

Your Community by the Numbers

Accessing the most current and relevant Census data

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Getting Detailed Data

The following data are available on American FactFinder:

• Decennial Census

Taken every 10 years to collect information about the people and housing of the United States

• American Community Survey

An ongoing survey that provides data about your community every

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Jan 12, 2012

The Census Bureau is releasing Summary File 2 data on a state-by-state flow basis from December 2011 through April 2012. States that have been released are: NV, NM, CT, and DC. SF 2 provides detailed data on age, sex, households, families, the group quarters population, and occupied housing units for up to 331 race, Hispanic or Latino origin, and tribal population groups. Presentation of SF 2 tables for a population group is subject to a threshold of 100 or more people of a particular group in a particular geographic area. [more »](#)

Dec 15, 2011

U.S. Population Clock

13:56 UTC (EST+5) Jan 24, 2012

312,902,520

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Reference Maps

Reference Maps show selected geographic boundaries for an area along with orienting features, such as roads.

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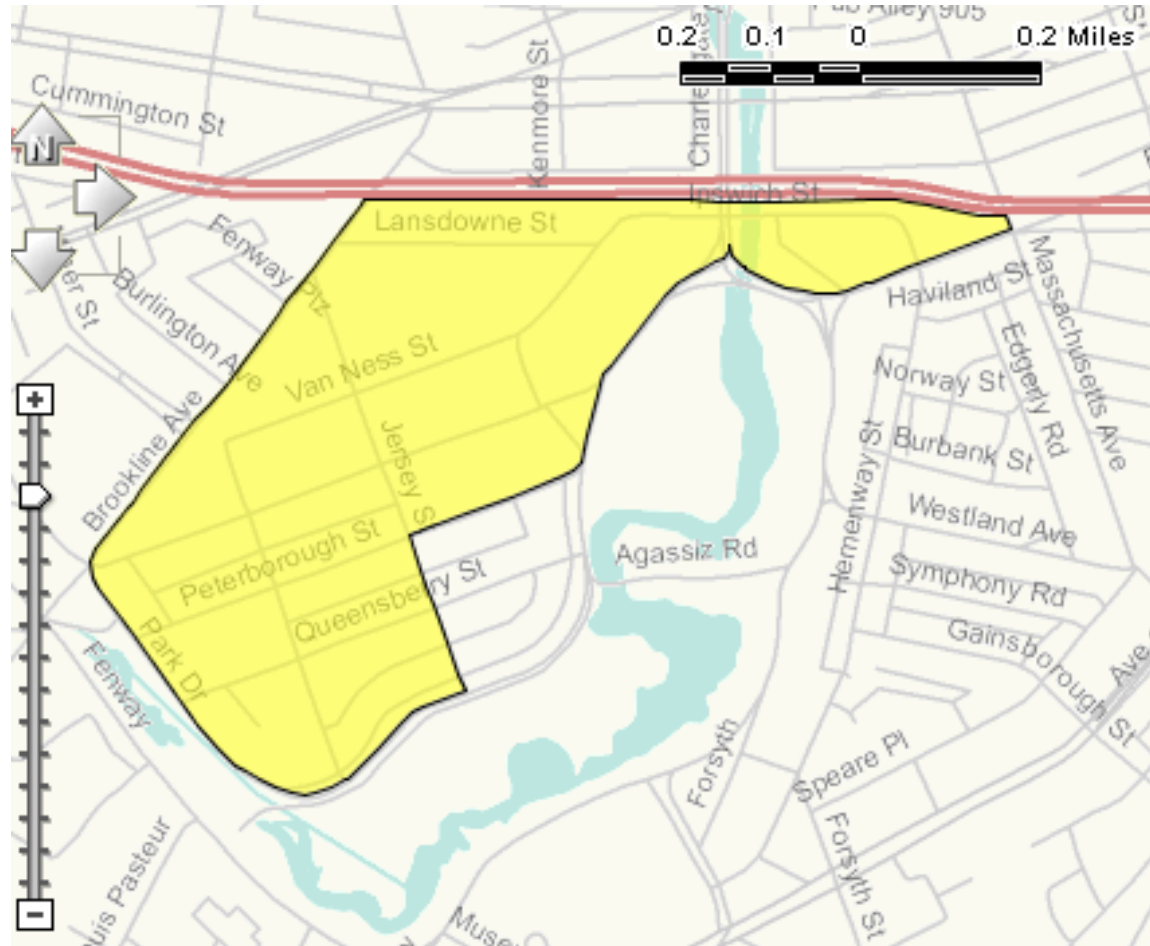
Census Tracts

