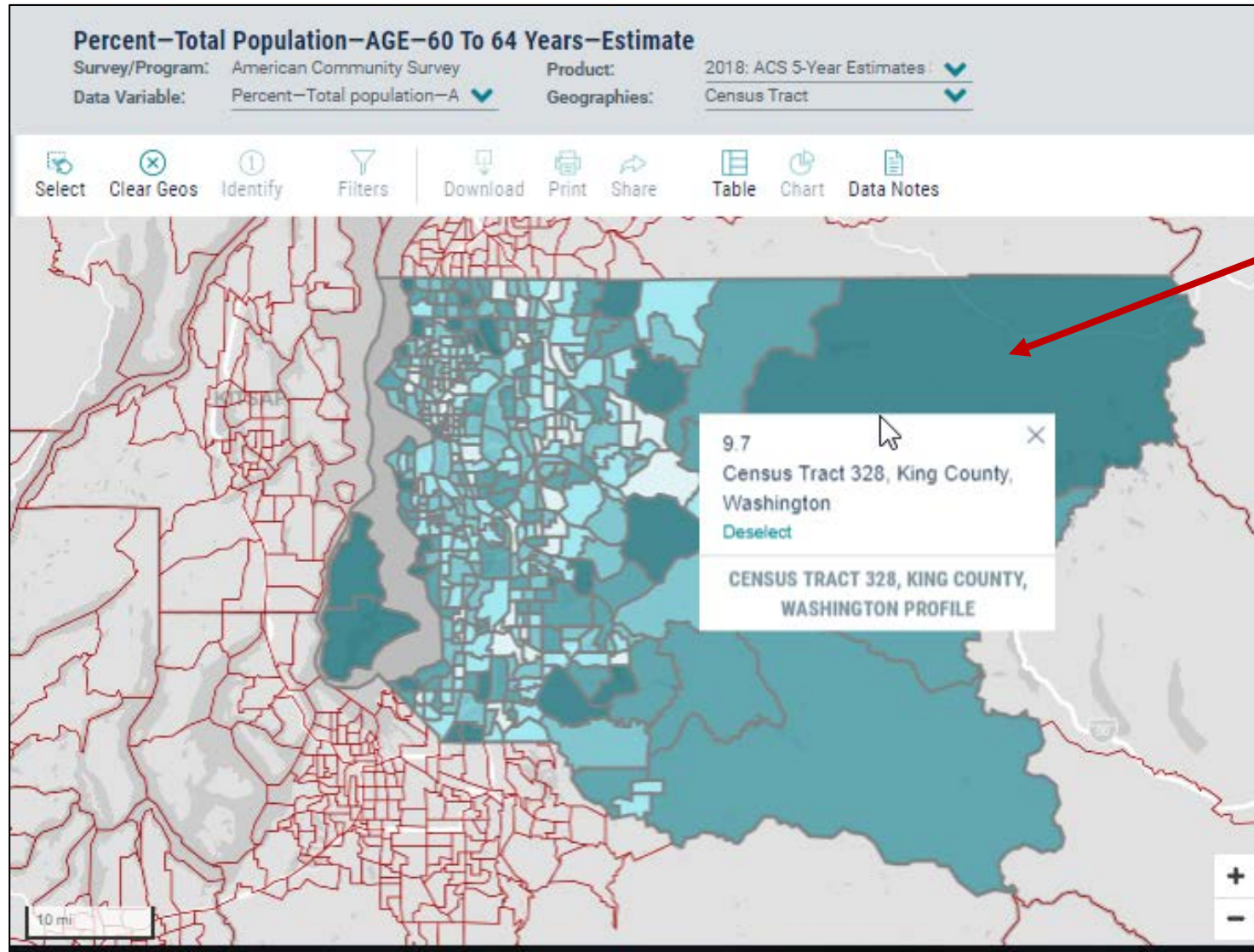
- Click on the census tracts with the darkest shade of blue to see which census tracts have the highest percent of people age 60-64 years

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Compare Your Variable Across Geographies

