Instructions for Obtaining Annual Ethnic/Racial Data: Emergency Shelters

On May 17th, 2021, USDA released <u>Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data by Visual Observation and</u> <u>Identification in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program – Policy</u> <u>Rescission</u>. Racial and ethnic data is no longer to be collected by visual observation. Children must not be asked to identify their own race and ethnicity.

Programs operating CACFP are still required to collect racial and ethnic data for each site under its sponsorship each year. Instead of using visual observation, the following process should be used to collect annual racial and ethnic data:

Use the Census' American Community Survey website to estimate race/ethnicity on the area in which each site operates. Data can be found here: <u>https://www.census.gov/programssurveys/acs/</u>

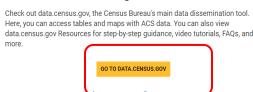
> On the American Community Survey website:

1. Click on the blue arrow for American Community Survey Data:

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The American Community Survey (ACS) helps local officials, community leaders, and businesses understand the changes taking place in their communities. It is the premier source for detailed population and housing information about our nation.	(m) American Community (
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Respond to the ACS	
Learn the different ways to respond to the American Community Survey – online, by phone, by email. Read our FAQs or call us for more help with the survey.	
American Community Survey Data	
The American Community Survey releases new data every year, in the form of estimates, in a variety of tables, tools, and analytical reports.	
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2. Click on "GO TO DATA.CENSUS.GOV":

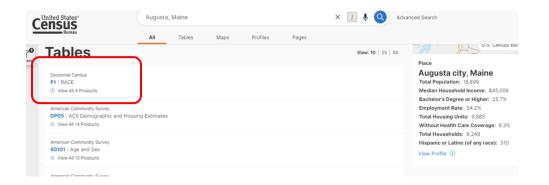
Get Started Accessing ACS Data



3. In the "Explore Census Data" search box, enter the name of the town/city and state in which your site is located (e.g. "Augusta, Maine"):

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4. Under the heading "Tables", click on the option for Decennial Census P1 RACE:



5. Print a copy of the complete table for your records. To print a copy of the complete table, you'll be required to export the report to Excel prior to printing:

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	Augusta city, Maine	
:	18,899	
opulation of one race:	17,845	
White alone	16,918	
Black or African American alone	229	
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	106	
Asian alone	418	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	12	
Some Other Race alone	162	
opulation of two or more races:	1,054	
Population of two races:	1,008	
White; Black or African American	144	
White; American Indian and Alaska Native	451	

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Hawaiian and Other Pa	acific Islander	7	
Other Race		304	
an American; American	Indian and Alaska Native	4	

The sponsor must retain racial and ethnic data for three years, plus the current year, and must safeguard this information to prevent its use for discriminatory purposes. Access to program records containing racial and ethnic data should be kept confidential and limited to authorized personnel.