Utilizing Data from American FactFinder with TIGER/Line Shapefiles in ArcGIS

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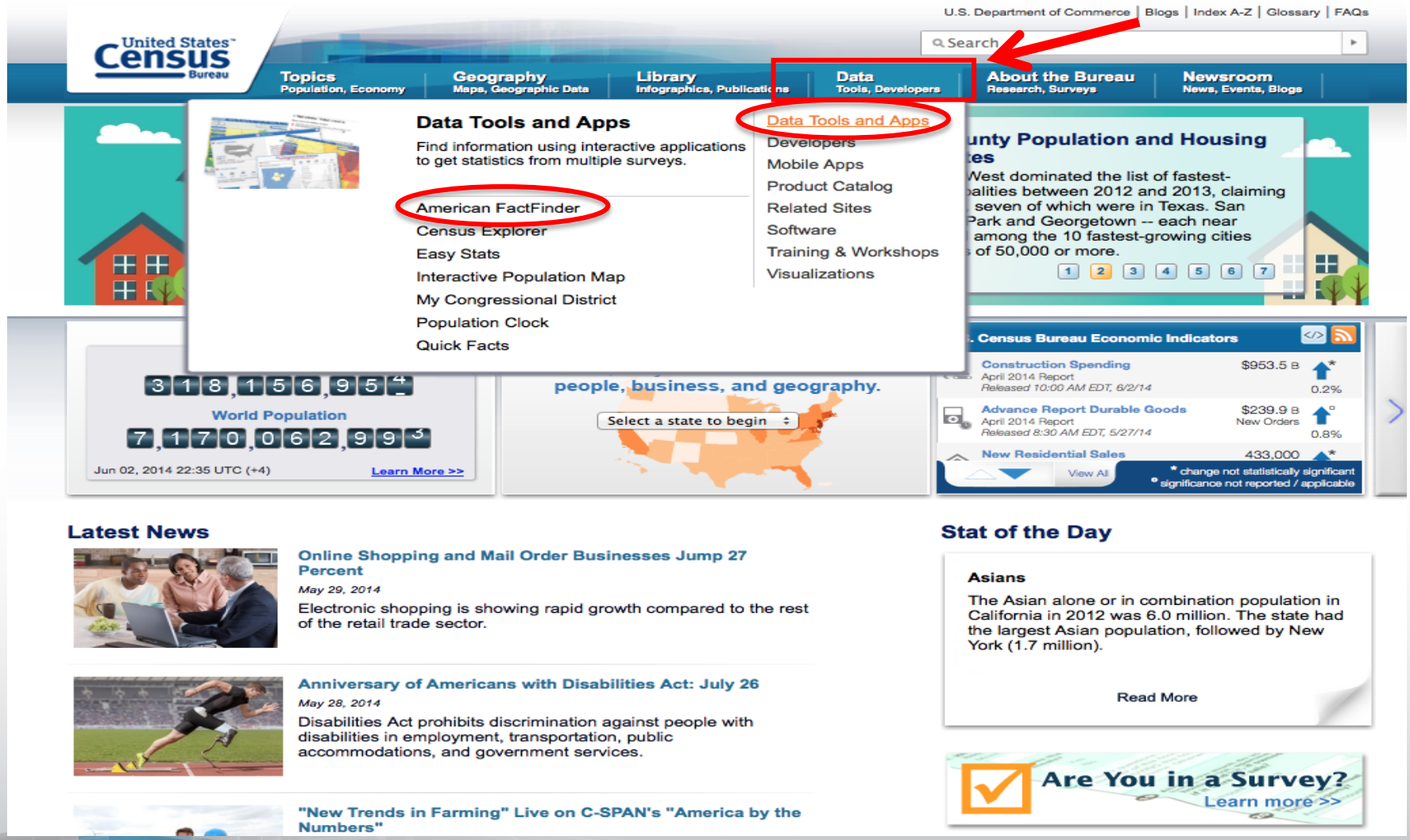
3 Methods of Acquiring TIGER GIS Files

- Via American Fact Finder
  - Flexible, user may select the geographies of immediate interest
  - Only a single data field per downloaded shapefile
- Via TIGER website
  - Contains index field (GEOID) to join with all downloaded Census Bureau data tables
  - Less flexible, may only download by state or county
- TIGER Geodatabase

www.census.gov Select 'Data Tools and Apps' then 'American FactFinder'



AFF Homepage

- Click on **Advanced Search**

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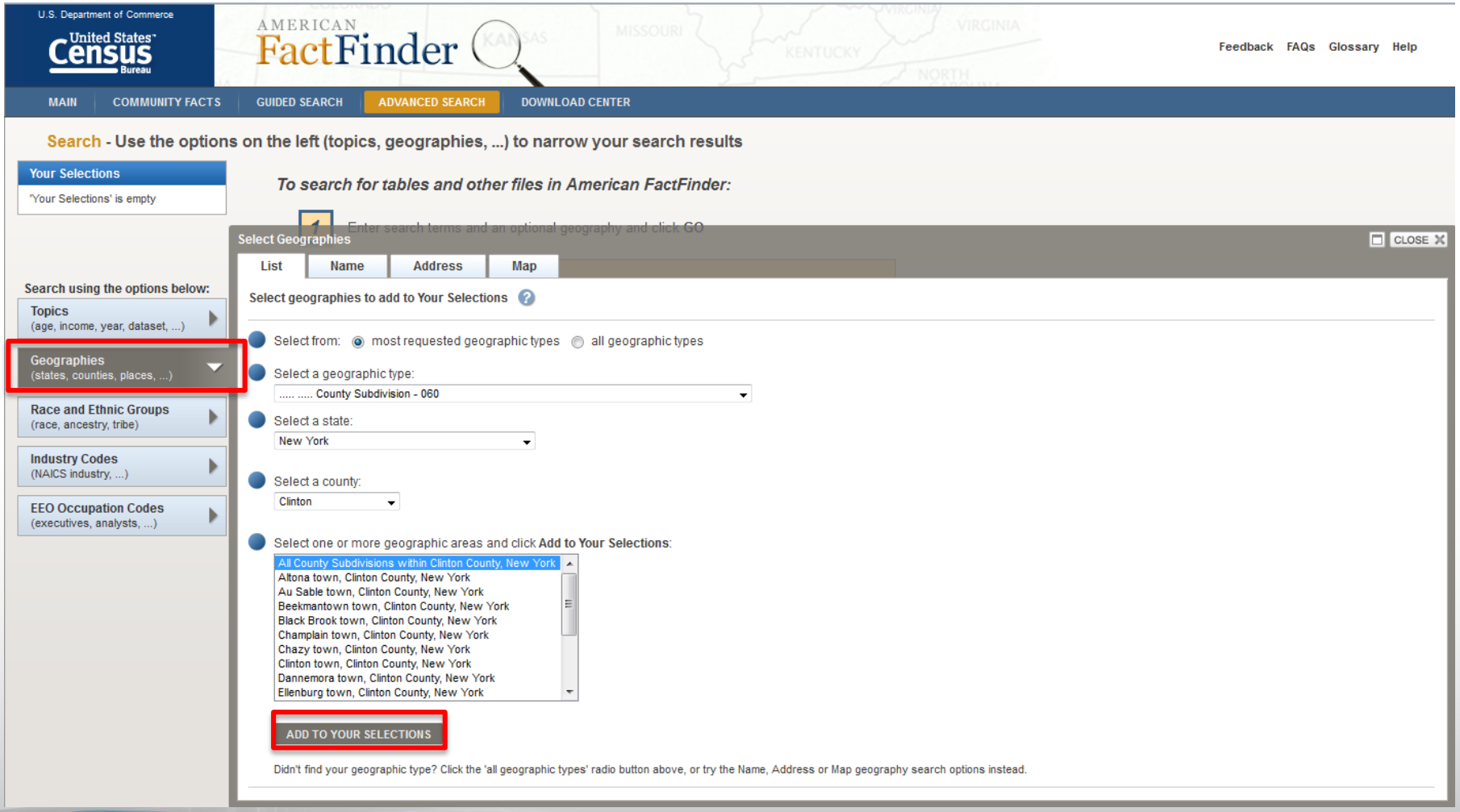
Find Census data by entering a street address.

