

About Special Tabulation Program 3 (STP-3) Data on the Older Population

The U.S. Census Bureau prepared the 2010 Special Tabulation Program 3 (STP-3) under a reimbursable agreement with the newly organized Administration for Community Living (formerly the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services). The tabulation contains summary statistics, and the data source is the 2010 Decennial Census. STP-3 includes the following 11 statistical tables in an Excel spreadsheet format:

- P1. Sex by Single Years of Age
- P2. Sex for the Population 100 Years and Over
- P3. Sex by Age for the Population 50 Years and Over
- P4. Sex by Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 60 Years and Over
- P5. Sex by Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 65 Years and Over
- P6. Sex by Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 70 Years and Over
- P7. Sex by Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 75 Years and Over
- P8. Sex by Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 80 Years and Over
- P9. Sex by Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 85 Years and Over
- P10. Age by Sex by Household Type (Including Living Alone) and Relationship for the Population 60 Years and Over
- P11. Sex by Age by Group Quarters Type for the Population 60 Years and Over in Group Quarters
- P12. Age for the Population 60 Years and Over, For Zip Code Tabulation Areas

Separate workbooks present data for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and one workbook for all American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian areas. The file name for each state workbook includes the prefix, "aoa" followed by a two-digit code for the state, which is based on the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) codes (for FIPS codes, see <http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/fip5-2.htm>.) The file name for the American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian areas workbook is "aoa-00."

Each table is an individual spreadsheet in the workbook, and each table includes information for the United States. The data are shown for the following geographical entities: United States, states (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico), counties, county subdivisions in 12 states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin) with a population of 2,500 or more, places with a population of 2,500 or more, census tracts, American Indian and Alaska Native areas and Hawaiian Home Lands, Alaska Native Regional Corporations, and Planning and Service Areas (PSAs).

The summary level and geographic area codes provide important information for using this tabulation. Summary levels specify the geographic levels of the entities that appear in each table. In the tables, the summary level and geographic area codes precede the geographic area names. Listed below are the summary levels included in STP-3.

State files

010	United States (Note: Excluded in tables shown for Puerto Rico)
040	State
050	County
060	County Subdivision (in 12 states)
140	Census Tract
160	Place
911	Planning and Service Area

American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian areas file

010	United States
230	Alaska Native Regional Corporation
250	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land

The tables also include the FIPS codes assigned for the above geographic areas, excluding census tracts, PSAs, and American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian areas. Census tracts are identified by up to a four-digit basic number and may have an optional two-digit suffix. For each table, the census tract number appears in the census tract code field with the decimal implied and will include leading zeroes and trailing zeroes for census tracts without a suffix (e.g., 002500). Most tables show in the area name field the census tract number with a decimal point separating the four-digit basic number from the two-digit suffix, if applicable (e.g., 6059.02). For Tables P1 through P3, the naming convention shown for census tracts in the area name field differs from the format in other tables. The list and number of PSAs, provided by the Administration for Community Living, were considered in existence at the time [September, 2012] when the contractual agreement was entered into with the Census Bureau to provide STP-3.

Geographic areas, except census tracts in Tables P10 and P11 and the American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian areas, include urban and rural components. Sometimes, tables do not show both an urban and rural component for certain geographic areas, but will always include a total for the specific geographic area. In these cases, the total for either the urban or the rural component will equal the total for the geographic area. [Note that a blank cell instead of the word, "Total," appears in the urban/rural code field.] Geographic areas with no population for the table's universe are suppressed, except in Table P1. Per the ruling from the Census Bureau's Disclosure Review Board, data in Tables P10 and P11 are rounded and may not sum to totals because of rounding. The rounding schematic for each number is as follows:

- 0 remains 0
- 1 – 7 rounds to 4
- 8 or greater rounds to nearest multiple of 5 (e.g., 864 rounds to 865 or 982 rounds to 980)
- Any number that already ends in 5 or 0 stays as is.

For more details about confidentiality protection, nonsampling errors, and definitions, see the web link cited in the note at the top of each table. Information about measures used to protect confidentiality and nonsampling errors is located in Chapter 7, "Operational Overview and Accuracy of the Data." Explanations for geographic concepts are in Appendix A, and definitions for population characteristics such as age, sex, race, Hispanic or Latino origin, household type and relationship, and group quarters are in Appendix B.

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