Block Groups

Blocks



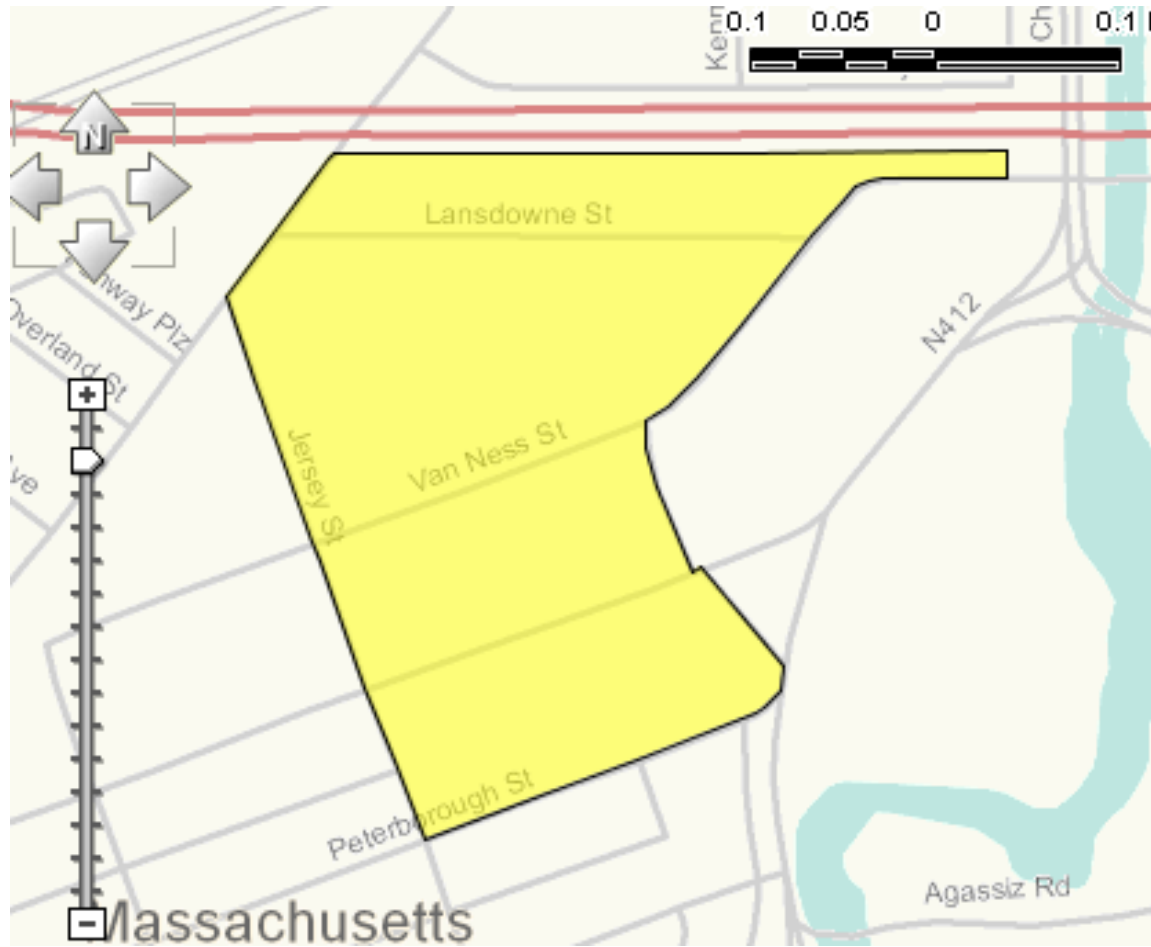
Census Tract 102.03, Suffolk Cty, MA



- **Census Tracts** generally have a population of 1,500 to 8,000 (optimum **4,000**) and follow physical boundaries.



