



Finding Statistics and Data Related to Rural Health

# Selecting Rural Data in data.census.gov

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### **Explore Census Data**

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## What are the urban/rural options in data.census.gov?

- Urban
- Rural

- Metropolitan
- Micropolitan (large rural)
- Not in metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area (small rural)

Note: Some data/tables do not include these geographic components.



## What are examples of possible national comparisons?

- U.S. compared to Rural U.S.
- Urban U.S. compared to Rural U.S.
- U.S. compared to Micropolitan (large rural) compared to Not Metro/Micropolitan (small rural)
- Metropolitan compared to Micropolitan (large rural) compared to Not Metro/Micropolitan (small rural)



## What comparisons are useful for looking at state data?

- Rural for your state compared to entire state
- Rural for your state compared to Rural U.S.
- Rural for state compared to Urban for state
- At state level, Metro compared to Micropolitan compared to Not Metro/Micropolitan
- Rural for your state compared to rural for neighboring state



### Two Methods for Selecting Rural Data

Method 1: Geography, then Topic

Method 2: Topic, then Geography



### Method 1:

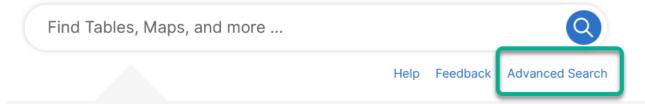
Geography, then Topic



### Select "Advanced Search"

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## Under Find a Filter, select "Geography"



#### **Advanced Search**

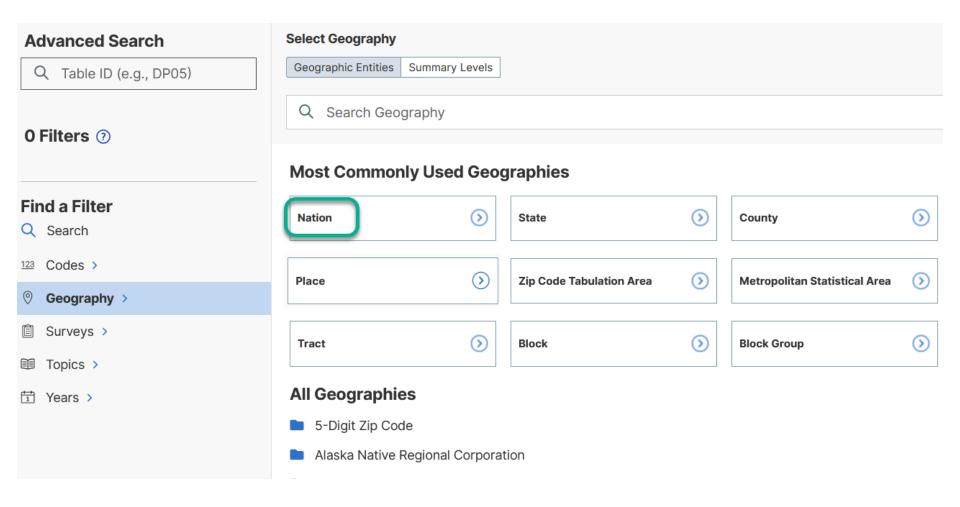
Q Table ID (e.g., DP05)

O Filters ?

