

DEFINITION OF VARIABLES	
Variables as Labeled in the Tables	ACS 2005-2009 Variables Used
<i>African American Families Below Poverty</i> - African American or Black head of households with income at or below poverty level compared to total number families with a Black or African American householder	B17010B
<i>Crowding Index</i> - Percent of occupied housing units with more than 1 person per room	B25014
<i>Education Index</i> - Percent of population 25 years or older with less education than a high school diploma	B15002
<i>Family Structure Index</i> - Percent of children living in married-couple families	B09005
<i>Female Headed Families</i> - The number of females responsible for households with families	B17010
<i>Female Headed Families Below Poverty</i> - Female headed households (no husband present) with income at or below poverty status over total number of families	B17010
<i>Functional Illiteracy Rate</i> - Percent of adults over 25 years of age with 8 or less years of education	B15002
<i>High School Drop-out Rate</i> - Percent of persons 16-19 years old not enrolled in school and without a high school diploma	B14005
<i>Households on Public Assistance</i> - Percent of households with public assistance income	B19057
<i>Jobless Rate</i> - Percent of population that is either unemployed or under 65 years of age and not in the civilian labor force	B23001
<i>Less Than HS Diploma</i> - Persons 25 years and older without a high school diploma	B15002
<i>Median Family Income (individual census tract figures)</i> - Median annual family income in 2009 inflation-adjusted dollars	B19113
<i>Median Family Income (when calculated for neighborhoods - i.e. groups of census tracts)</i> - Calculated with individual incomes of families in neighborhoods (which are provided in ranges by tract in table B19101). This controls for bias resulting from varying numbers of families within different tracts that are in the same neighborhood. For example: if a neighborhood is composed of two tracts, one with many families and one with just a few, this adjusted statistic takes this difference into account, and produces a more accurate median.	B19113; B19101
<i>Occupation Index</i> - Percent of workers <i>not</i> employed in management, professional, and related occupations (i.e. semi-skilled and unskilled workers) compared to all employed persons 16 years and older	C24010
<i>Percent African American Population</i> - Percent of population who self-identify as Black or African American	C02003
<i>Percent of Families Below Poverty</i> - Percent of families with annual income at or below the poverty level. Poverty statistics were based on the standards used by federal agencies. These standards take into account varying family sizes, types, and are revised annually to allow for changes in the cost of living as reflected in the consumer price index. In the case of the 2005-2009 ACS, poverty levels are also adjusted for inflation, as the ACS data was collected between 2005 to 2009.	B17010
<i>Percent of First Generation Immigrants</i> - Percent of population that is a foreign born, naturalized U.S. citizen	B05002
<i>Percent of Households Below Poverty</i> - Percent of households with annual income at or below the poverty level	B17017
<i>Percent Single Family Dwellings</i> - Percent of living quarters with one unit	B25024
<i>Percent White or Other Population</i> - Percent of population who self-identify as White or another race	C02003

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<i>Socioeconomic Status (SES) Index</i> - A composite scale developed from comparative ranking of five variables. These variables were the five dimensions used by the census bureau in the New Haven Study: median family income, occupational status, educational attainment, housing volume, and family structure. The relative rank for each census tract was determined and then the average of these five variables made the SES index number for the tract.	B25014; B15002; B09005; B19113; C24010
<i>Total Families</i> - Total number of families living in a given census tract	B17010
<i>Total Housing Units</i> - Number of separate living quarters in a given census tract, such as houses, apartments, mobile homes, or trailers. Separate living quarters are those in which occupants live and eat separately from any other persons in the building and which have direct access from outside the building or through a common hall. If quarters contain nine or more persons unrelated to the householder, it is classified as group quarters	B25024
<i>Total Population</i> - Total number of persons living in a given census tract	B01003
<i>Unemployment Rate</i> - Percent of unemployed persons in the civilian labor force	B23001
<i>White Families Below Poverty</i> - White head of households with income at or below poverty level compared to total number of families with a White householder	B17010A