To Select All Cities & Towns in Clinton Co., NY



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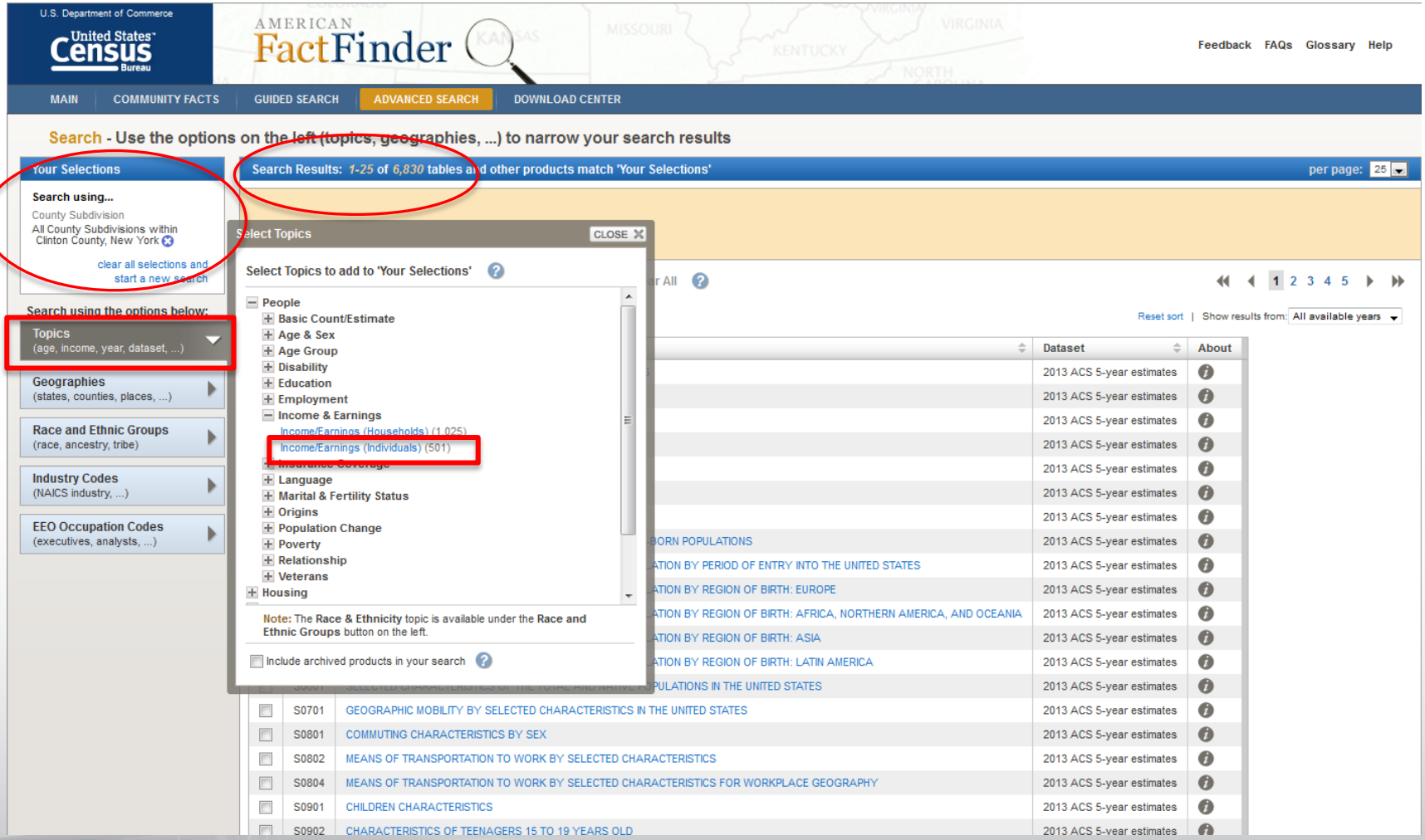

