Census Data & TIGER/Line Shapefiles – Putting it All Together
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INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

This half-day workshop will cover tips & tricks for downloading data and shapefiles from the US Census Bureau. Over the past year the Census Bureau released a wealth of data from the 2010 Census and the American Community Survey with the first and second release of the 5-year estimates. Over the next several years we will continue to release American Community Survey estimates annually as well as additional data from the 2010 Census. Find out how to navigate through the wealth of data available from the American Community Survey, Decennial Census, and numerous other surveys and censuses on the Census Bureau’s American FactFinder website. Learn about the various options for accessing and downloading the TIGER/Line® Shapefiles. We will walk through examples demonstrating how all of the pieces of the puzzle fit together quickly and easily. Spend less time putting it all together and more time analyzing the results.

Objectives:
- Understanding the data from the American Community Survey and the 2010 Census
- What data can be compared between the decennial census and the American Community Survey
- How to download the data from American FactFinder for easy use with the TIGER/Line® Shapefiles
- Understanding the TIGER/Line® Shapefiles and vintages
- Ways to obtain the TIGER/Line® Shapefiles
- How to use the TIGER/Line® Shapefiles with the data in ArcGIS

Targeted Audience:
- Introductory level
- People not familiar with the American Community Survey, the changes in the Decennial Census, or the TIGER/Line® Shapefiles