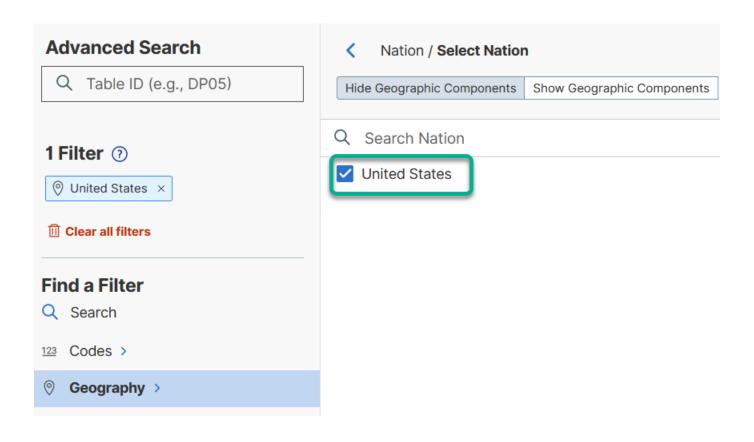
#### Find a Filter

- Q Search
- 123 Codes >
- Surveys >
- Topics >
- Years >

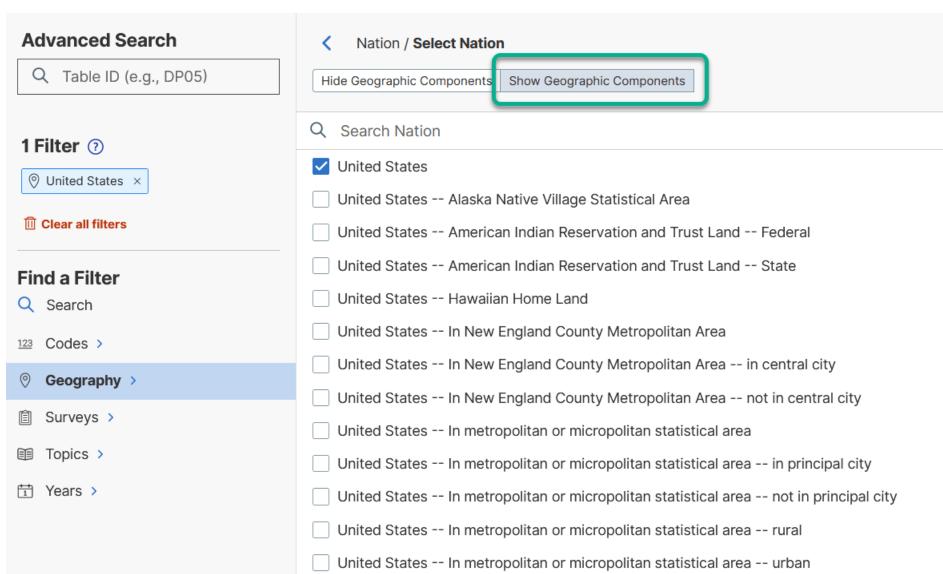
### For U.S. data, select "Nation"



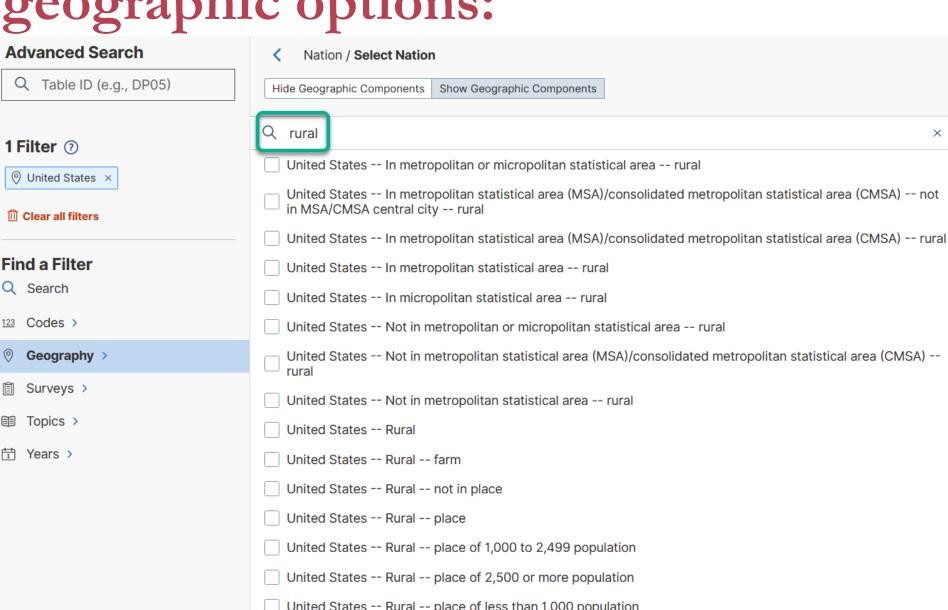
### For comparison, you may first want to select the United States as a whole



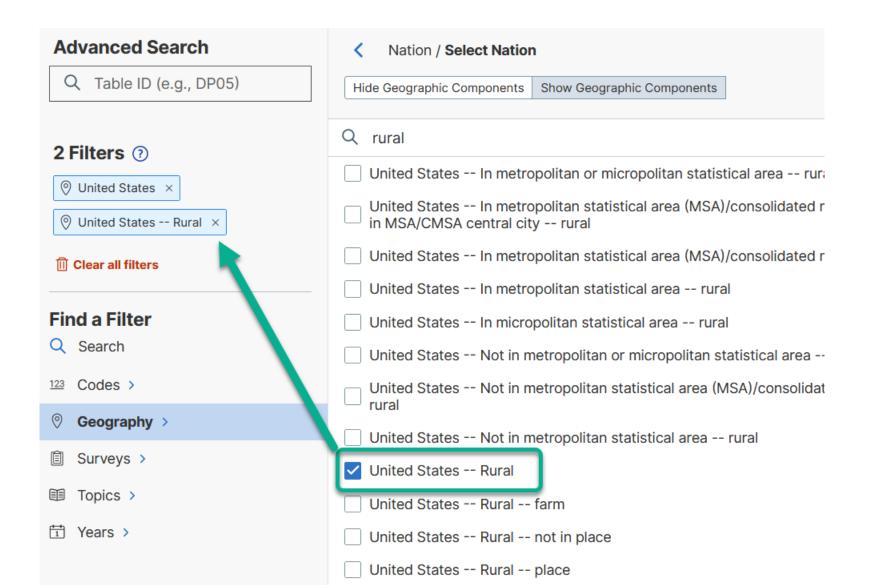
## Next, select "Show geographic components"