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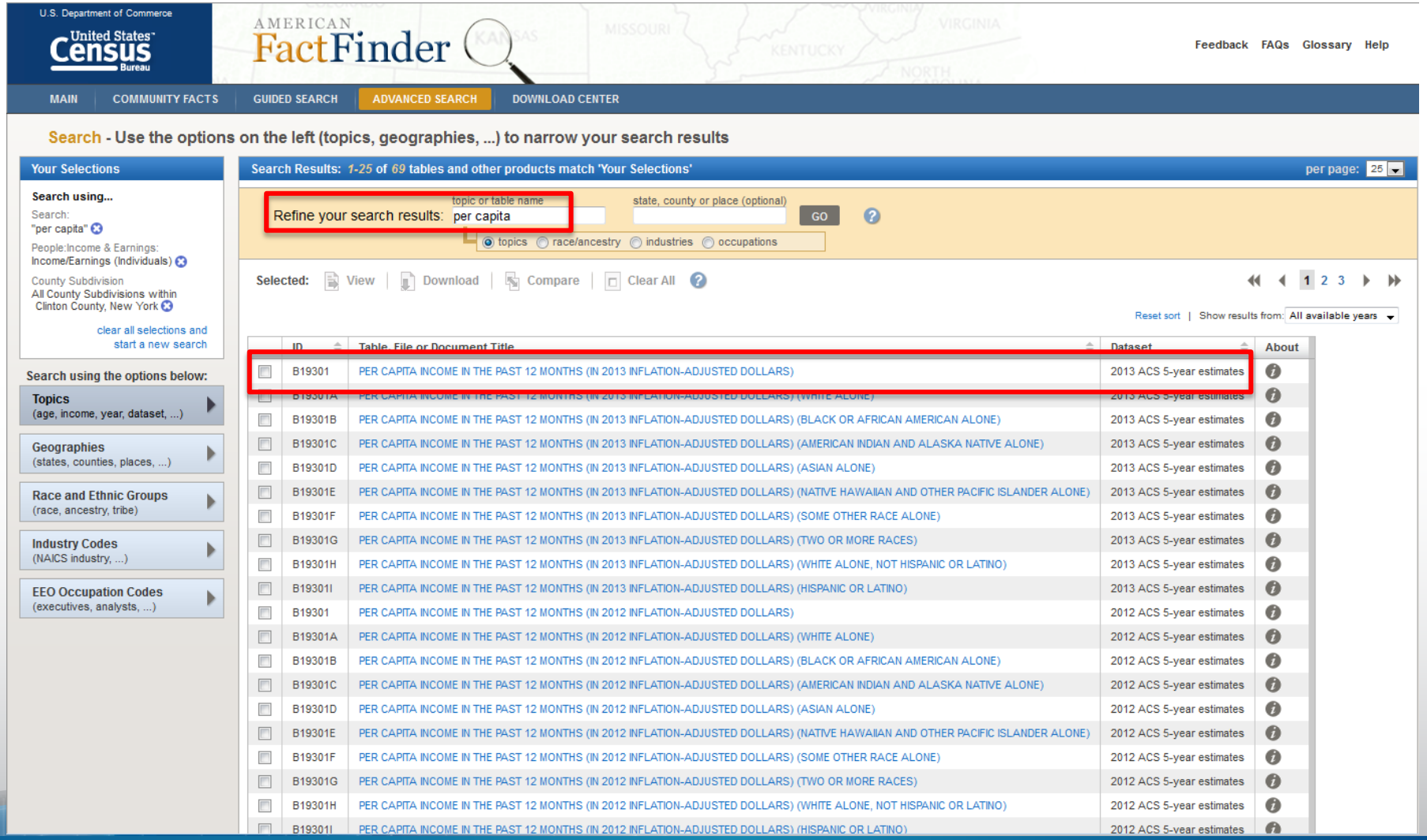

