

**Data Study Group of the IHBG Formula
Negotiated Rulemaking Committee**

Data Source Nomination Sheet

Nomination submitted by (must be member of Data Study Group): Carol Gore

Data Source Name (or proposed name): American Community Survey

Nominated by: Alaska

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Does the nominator agree to provide additional information and clarification to the technical support to help them characterize this data source if necessary? (yes/no) Yes

Please discuss the purpose for which these data are collected and the specific aspects that are relevant to the IHBG formula.

Beginning in 2010, the United States Census Bureau replaced its Decennial Census Long Form with the American Community Survey (ACS). Like the Decennial Census, the ACS gathers information on population development, population structure, and living conditions. ACS data is used by the federal government to allocate funding, and it provides data that is used by federal officials to set policy at the national level. The ACS also gives states and local communities the current, relevant information they need to plan services and make investments. The ACS gathers relevant demographic data (including American Indian or Alaska Native status), economic data (e.g. income, foods stamps benefit, and employment status), social data (e.g. disability and veteran status), housing data (e.g. year structure built, number of rooms, and kitchen and plumbing facilities), and data on financial characteristics (e.g. owner/renter, rent paid, and housing value).

Does this data source currently exist? (yes/no) Yes

If yes, please list the sponsor and, if not the same entity, the organization or agency responsible for collecting the data.

The United States Census Bureau.

If no, please discuss the proposed sponsor of the data collection project and provide a general overview of the methodology. If the proposed project is based on a model include the model name, reason(s) the model source itself is not appropriate, and a summary of the changes proposed to address those concerns.

N/A.