BG 4, Tract 102.03, Suffolk Cty, MA



- **Block Groups** generally have a population of 300 to 4,000 (optimum 1,500) and follow physical boundaries.



Programs

- **Decennial Census**
 - Every 10 years, Counts Residents
- **American Community Survey (ACS)**
 - Annual Social, Economic and Housing data
- **Other Surveys and Censuses**
 - Population Estimates
 - Economic Census



Program (cont.)

American Community Survey (ACS)

CURRENT DATA AVAILABLE FOR 2010

- Data is currently available for most geographic areas
 - Areas with a population **65,000+**: **1 Year Estimates**
(data avail. for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)
 - Areas with a population **20,000+**: **3-Year Estimates**
(data avail. for 2005-07, 2006-08, 2007-09, 2008-2010)
 - Areas **below 20,000** (incl. census tracts & block groups):
5-year estimates (data avail. for 2005-2009, 2006-2010)



Program (cont.)

American Community Survey (ACS)

Distinguishing features of ACS 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year estimates

1-year estimates	3-year estimates	5-year estimates
12 months of collected data	36 months of collected data	60 months of collected data
Data for areas with populations of 65,000+	Data for areas with populations of 20,000+	Data for all areas
Smallest sample size	Larger sample size than 1-year	Largest sample size
Less reliable than 3-year or 5-year	More reliable than 1-year; less reliable than 5-year	Most reliable
Most current data	Less current than 1-year estimates; more current than 5-year	Least current
Best used when	Best used when	Best used when
<p>Currency is more important than precision</p> <p>Analyzing large populations</p>	<p>More precise than 1-year, more current than 5-year</p> <p>Analyzing smaller populations</p> <p>Examining smaller geographies because 1-year estimates are not available</p>	<p>Precision is more important than currency</p> <p>Analyzing very small populations</p> <p>Examining tracts and other smaller geographies because 1-year estimates are not available</p>



Program (cont.)

American Community Survey (ACS)

Since all ACS data are estimates based on a sample, all data items have a Margin of Error

S1701 | POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS ?
2010 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns.

Subject	Massachusetts			
	Total		Below poverty level	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Population for whom poverty status is determined	6,333,611	+/-2,630	725,143	+/-10,000
AGE				
Under 18 years	1,400,124	+/-2,761	200,817	+/-1,000
Related children under 18 years	1,393,027	+/-3,356	194,138	+/-1,000
18 to 64 years	4,069,699	+/-2,415	449,022	+/-1,000
65 years and over	863,788	+/-2,153	75,304	+/-1,000
SEX				
Male	3,059,295	+/-5,821	316,037	+/-1,000
Female	3,274,316	+/-5,314	409,106	+/-1,000
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN				
One race	N	N	N	
White	5,147,976	+/-17,065	461,150	+/-17,776

DP03 | SELECTED ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS ?
2006-2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, for 2010, the 2010 Census provides the official counts of the population and housing units for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns. For 2006 to 2009, the Population Estimates Program provides intercensal estimates of the population for the nation, states, and counties.

Subject	Census Tract 102.03, Suffolk County, Massachusetts			
	Estimate	Estimate Margin of Error	Percent	Percent Margin of Error
EMPLOYMENT STATUS				
Population 16 years and over	4,874	+/-435	4,874	(X)
In labor force	3,057	+/-383	62.7%	+/-6.5
Civilian labor force	3,057	+/-383	62.7%	+/-6.5
Employed	2,833	+/-364	58.1%	+/-6.4
Unemployed	224	+/-127	4.6%	+/-2.6
Armed Forces	0	+/-127	0.0%	+/-0.8
Not in labor force	1,817	+/-384	37.3%	+/-6.5
Civilian labor force	3,057	+/-383	3,057	(X)
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	7.3%	+/-4.0
Females 16 years and over	2,332	+/-368	2,332	(X)
In labor force	1,599	+/-332	68.6%	+/-7.3

