

CSDA Data Workshop

The Center for Social and Demographic Analysis (CSDA)
invites you to attend the following workshop:

Accessing Census Data: Making Sense of American FactFinder 2

Instructor: Robert Scardamalia, Adjunct Professor, Department
of Sociology
Dates: Tuesday, May 29, 2012
Time: 9:30am - 12:30 pm
Location: Arts & Sciences 13 (AS-13)

American FactFinder is the data access interface to a mountain of economic and demographic from the U.S. Census Bureau. The original FactFinder was developed for accessing the 2000 Census and served the Bureau, researchers, and the public for more than a decade. We all became comfortable with it but times had to change!

American FactFinder 2 has drawn nearly universal criticism but once you understand that it's a really powerful filtering system you can develop efficient processes for accessing data. This workshop will start with some basics about the broad Census programs and move toward more advanced techniques for downloading and reporting the data. The topics we'll cover:

- Decennial Census data versus the American Community Survey
- Census Datasets
- FactFinder "Geographies"
- FactFinder "Topics"
- Address searches and mapping
- Downloading data
- FactFinder Hazards

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