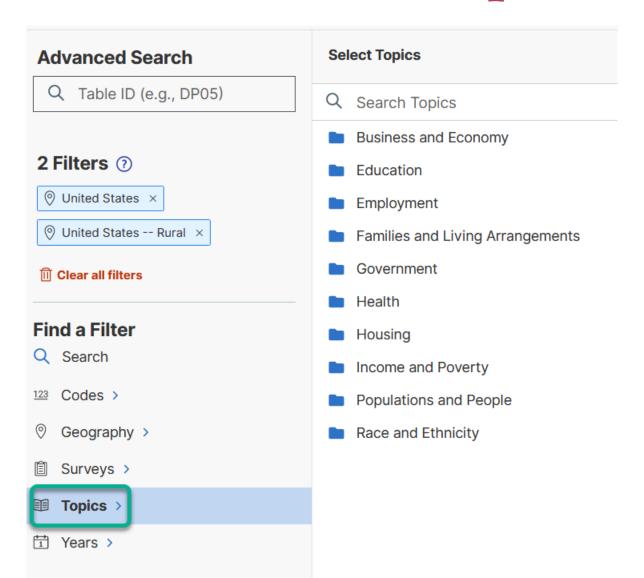
## Search for "rural" to narrow the list of geographic options:



### Select the choices you want, such as "United States -- Rural"

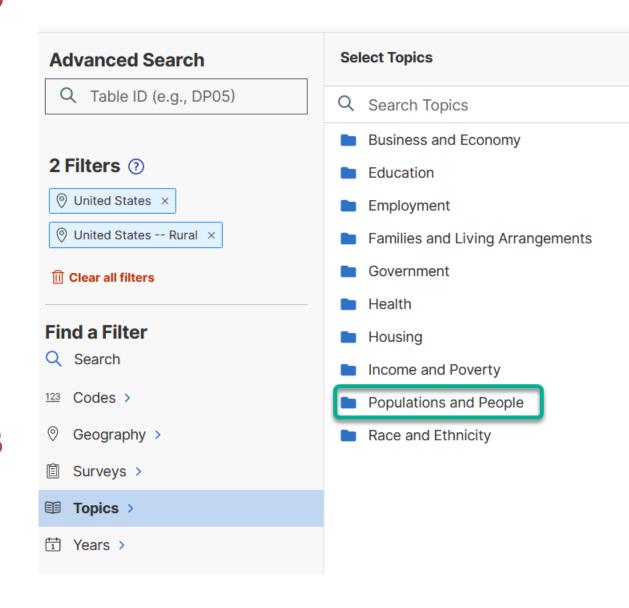


## Now filter by the type of data you are interested in, such as "Topics"

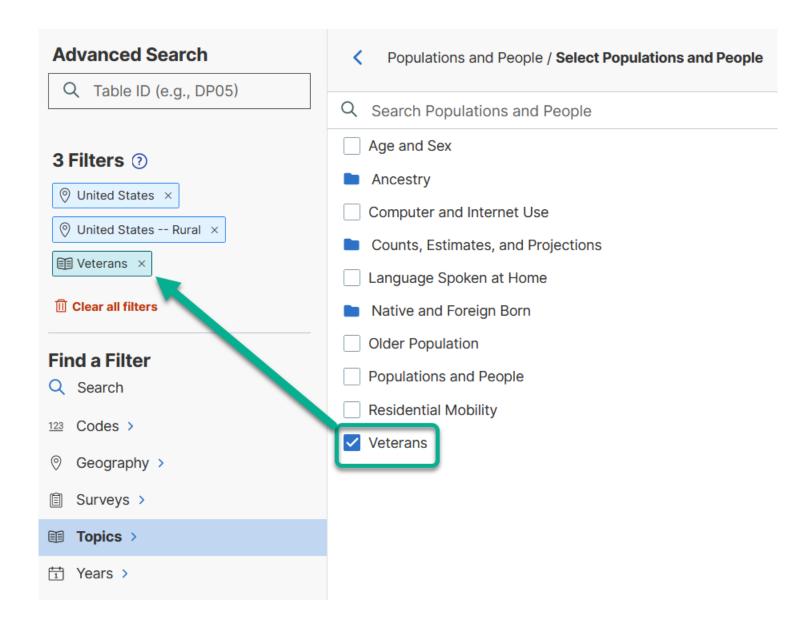


For example, you might be seeking data on veterans.

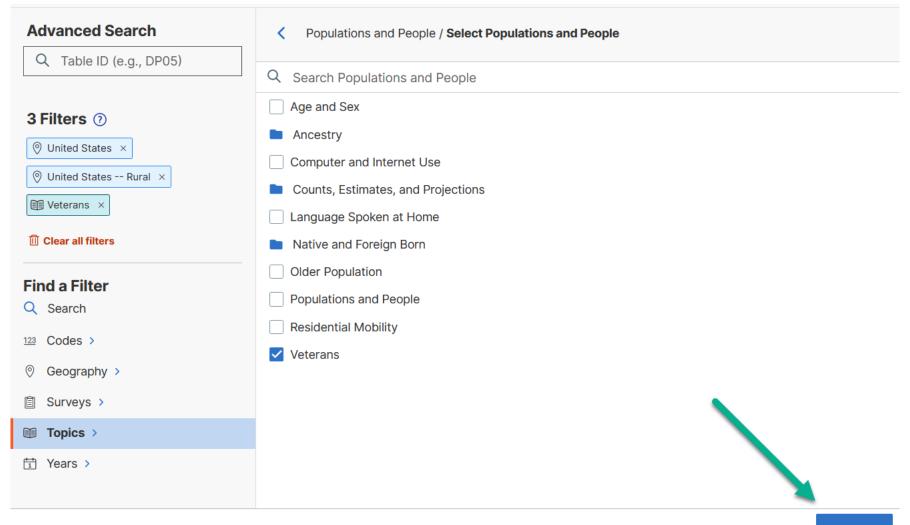
Select
"Populations and People" first.



