



Data about Oklahoma from Federal agencies
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Census Bureau

The Census Bureau has released ***American Community Survey (ACS), 2006-2008***. Data is available for all geographies of 20,000 and above (such as places and counties). The data that is published by ACS replaces the long form of the 2010 Census (there will only be a short form for the 2010 Census), and consists of social and economic characteristics data. ACS releases data to this detail:

Geographies of 65,000 people and above—annual data

Geographies of 20,000 to 65,000 people—multiyear data consisting of 3 years worth of survey data

Geographies of 50 to 20,000 people—multiyear data consisting of 5 years worth of survey data (this will become available in 2010)

Here is the data—

http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ACS&_submenuId=datasets_2&_lang=en

Here is a link to a guide about how to use it. Even though you've used Census data before, you will have to learn how to use ACS.

<http://www.odl.state.ok.us/usinfo/pubs/HowToUseTheACS.pdf>

National Center for Health Statistics

Racial Differences in Functioning Among Elderly Nursing Home

Residents, 2004 found that African-American nursing home residents had poorer living status than the residents of other races, and were more dependent on staff to achieve at least some of their ADFs (activities of daily living) such as eating and toileting. Released in December, this notes that in 2004 11% of our nation's nursing home residents aged 65+ were African Americans.

Here is a press release about the report—

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db25.htm>

Here is the full report, 8 pages—

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SAMSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration)

SAMSA's new report ***Results from the 2008 National Survey of Drug Abuse and Health: National Findings*** is the agency's main for-the-public summary about drug abuse, alcohol abuse, smoking, and mental illness. Among the types of data it includes are these: the association of drug abuse with smoking and drinking; peer pressure on youth to abuse drugs; the perceived availability of illegal drugs; exposure in the community to substance use prevention messages and programs; parental involvement in preventing substance abuse; and data for specific illegal drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin, inhalants, alcohol, and tobacco.

Here is the full report, includes data tables and charts, 57 pages—

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/nsduh/2k8nsduh/2k8Results.cfm>

JUST NOTED:

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, ***2008 State Snapshots***—

<http://statesnapshots.ahrq.gov/snaps08/map.jsp?menuId=2&state>

Energy Information Administration, ***Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States, 2008***, 68 pages—

<ftp://ftp.eia.doe.gov/pub/oiaf/1605/cdrom/pdf/ggrpt/057308.pdf>

National Center for Education Statistics, ***Students' Use of Tutoring Services, by Adequate Yearly Progress Status of School***, 20 pages—

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2010/2010023.pdf>