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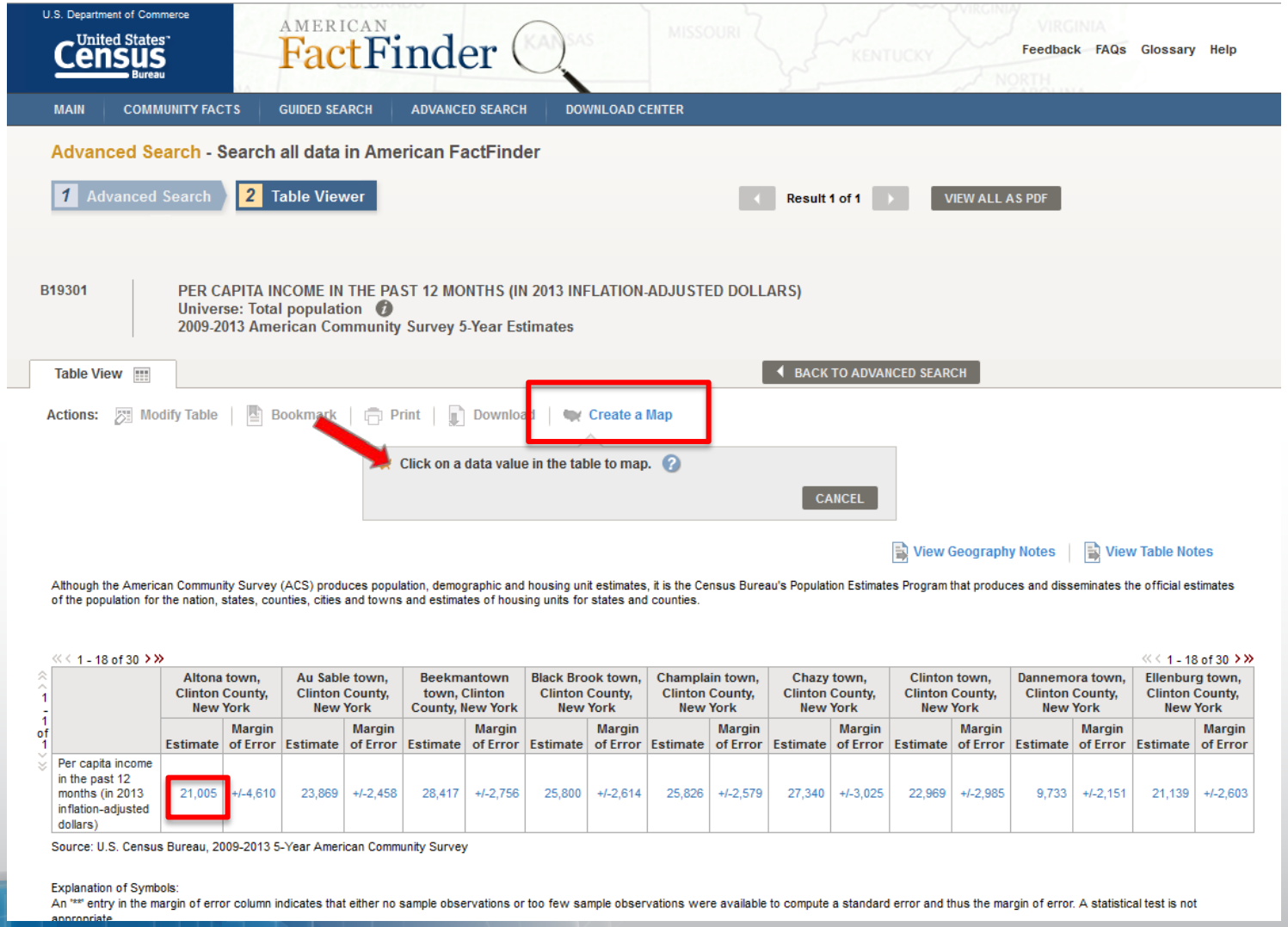
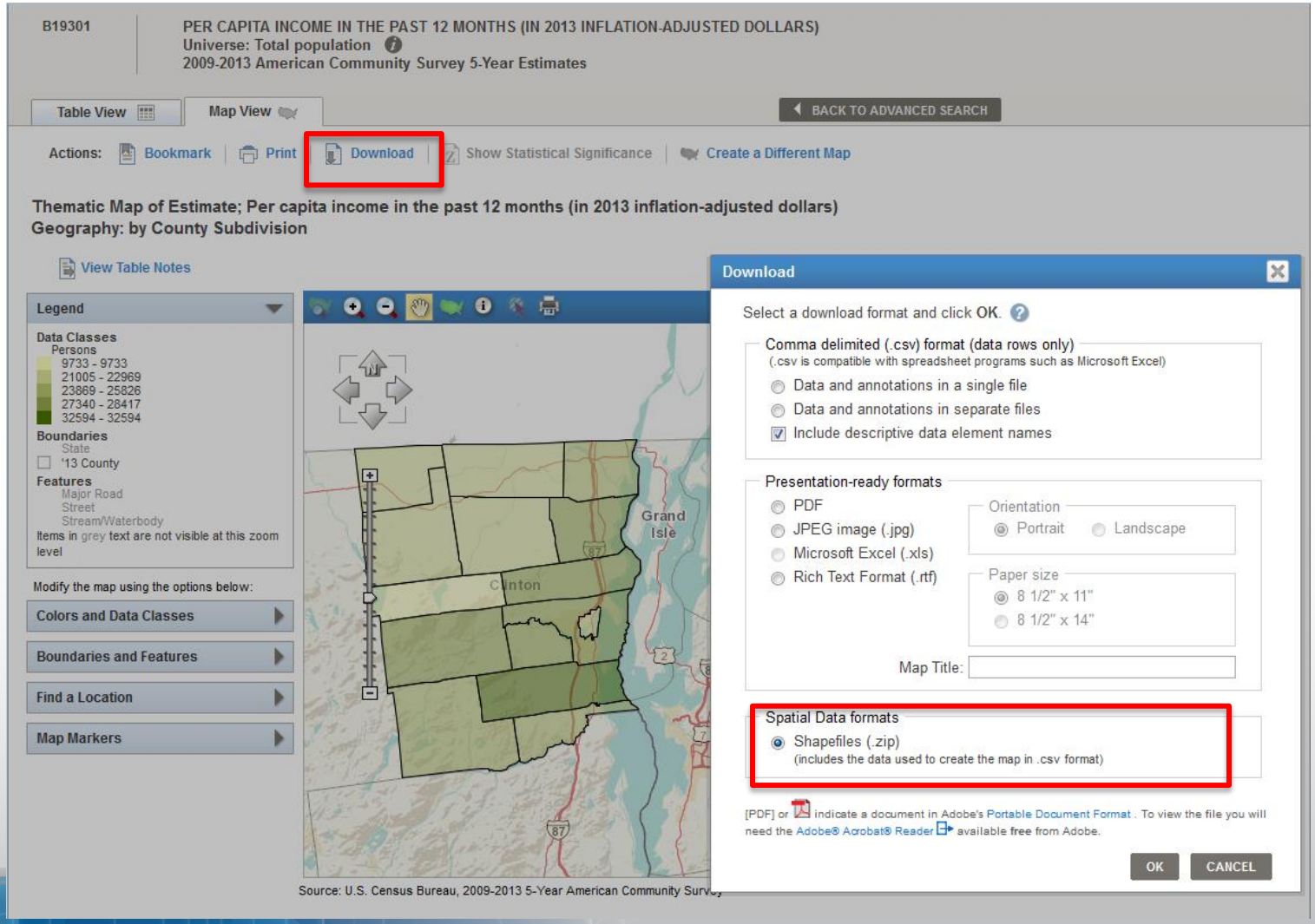
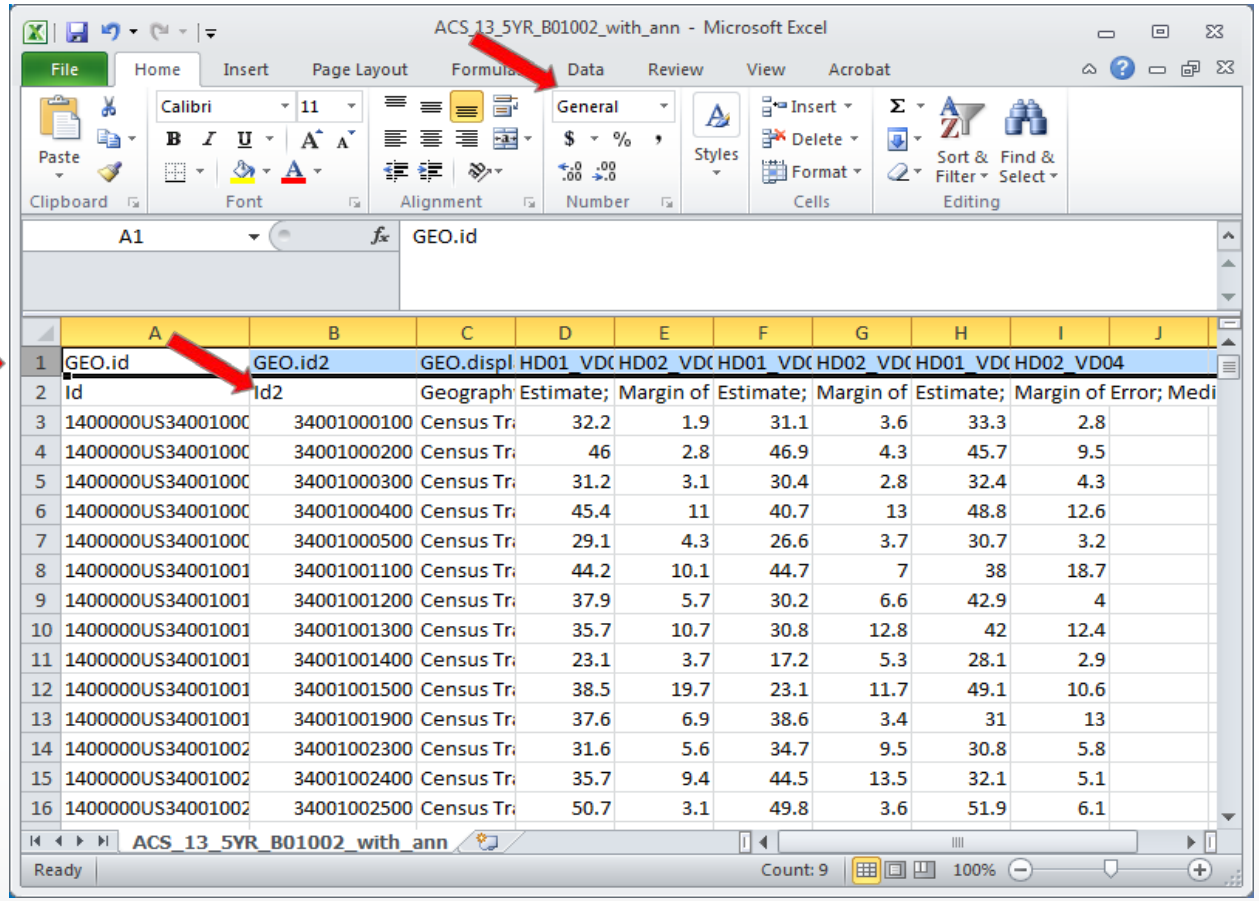
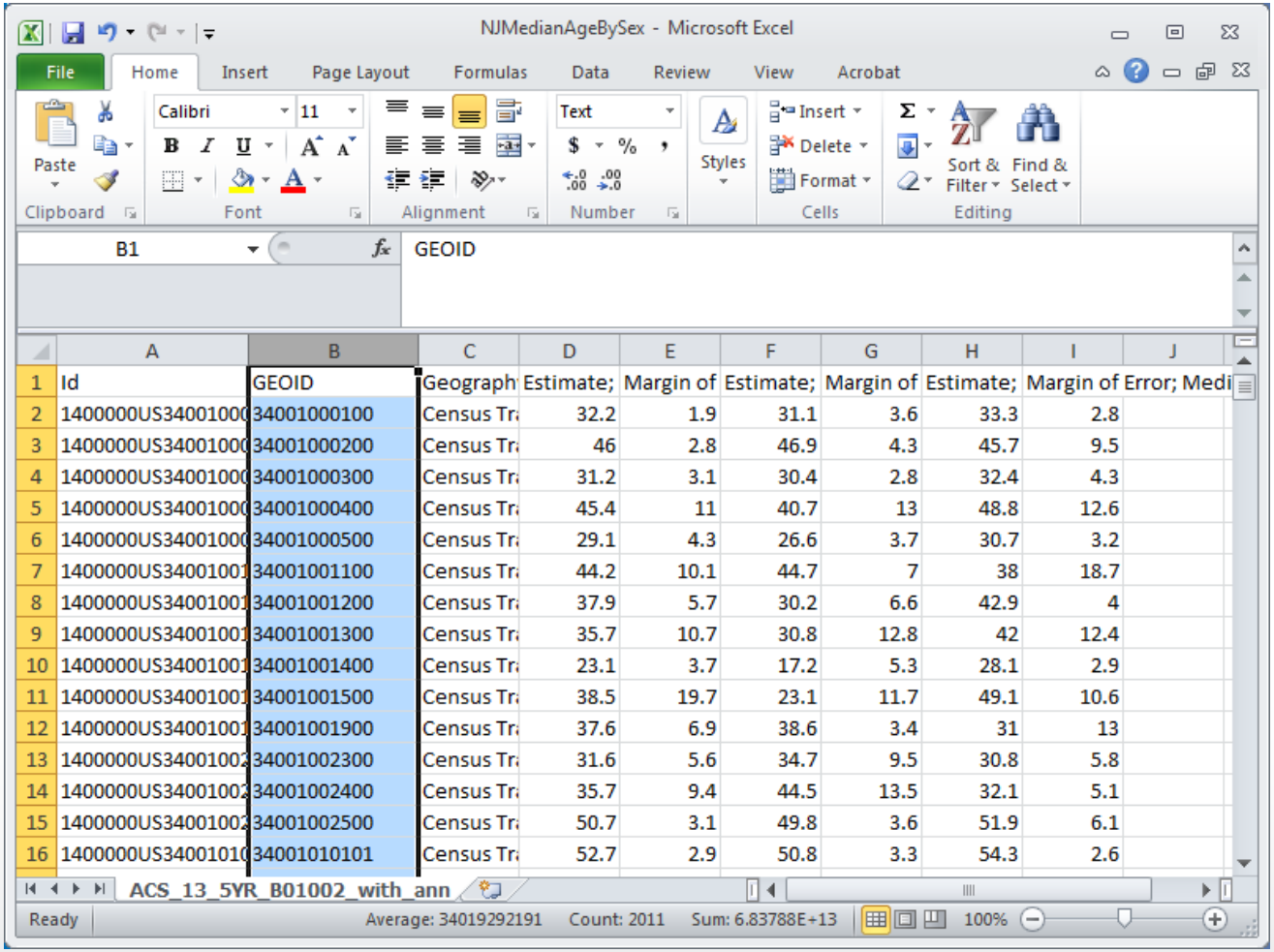