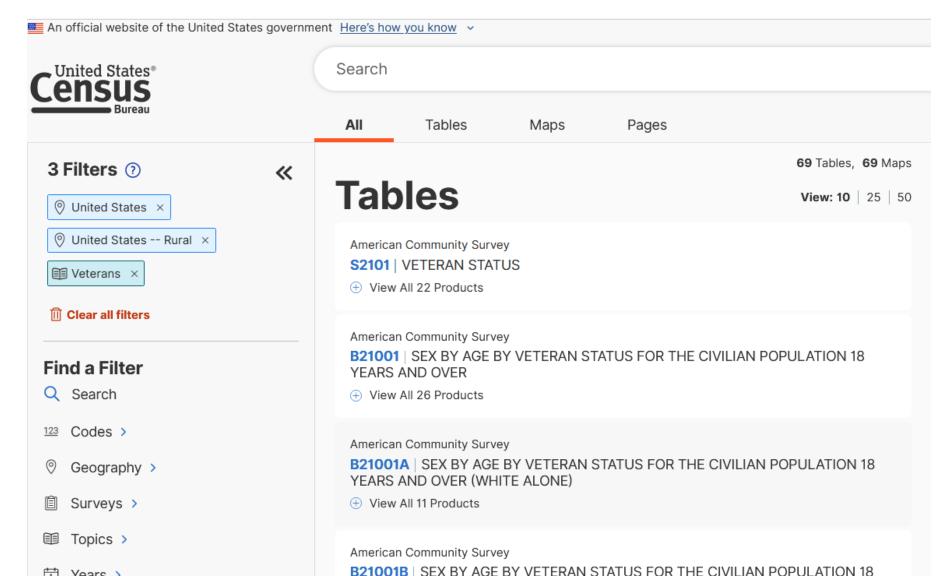
### Then select "Veterans"



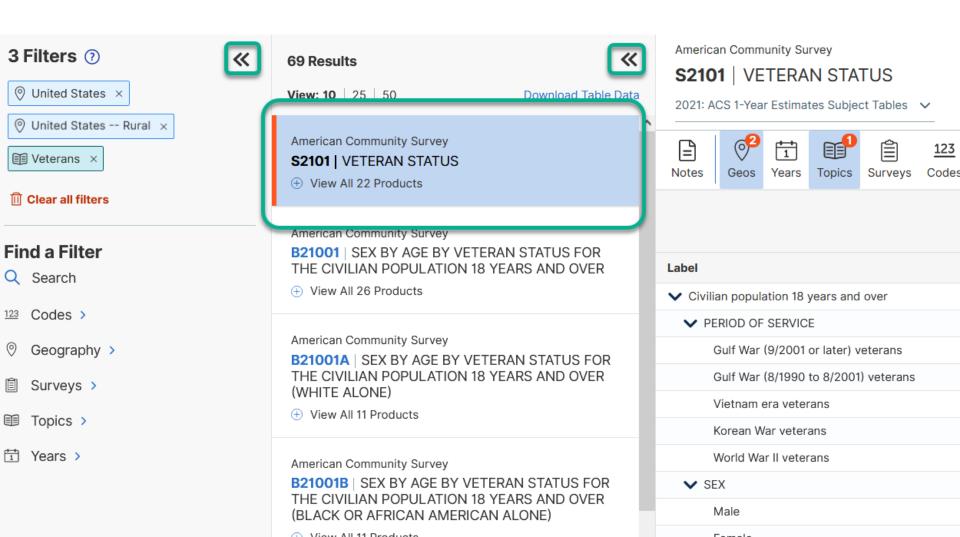
## After making your selection, click the "Search" button in the bottom right



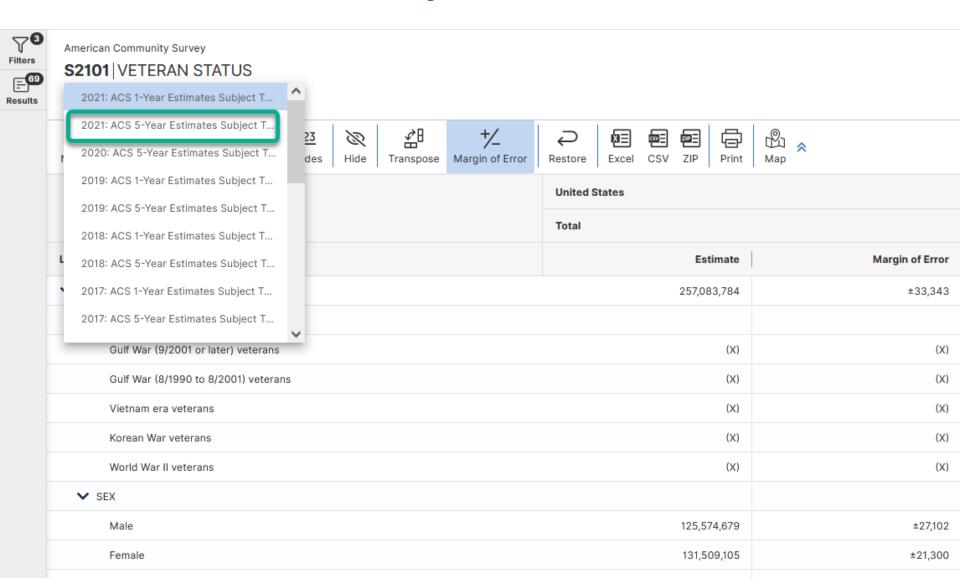
## The results will list matching tables, maps, and Census web pages