- Click **View Table** in the left navigation panel

- View table with all of your geographies. Click the column header for your variable to sort the data in ascending or descending order

- Click **Go to Full Table** to download the full set of data

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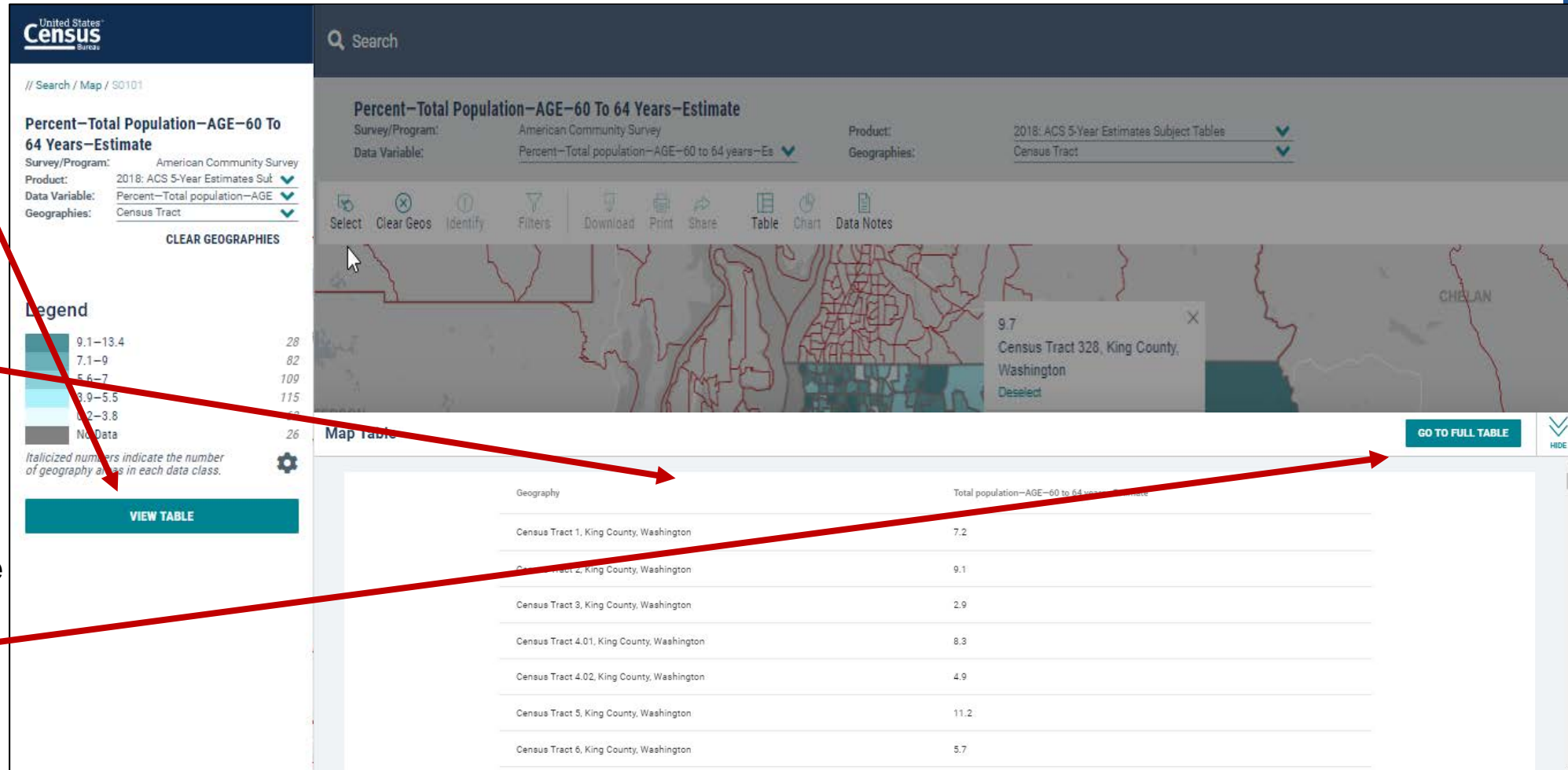
Download Table

- Click **Download Table** from the Customize Table view

- Verify the years you would like to download

- Click **Download**

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Open File

- Once the status reaches 100%, click **Download Now**

- Open the .zip file and double click the file that has "data with overlays" in the naming convention

We're preparing your files.