The Map & Download Interface





- Open **ACS_13_5YR_B01002-with_ann**
- Delete Row 1.
- Change the column B header from **Id2** to **GEOID**
- Change the format of the **GEOID** column from **General** to **Text** and **File - Save As - Save as type** as **Excel Workbook.**



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2	1400000US34001000	34001000100	Census Tra	32.2	1.9	31.1	3.6	33.3	2.8	
3	1400000US34001000	34001000200	Census Tra	46	2.8	46.9	4.3	45.7	9.5	
4	1400000US34001000	34001000300	Census Tra	31.2	3.1	30.4	2.8	32.4	4.3	
5	1400000US34001000	34001000400	Census Tra	45.4	11	40.7	13	48.8	12.6	
6	1400000US34001000	34001000500	Census Tra	29.1	4.3	26.6	3.7	30.7	3.2	
7	1400000US34001001	34001001100	Census Tra	44.2	10.1	44.7	7	38	18.7	
8	1400000US34001001	34001001200	Census Tra	37.9	5.7	30.2	6.6	42.9	4	
9	1400000US34001001	34001001300	Census Tra	35.7	10.7	30.8	12.8	42	12.4	
10	1400000US34001001	34001001400	Census Tra	23.1	3.7	17.2	5.3	28.1	2.9	
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12	1400000US34001001	34001001900	Census Tra	37.6	6.9	38.6	3.4	31	13	
13	1400000US34001002	34001002300	Census Tra	31.6	5.6	34.7	9.5	30.8	5.8	
14	1400000US34001002	34001002400	Census Tra	35.7	9.4	44.5	13.5	32.1	5.1	
15	1400000US34001002	34001002500	Census Tra	50.7	3.1	49.8	3.6	51.9	6.1	
16	1400000US34001010	34001010101	Census Tra	52.7	2.9	50.8	3.3	54.3	2.6	

- Save your work **(we'll call this NJMedianAgeBySex)** and close the **Excel Workbook.**

