

Finding Information & Creating County Maps featuring Ethnicity, Ancestry & Population Density

1. Go to the U.S. Census [American FactFinder](#) gateway
2. Place cursor on the “People” link. From the fly-out menu, note the following choices:
 - a. **“Basic Counts/Population” will provide information on Population Density per square mile for county subdivisions**
 - b. **“Origins & Language” will provide information on topics such as:**
 - i. The % of persons who speak other than English at home; the ancestry of people in the county, their citizenship, year of entry, and region of birth; % of persons who are naturalized citizens; the % of persons who are foreign-born
 - c. **“Race & Ethnicity” will provide information on topics such as:**
 - i. % of persons who are Hispanic or Latino; % of person who are American Indian and Alaska Native; % of persons who are Asian; % of persons who are Black or African American; % of persons who are Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander; % of persons who are some other race, or who are white
3. **Example: Find information on “Ancestry” for your county**
 - a. Choose the “Origins & Language” option from the “People” fly-out menu. **Note that the default data will be for the entire United States.**
 - b. In upper right corner, type in name of county; choose “New York” from the pull-down menu, and click “GO”

The screenshot shows the American FactFinder interface. On the left is a navigation menu with 'PEOPLE' selected. The main content area is titled 'ORIGINS AND LANGUAGE' and shows 'United States' as the selected location. A search box in the top right contains 'allegany' and a dropdown menu is set to 'New York'. A red circle highlights the search box and dropdown menu. Below the search box are buttons for '2005-2007' and '2000' census years, and links for 'Narrative Profile' and 'Reference Map'.

- c. Click on the tab for the **2000 Census**
- d. Note that the data is divided into a “Language” category and an “Origins” category.
- e. Note also that some links feature a “map” icon, and others feature a “list” icon.

County maps may be created ONLY by using links that show a map!

The screenshot shows the 'Origins' section with several links. A callout box on the left points to the first link, stating 'Clicking here will generate a LIST'. Another callout box on the left points to the second link, stating 'Clicking here will generate a county MAP'. A third callout box on the right points to the last link, stating 'Always choose a link that features the “county subdivisions”'. The last link is circled in red.

Origins:

- [Ancestry](#)
- [Citizenship, Year of Entry, and Region of Birth](#)
- [Place of Birth and Residence in 1995](#)
- [Percent of Foreign-born Persons Who are Naturalized Citizens, map by county](#)
- [Percent of Foreign-born Persons Who are Naturalized Citizens, map by county subdivision](#)
- [Percent of Persons Who are Foreign Born, map by county](#)
- [Percent of Persons Who are Foreign Born, map by county subdivision](#)

- c. For detailed information on how to add labels and other features to the map, consult the handout [Creating a County Map Using American Factfinder](#). Remember, by clicking on the “Boundaries and features” link, it is possible to change the look of the map. Note below the long list of possible choices.
- d. Remember to change your browser to “Allow Pop-Ups”!!!
- e. Remember to click “Update” to view the changes made in the map

Choose a survey instance and select a group of boundaries

No Boundaries

... or select boundaries from the table

Boundary	Label	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Region
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Division
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	State
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000 County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2000 County Subdivision
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000 Subbarrio
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000 Census Tract
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000 Block Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000 Block
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2000 Place
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1997 Economic Place
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2000 Consolidated City
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000 American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000 American Indian Off-Reservation

- 5. To create a county map with race and ethnicity information, follow the above directions, but choose **“Race & Ethnicity”** from the [American FactFinder](#) “People” fly out menu.
- 6. To create a county map with the population density per square mile, follow the above directions, but choose **“Basic Counts/Population”** from the [American FactFinder](#) “People” fly out menu.