### Select the first table, then the arrows to close the filter and result menus

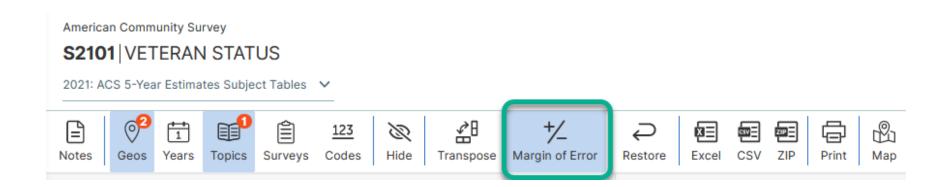


## Select the first table and switch the Product to the 5-year ACS estimates



### **Customization Options**

You can adjust how your data is displayed using the menu ribbon at the top of the table. For example, if you want to display only the data columns and not the margin of error, you can toggle that off by clicking it:



## You will get detailed data for the geography and topic selected

#### **United States**

#### United States -- Rural

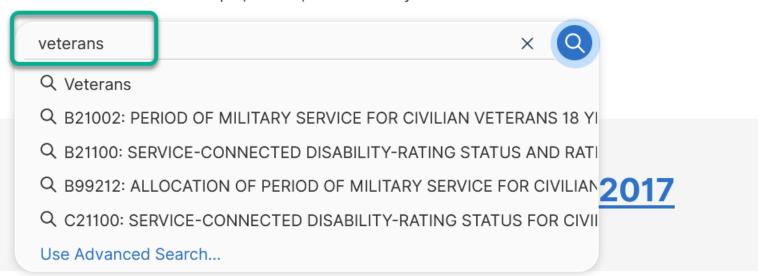
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	Total	Percent	Veterans	Percent Veterans	Nonveterans	Percent Nonveterans	Total	Percent	Veterans	Percent Veterans	Nonveterans	Percent Nonveterans	
Label	Estim	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	
✓ Civilian population 18 years and over	254,296,179	(X)	17,431,290	6.9%	236,864,889	93.1%	49,661,911	(X)	4,332,856	8.7%	45,329,055	91.3%	
➤ PERIOD OF SERVICE													
Gulf War (9/2001 or later) veterans	(X)	(X)	3,843,757	22.1%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	808,755	18.7%	(X)	(X)	
Gulf War (8/1990 to 8/2001) veterans	(x)	(X)	3,908,610	22.4%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	930,957	21.5%	(X)	(X)	
Vietnam era veterans	(x)	(X)	6,084,415	34.9%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1,713,733	39.6%	(X)	(X)	
Korean War veterans	(X)	(X)	1,149,257	6.6%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	259,446	6.0%	(X)	(X)	
World War II veterans	(X)	(X)	383,739	2.2%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	66,750	1.5%	(X)	(X)	
<b>∨</b> SEX													
Male	124,202,426	48.8%	15,794,025	90.6%	108,408,401	45.8%	25,058,828	50.5%	3,986,211	92.0%	21,072,617	46.5%	
Female	130,093,753	51.2%	1,637,265	9.4%	128,456,488	54.2%	24,603,083	49.5%	346,645	8.0%	24,256,438	53.5%	
<b>∨</b> AGE													
18 to 34 years	74,828,594	29.4%	1,508,193	8.7%	73,320,401	31.0%	11,383,267	22.9%	272,794	6.3%	11,110,473	24.5%	
35 to 54 years	83,758,687	32.9%	4,151,603	23.8%	79,607,084	33.6%	16,080,281	32.4%	968,127	22.3%	15,112,154	33.3%	
55 to 64 years	42,820,277	16.8%	3,189,141	18.3%	39,631,136	16.7%	9,873,590	19.9%	797,605	18.4%	9,075,985	20.0%	
65 to 74 years	31,590,619	12.4%	4,513,992	25.9%	27,076,627	11.4%	7,701,844	15.5%	1,299,917	30.0%	6,401,927	14.1%	
75 years and over	21,298,002	8.4%	4,068,361	23.3%	17,229,641	7.3%	4,622,929	9.3%	994,413	23.0%	3,628,516	8.0%	
▼ RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN													
White alone	178,351,782	70.1%	13,825,031	79.3%	164,526,751	69.5%	42,824,354	86.2%	3,863,755	89.2%	38,960,599	86.0%	
Black or African American alone	30,994,952	12.2%	2,129,670	12.2%	28,865,282	12.2%	2,959,080	6.0%	241,184	5.6%	2,717,896	6.0%	
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,991,003	0.8%	125,374	0.7%	1,865,629	0.8%	693,357	1.4%	45,086	1.0%	648,271	1.4%	
Asian alone	14,961,587	5.9%	310,477	1.8%	14,651,110	6.2%	629,492	1.3%	19,056	0.4%	610,436	1.3%	
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### Method 2: Topic, then Geography