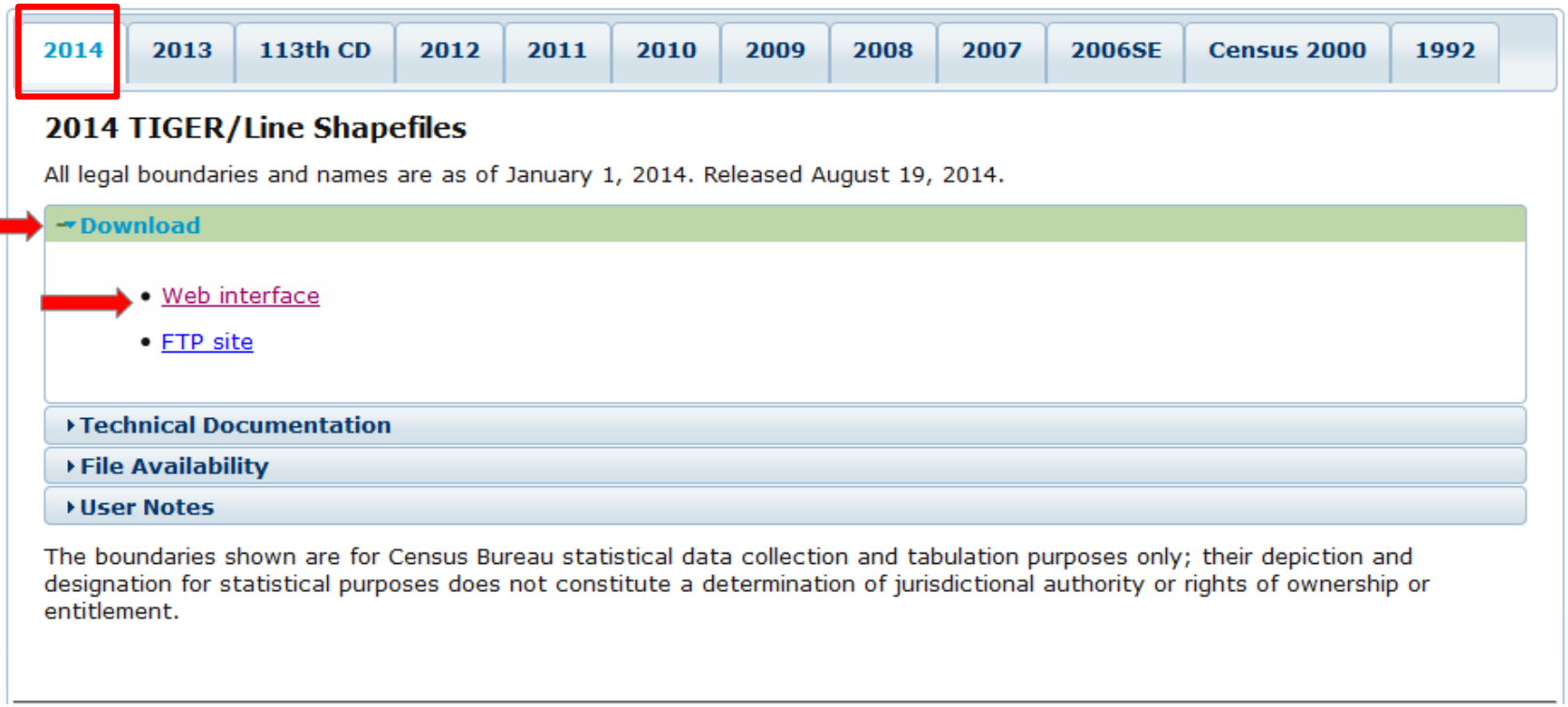
TIGER/Line Shapefiles and TIGER/Line Files

- TIGER/Line products are free spatial extracts from the Census Bureau's MAF/TIGER database, containing features such as roads, railroads, rivers, as well as legal and statistical boundaries.
  - Since 2007, the files are in shapefile format.
  - They are available for download here:

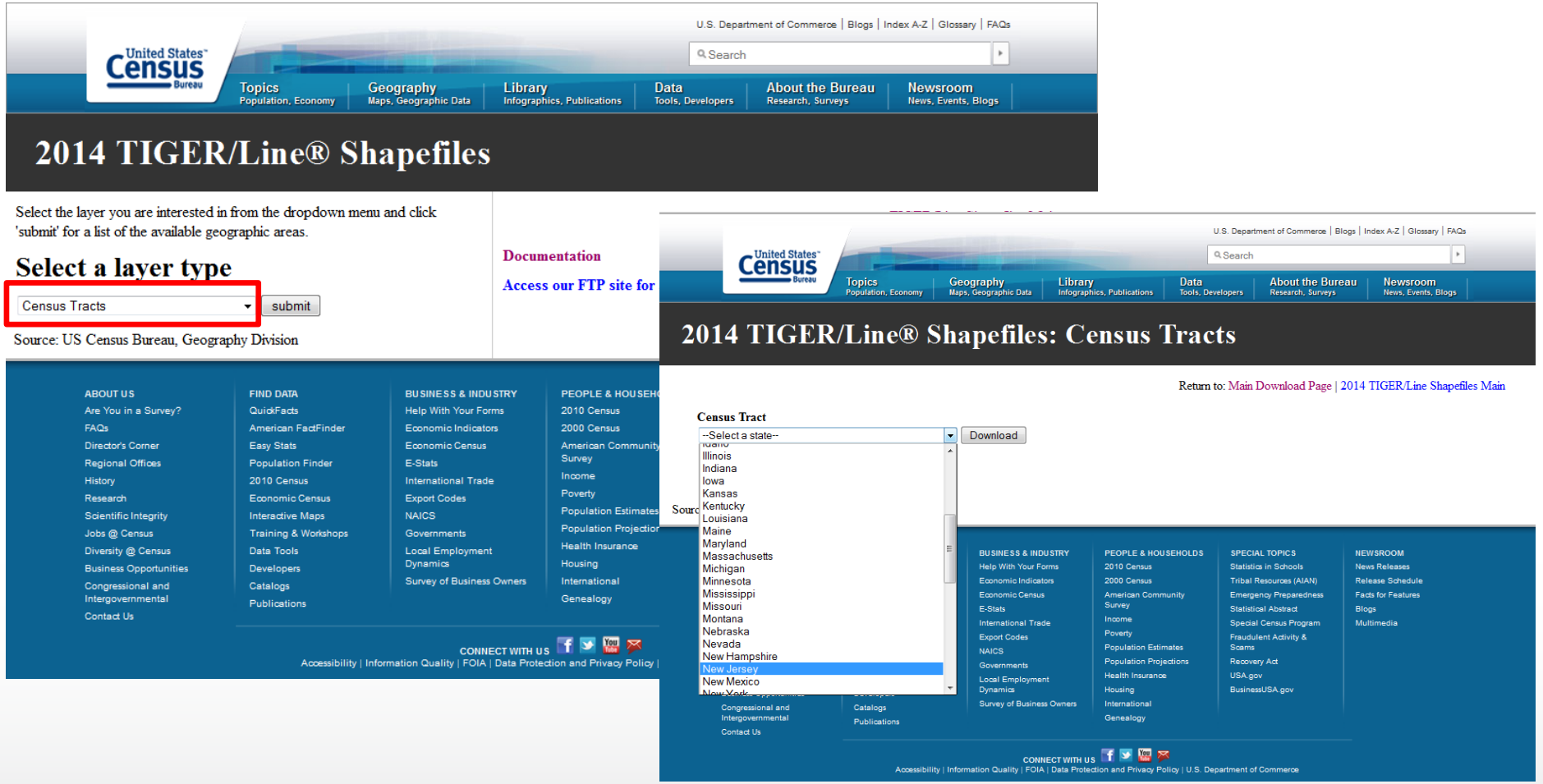
  http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-line.html

Downloading TIGER/Line Shapefiles

- There are four methods for downloading TIGER/Line Shapefiles:
  - Website Interface
  - Direct from the FTP site
  - Connect via FTP client
  - Direct from Data.gov
- This example will utilize the Website Interface method.
- For additional information about downloading and unzipping TIGER/Line Shapefiles, see the brochure “Downloading TIGER/Line Shapefiles”, available on our “How To” webpage: http://www.census.gov/geo/education/howtos.html.

