Notes on AMERICAN FACTFINDER 2: <http://factfinder2.census.gov> courtesy of Linda Clark, US Census Bureau and Elaine Murakami, FHWA (April 26, 2011)

**Example 1: I want to get P1 data for all the Blocks in Boulder County, Colorado**

Table P1 includes total population and population by several race categories, and multiple race categories.

Open Topics (left navigation bar)

Expand Dataset by clicking on the "+" sign = select 2010 Redistricting Data SF (PL 94-171)

Open Geographies (left navigation bar)

(Radio button, left side, starting from the top)

Geographic type = Other

Within state = Colorado

Include in results = Groups of geographies\*

Geography Results pane (right box) = All blocks within Boulder County

CLICK ADD (to move this selection up into Your Selections box)

Close Geographies (click on "X" upper right of Select Geographies frame)

Then, Select P1 in the table list. Then select “view”

Once you see the table, if you prefer to see the geographic units as rows, then select Actions: “Modify Table”, then select “Transpose Rows and Columns”

Another choice in the list of Actions is “Download” You can choose a comma-delimited .csv; .xls, or .pdf. Save the .zip file to your computer, and then unzip it.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*A note on the "Groups of geographies" selection.  This creates "pseudo" geographies, like "All blocks within Boulder County, Colorado" that are considered by AFF2 to be ONE geography.

**Example 2.**

**I want the GCT-PL1 table for all the census tracts in King County, WA**

The GCT-PL1 table includes total population, 6 categories for people of one race, people of 2+ races, and total Hispanic (all races).

(The GCT-PL2 table includes total population, total housing units, total occupied, and total vacant)

Open Topics (left navigation bar)   
Expand Dataset by clicking on the "+" sign = select 2010 Redistricting Data SF (PL 94-171)   
Expand Product Type =  select Geographic Comparison Table   
Both of these selections should now appear in "Your Selections" box, the most important place on the page!   
  
Open Geographies overlay (left navigation bar)   
Under the Geography Filter Options, expand Geographic Type = select County   
Expand Within State = select Washington (from the choices immediately underneath, not from the Geography Results pane)   
Expand Within County = select King   
In the Geography Results pane = select King County, Washington (click in checkbox), and **then click Add.**   
  
"Your Selections" (upper left corner of page) should now read:   
2010 Redistricting Data SF   
Geographic Comparison Table   
King County, Washington   
If all those are there, close the geography overlay (click on "X" upper right of Select Geographies frame).     
**TIP:  Never close the geography overlay (or the population groups overlay or the industry code overlay) until you make sure your final choice has been moved to the "Your Selections" box.  Once you close any of the overlays, your selections in the overlay are erased.**   
  
Put check in checkbox next to GCT-PL1  Race and Hispanic or Latino:  2010 - County - - Census Tract   
Then select “view”

In the Action list, you can select “download” the file, and select the file format you want.