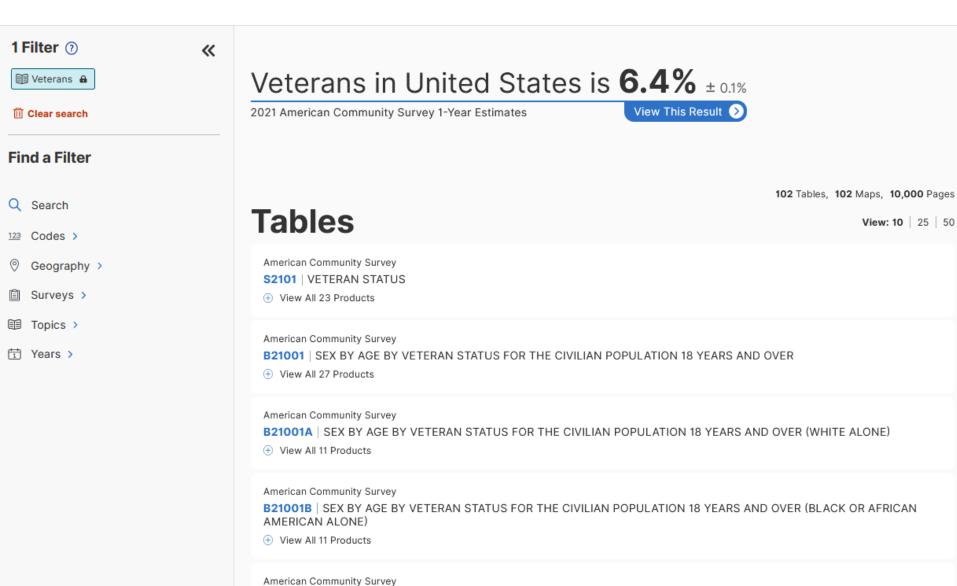
# From the main page, enter your topic, such as "Veterans" and click "Search"

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## Select the "+" under the first table and select the 5-year ACS estimates

# Tables American Community Survey \$2101 | VETERAN STATUS Tiew All 23 Products

American Community Survey

#### S2101 | VETERAN STATUS

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### Select "Geos" to pick the geographies of interest to you

American Community Survey

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AGE

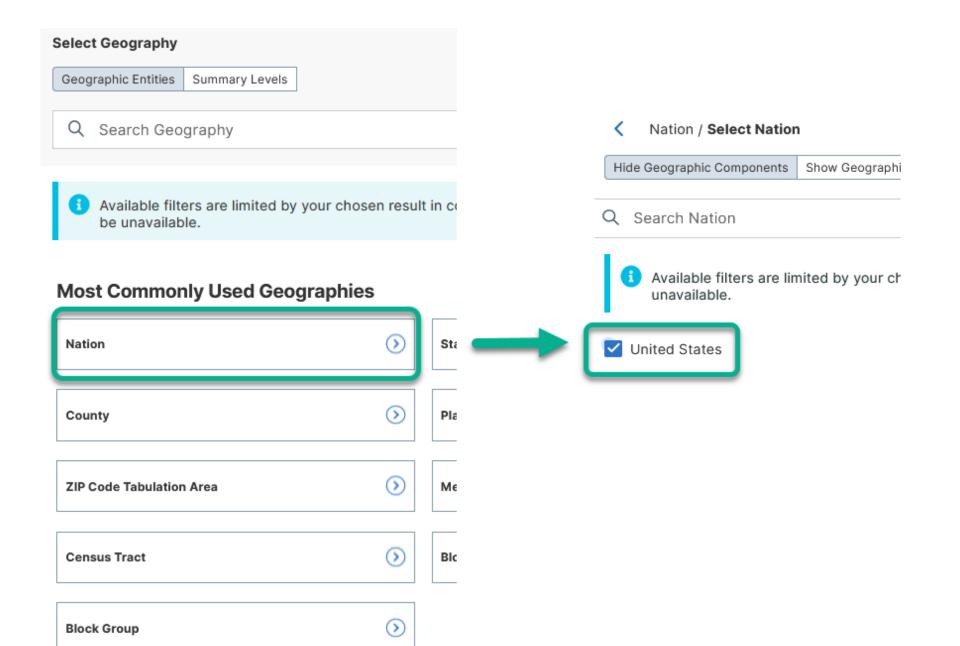
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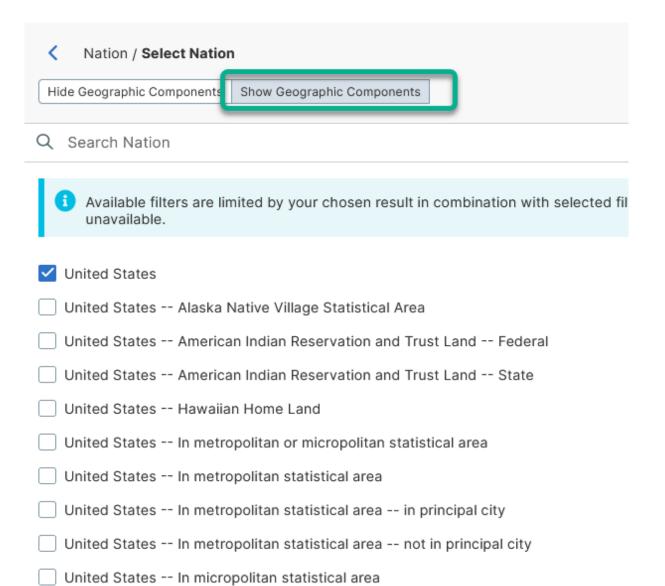
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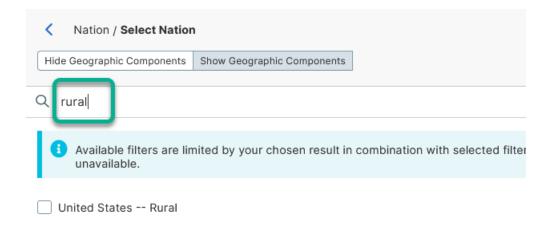
### Select "Nation", then "United States"