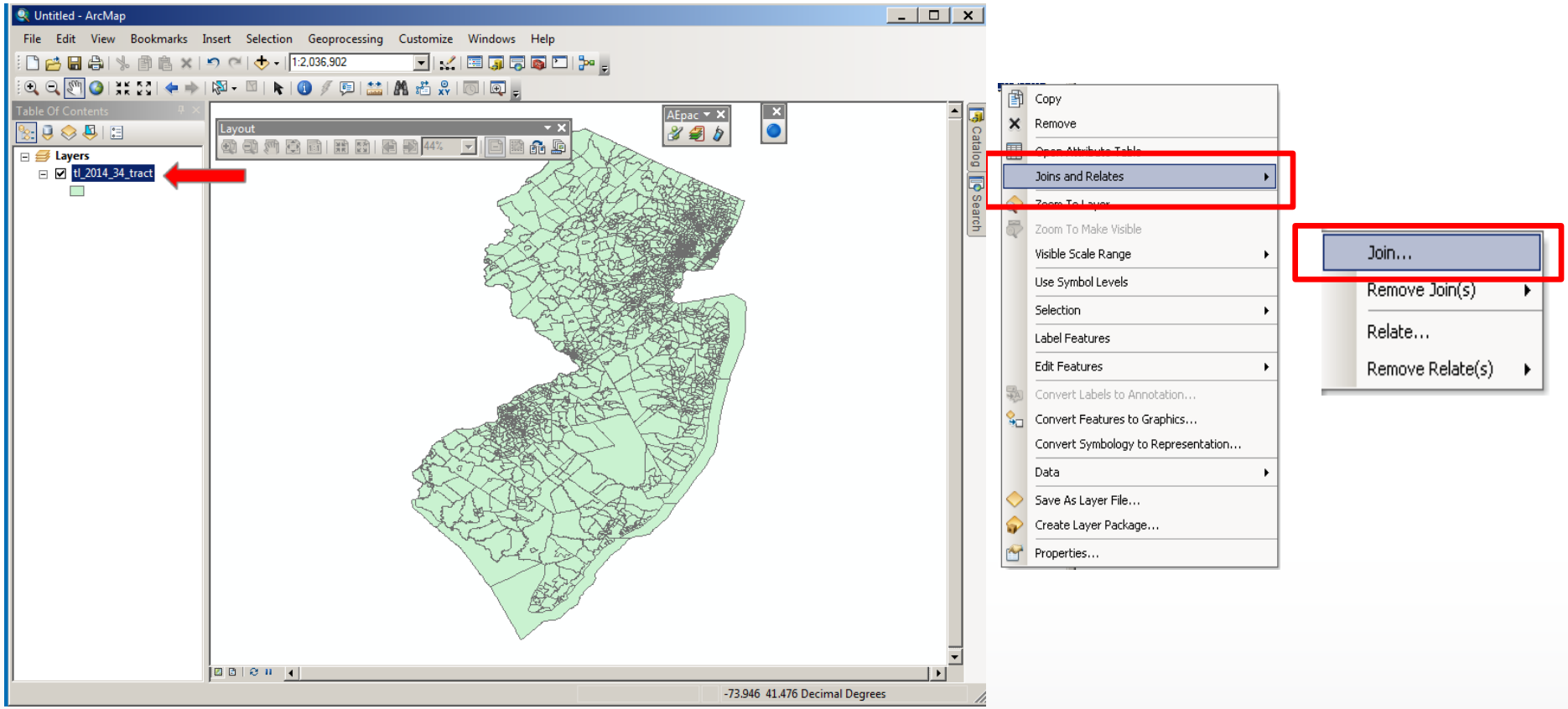


- Visit http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-line.html.
- Click on the **2014** Tab.
- Click **Download.**
- Under **Download by File Type**, Click **Web Interface.**



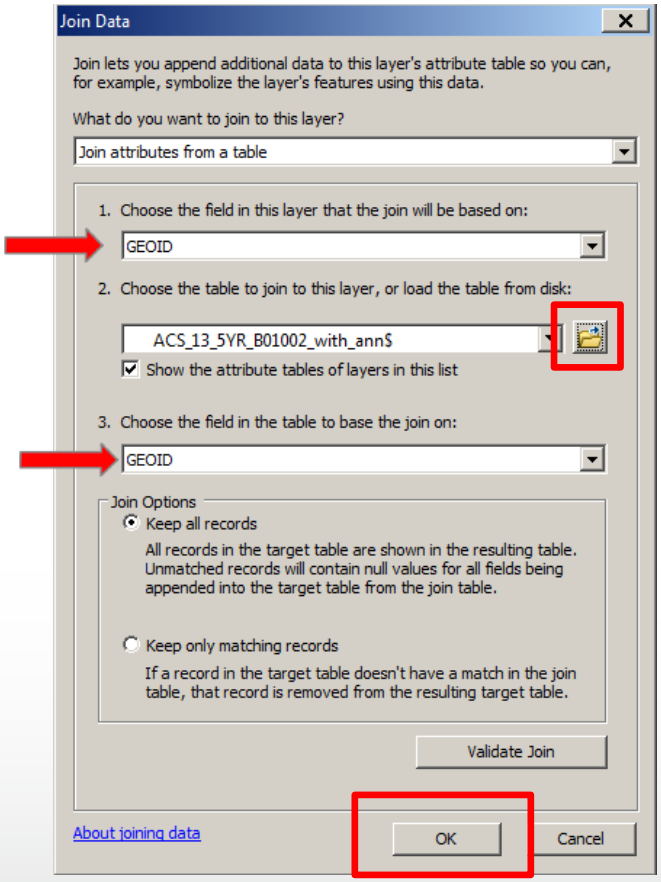
- Select **Census Tracts** in the dropdown menu and click **submit.**
- Under **Census Tract**, Select **New Jersey**, click **Download.**