Cancelling this window will end the download.

100%

Download Now

ACSST5Y2018.S0101_data_with_overlays_2020-09-14T152855.csv
Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File

ACSST5Y2018.S0101_metadata_2020-09-14T152855.csv
Type: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File

ACSST5Y2018.S0101_table_title_2020-09-14T152855.txt
Type: Text Document

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View Download

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1	GEO_ID	NAME	S0101_C0:	S0101_C0:	S0101_C0:	S0101_C0:	S0101_C0:	S0101_C0:	S010:
2	id	Geographic Area Name	Estimate!!	Margin of	Estimate!!	Margin of	Estimate!!	Margin of	Estim
3	1400000US53033000100	Census Tract 1, King County, Washington	7985	526	(X)	(X)	4238	395	(X)
4	1400000US53033000200	Census Tract 2, King County, Washington	8498	435	(X)	(X)	4347	382	(X)
5	1400000US53033000300	Census Tract 3, King County, Washington	2991	219	(X)	(X)	1534	192	(X)
6	1400000US53033000401	Census Tract 4.01, King County, Washington	6560	423	(X)	(X)	2637	314	(X)
7	1400000US53033000402	Census Tract 4.02, King County, Washington	5419	619	(X)	(X)	2850	485	(X)
8	1400000US53033000500	Census Tract 5, King County, Washington	3143	189	(X)	(X)	1599	112	(X)
9	1400000US53033000600	Census Tract 6, King County, Washington	8124	558	(X)	(X)	3989	487	(X)
10	1400000US53033000700	Census Tract 7, King County, Washington	5217	431	(X)	(X)	2473	372	(X)
11	1400000US53033000800	Census Tract 8, King County, Washington	2710	177	(X)	(X)	1369	156	(X)
12	1400000US53033000900	Census Tract 9, King County, Washington	2009	129	(X)	(X)	946	86	(X)
13	1400000US53033001000	Census Tract 10, King County, Washington	2055	140	(X)	(X)	1007	108	(X)
14	1400000US53033001100	Census Tract 11, King County, Washington	2752	268	(X)	(X)	1321	174	(X)
15	1400000US53033001200	Census Tract 12, King County, Washington	7124	436	(X)	(X)	3222	358	(X)
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Select NAICS

Using the advanced search

- **Select NAICS 7221 – Traveler accommodation**
  Codes → Industry Codes (NAICS) → 72 – Accommodation and Food Services → 721 – Accommodation → 7221 – Traveler accommodation → **7221 – Traveler accommodation**

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Select Geography: Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Metro Area

- Select Geography

  Geography → Turn on the Show Summary Levels toggle → 310 – Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area → **Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area**

  Tip: Use the magnifying glass to search the list of metro areas

- Verify filters and click **Search** in the lower right

Choose Table and View Results

- Click **Tables** in the upper left

- Select your table

- View your results

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New Releases

AUGUST 18, 2020

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2000 Decennial 110th Congressional District Summary File
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AUGUST 13, 2020

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HOUSING UNITS [1]

Survey/Program: Decennial Census   **Universe:** Housing units   **TableID:** H001   **Product:** 2000: DEC 110th Congressional District Summa

Data Notes	Selections	1 Geography	Years	Topic	1 Survey	Code	Hide	Filter	Transpose Table	Margin o

Label	Congressional District 1 (1...	Congressional District 2 (1...	Congressional District 3 (1...
Total	281,691	281,290	286,010

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Full Release Notes Document

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AFF Data Sets Coming Soon to data.census.gov	Until then, find it here:
American Community Survey:	
2010 to 2015 1-Year Selected Population Profiles	
2011-2015 5-Year Selected Population Tables	Availability Spreadsheet
2011-2015 5-Year American Indian & Alaska Native	
2010 Decennial Island Areas	FTP
2000 Decennial SF2. SF3. SF4. Redistricting Data	FTP

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Data Availability

What data are available in the Microdata Access?