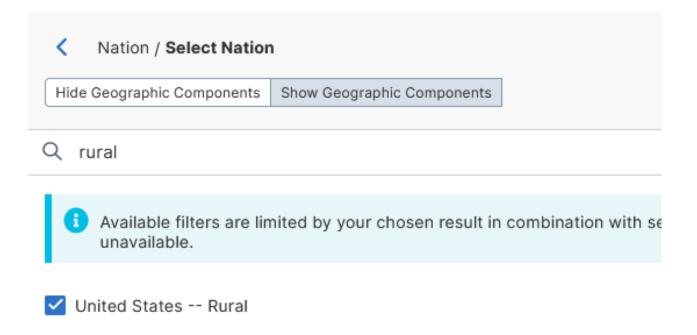
### Next click the "Show geographic components" option



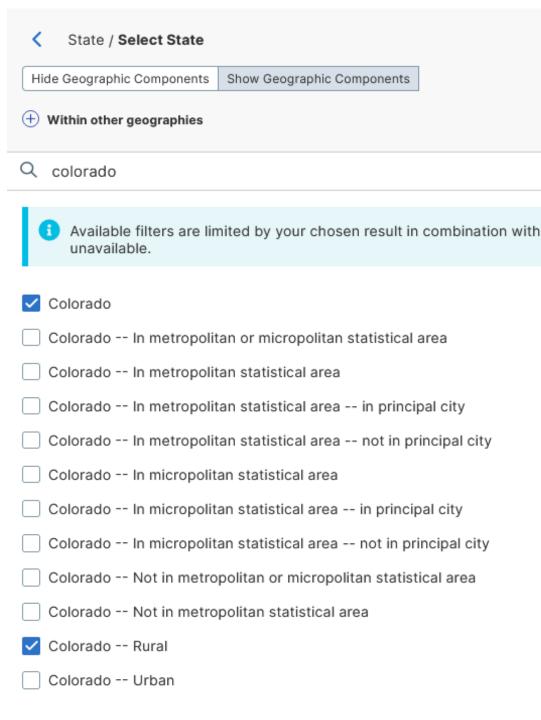
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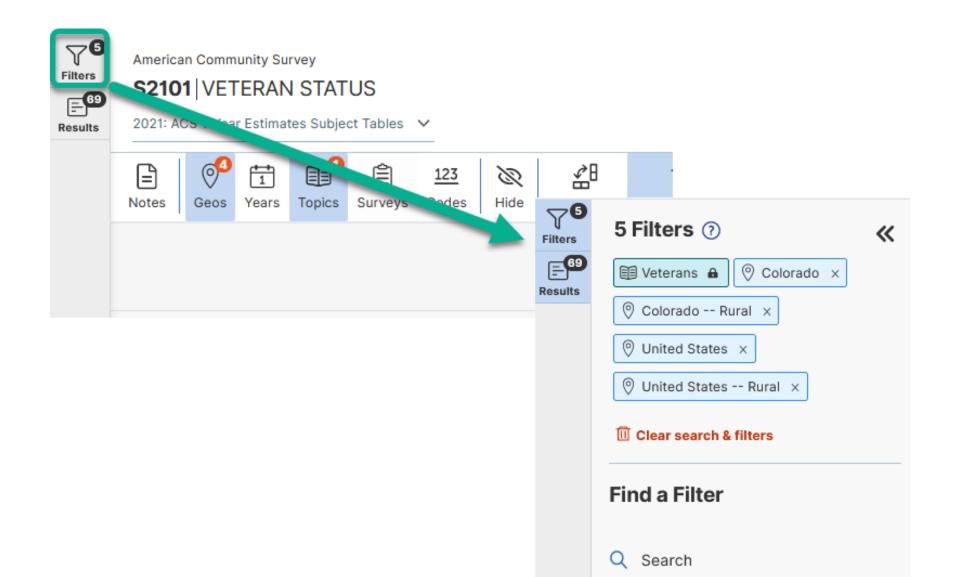
### Select "United States -- Rural"