Open with WinZip

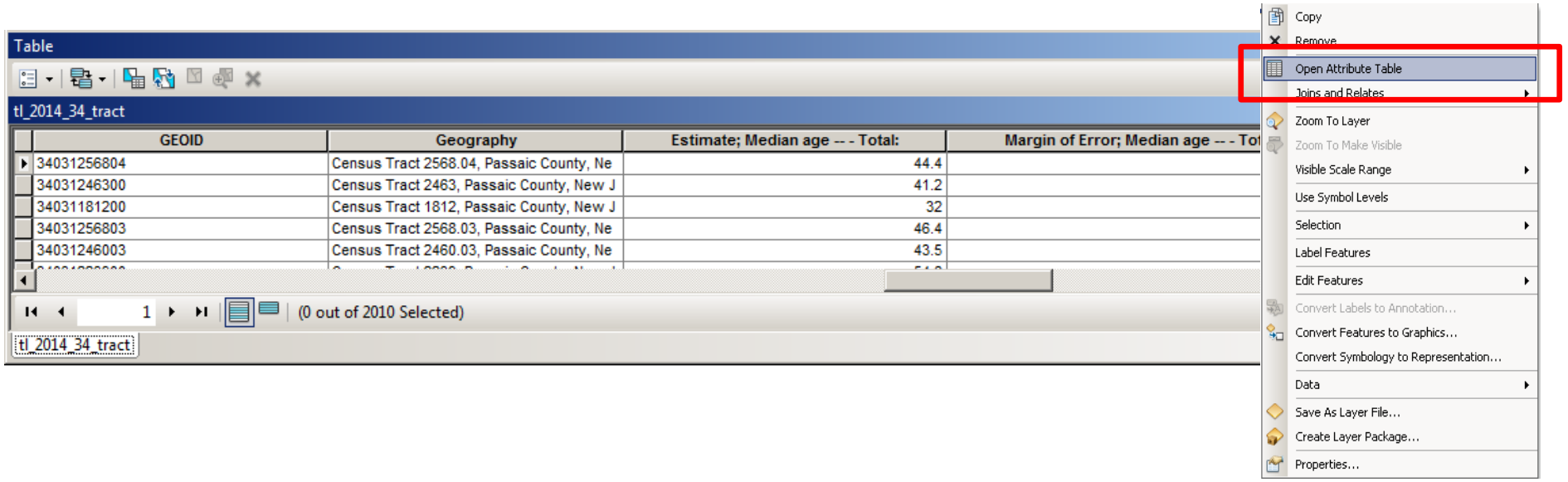


- Right-click on the TIGER/Line Shapefile name.
- Select **Joins and Relates.**
- Select **Join.**

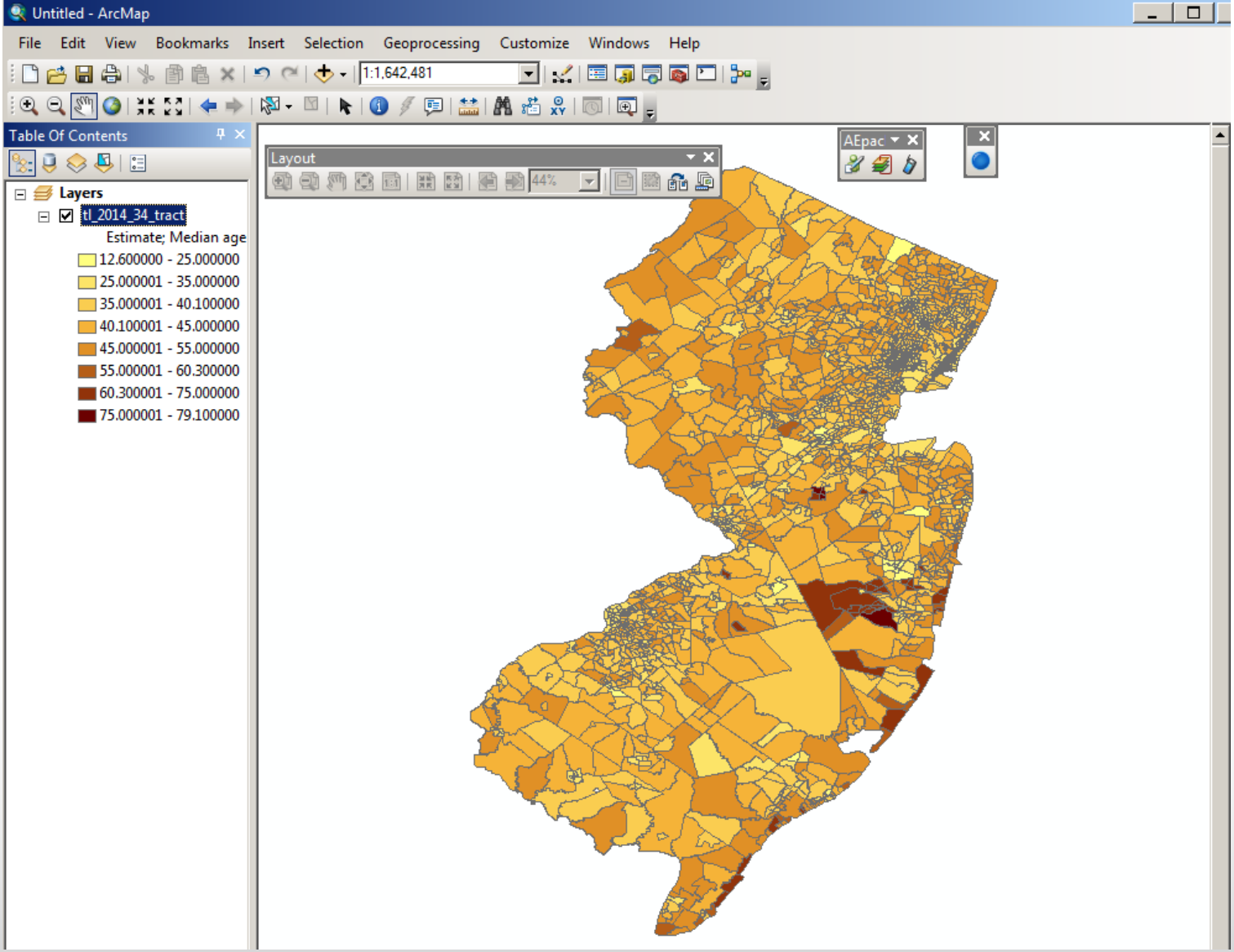
- A new screen appears for you to select the field from the shapefile that will be used to join the data.
  - You want the fully qualified geographic code. It is **GEOID** in the 2010 TIGER/Line Shapefiles.
  - The TIGER/Line Shapefiles technical documentation has more information on the record layouts and definition of each field.
- Next, select the data file you saved as an Excel Workbook, using the browse (open folder icon).
- Finally, choose the field from the data table to base the join on.
  - Since we edited the field name in the Excel Workbook to **GEOID**, ArcGIS automatically selects this field for the join.



Click **OK**.



- To see the results, right-click on the TIGER/Line Shapefile name and select **Open Attribute Table.**
  - ArcMap builds a relationship between the shapefile and the data table.
  - The table now has the attributes from both the shapefile and the data table.
- The data can be used to create a thematic map or for other analysis.
- Multiple files can be joined to the shapefile.



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Median Age
By Census Tract
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Questions

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Call: (301) 763-1128 - Geographic Products Branch

Regarding American FactFinder – Data Questions:

Visit:
http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/using_factfinder.xhtml

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