We continue to migrate data from DataFerrett. See a list of datasets currently available in the platform.

DataFerrett Data Sets Coming Soon to Microdata Access

Webinars

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SEPTEMBER 09, 2020
data.census.gov Public Webinar
Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Time: 2:00 pm (EDT)

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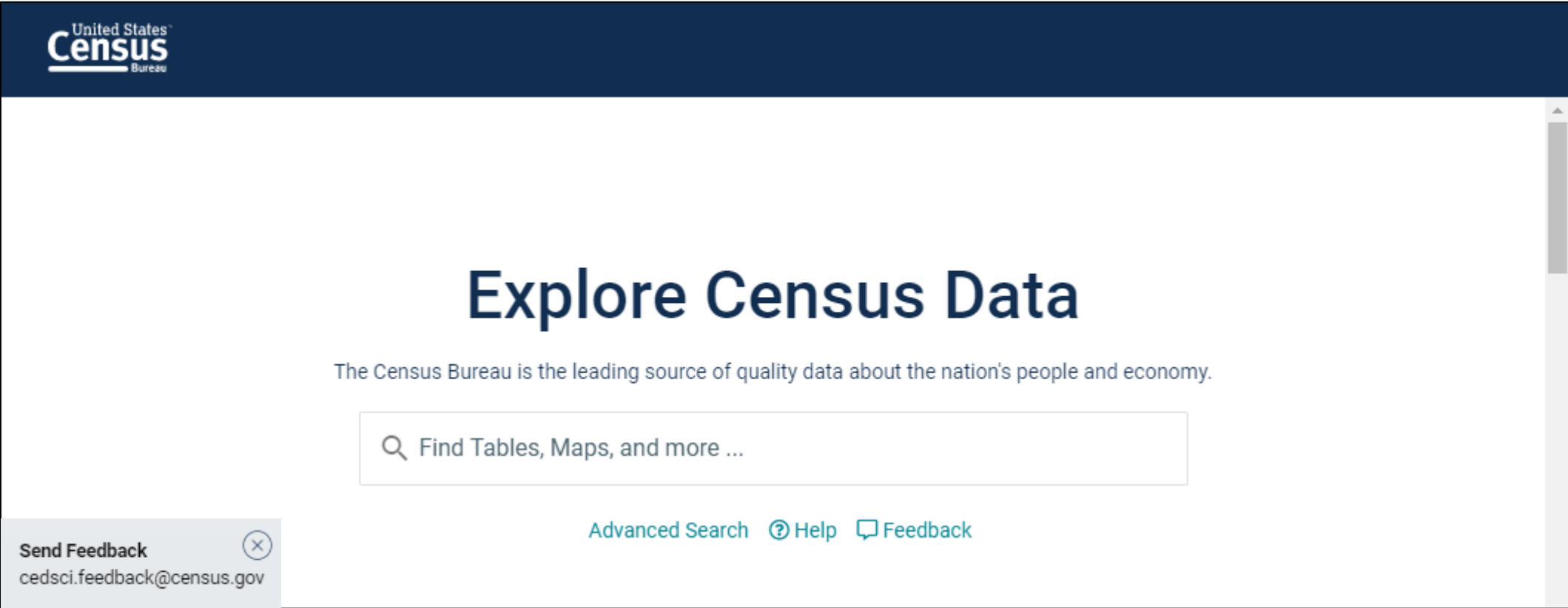**How to Print and Transfer Data Tables to Excel Using data.census.gov**
In this Data Gem you will learn a neat trick about how to transfer a data table in its original format to an excel spreadsheet.

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Alexandra Barker
Save Time by Saving Your Data Search and Results on data.census.gov
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