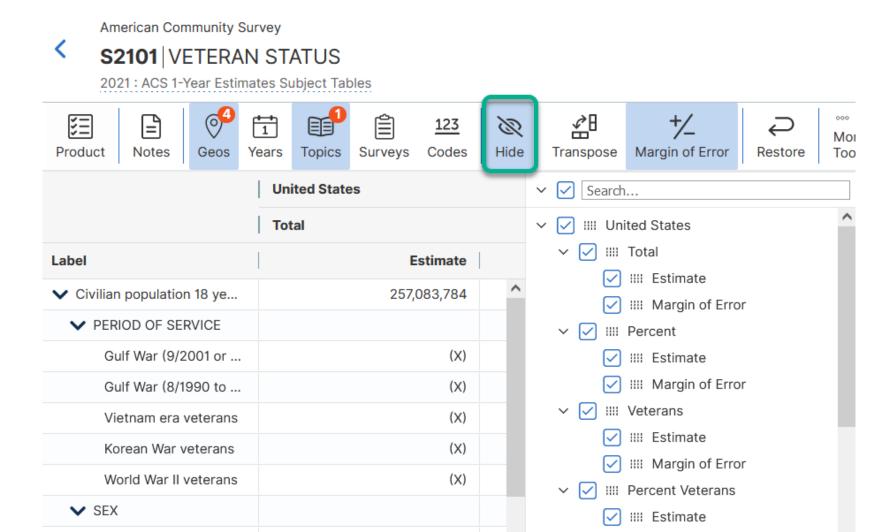
Similarly, you could switch to State, show geographic components, search for "Colorado" and add geographies



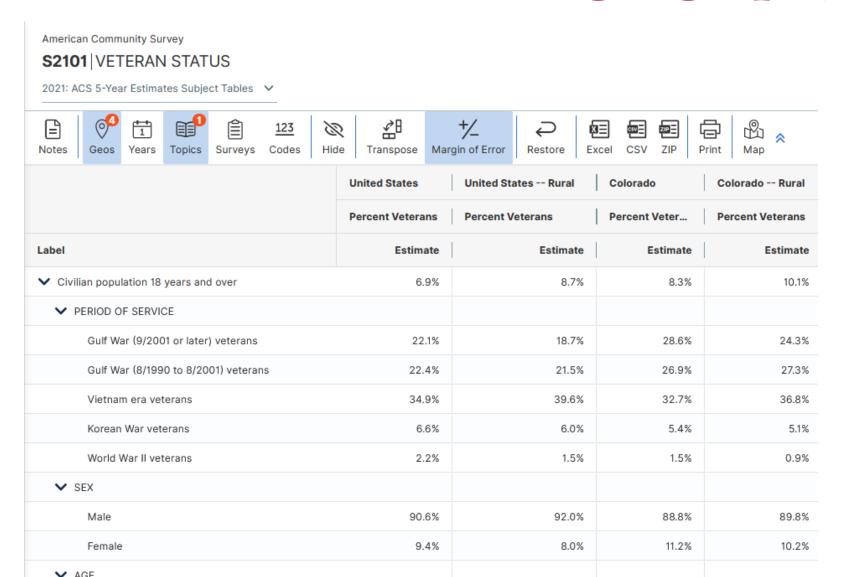
### The choices you've added can be viewed in the filters area:



## For large tables, use "Hide" to view only the data you need



## For example, showing only the percent veterans for each geography



To compare metropolitan, micropolitan (large rural), not metro/micro (small rural), select these:

Nation / Select Nation
Hide Geographic Components Show Geographic Components
Q statistical area
Available filters are limited by your chosen result in combination unavailable.
United States Alaska Native Village Statistical Area
United States In metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area
✓ United States In metropolitan statistical area
United States In metropolitan statistical area in principal city
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United States State Designated Tribal Statistical Area

### Troubleshooting

data.census.gov is a complex product. Updates may change how it behaves. It may also behave differently with different browsers. Some tips for common issues:

- If your browser has difficulty loading a table, consider selecting fewer geographies at a time.
- If your search fails, as a last resort you can click the U.S. Census logo in the upper left to return to the main search page.
- Try a different browser if you aren't getting the results you expect.

### U.S. Census resources

#### Guidance for Data Users

https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance.html

#### Handbooks for Data Users

https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/handbooks.html

- Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data:
   What All Data Users Need to Know
   <a href="https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/library/handbooks/general.html">https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/library/handbooks/general.html</a>
- Understanding and Using American Community Survey Data:
   What Users of Data for Rural Areas Need to Know
   <a href="https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/library/handbooks/rural.html">https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/library/handbooks/rural.html</a>

### For more information on rural data:

The Rural Health Information Hub guide

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