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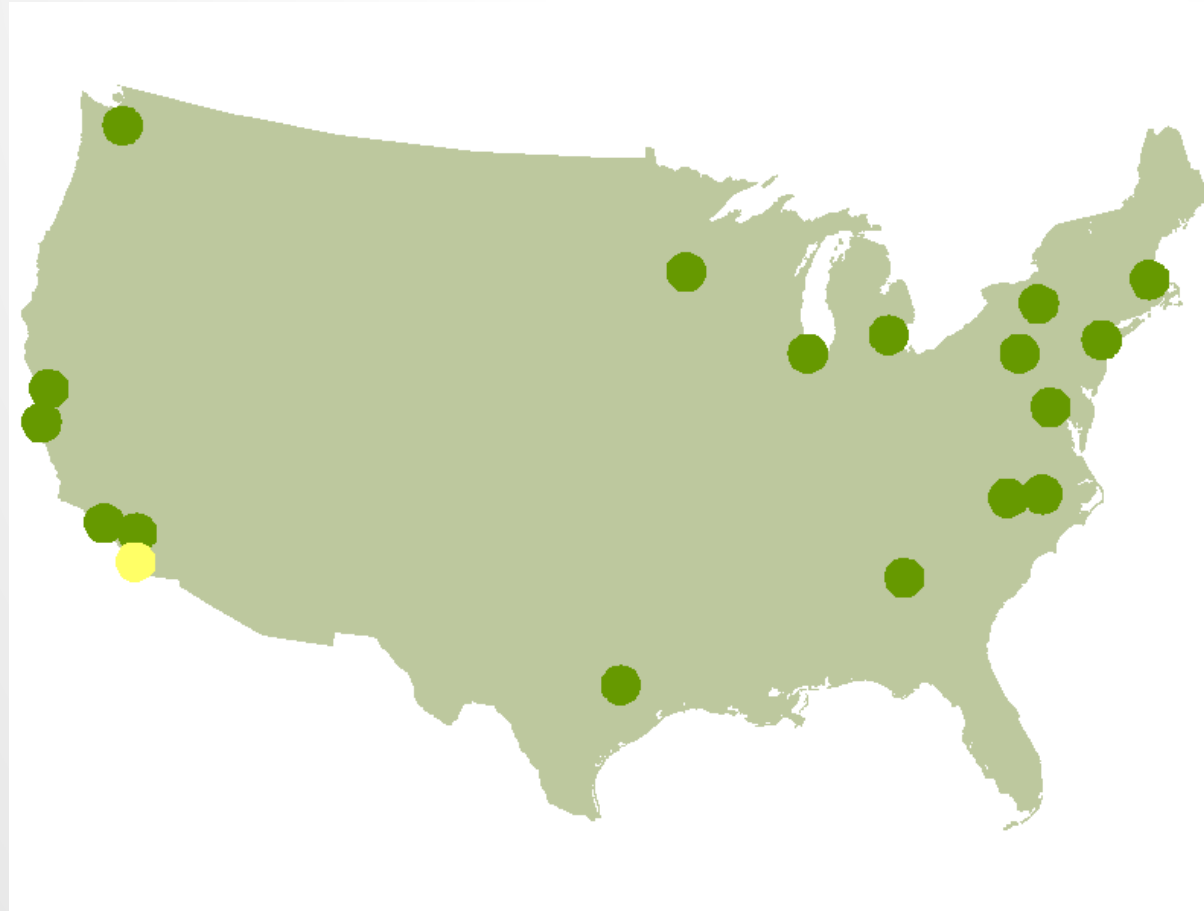
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THE CENSUS BUREAU'S NATIONAL NETWORK OF RESEARCH DATA CENTERS



SOURCES OF PUBLIC DATA



IPUMS-USA

Harmonized data on people in the U.S. census and American Community Survey, from 1850 to the present.

Microdata for users who want to perform their own tabulations or regression analyses.



National Historical Geographic Information System

Tabular U.S. census data and GIS boundary files from 1790 to the present.

Aggregate data tables with boundary files for users with mapping software.



Aggregate data tables and online mapping.

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www.nhgis.org



www.socialexplorer.com

IPUMS



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- Harmonized microdata
- US and international censuses
- Samples and complete censuses

Integrated Public Use Microdata Series



IPUMS-International

Harmonized data for 1960 forward, covering 544 million people in 238 censuses from around the world.



IPUMS-USA

Harmonized data on people in the U.S. census and American Community Survey, from 1850 to the present.



IPUMS-CPS

Harmonized data on people in the Current Population Survey, every March from 1962 to the present.



North Atlantic Population Project

Complete-count data from 1800s censuses of Canada, Great Britain, Germany, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the U.S.



NHGIS

The National Historical Geographic Information System (NHGIS) provides, free of charge, aggregate census data and GIS-compatible boundary files for the United States between 1790 and 2012.

- State and county aggregate data and boundary files (1790-2012)
- Census tract aggregate data and boundary files (1910-2012)
- Census data at all geographic summary levels, including census blocks (1970-2010)
- Boundary files for metropolitan statistical areas (1950-2012)
- Boundary files for all standard geographic summary levels (1990-2012)
- County Business Patterns data (1970-2003)
- SABINS aggregate data and boundary files for School Attendance Boundary Zones (2009-2010 academic year)



NHGIS

Data Finder geographic levels

Geographic Levels [Show compound geographic levels](#)

Most Popular

- All
- Standard US
- Small Area Statistical Units
- Metropolitan and Urban/Rural
- Place
- Native American
- Legislative/Election
- County Subdivision
- ZIP Code
- School
- NHGIS Time Series Levels

- Nation**
Nation
- State**
State
- County**
County (by State)
- Census Tract**
Census Tract (by State--County)
- Block Group**
Block Group (by State--County--Census Tract)
- Block**
Block (by State--County--Census Tract)
- County Subdivision**
County Subdivision (by State--County)
- Place**
Place (by State)
- Consolidated City**
Consolidated City (by State)
- Core Based (Metropolitan/Micropolitan) Statistical Area [2003-Present]**
Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area
- Metropolitan Statistical Area/Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area [1990-2000]**
Metropolitan Statistical Area/Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area
- Urban Area [1970-Present]**
Urban Area
- 5-Digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area [2000-Present]**
5-Digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area
- 5-Digit ZIP Code [1980-2002]**
5-Digit ZIP Code

SOCIAL EXPLORER DATA

- Census data: 1790 to 2010
- American Community Survey: 2005 to 2012
- InfoGroup data on religion
- Religious Congregations and Membership Study
- Vulcan Project Carbon Emissions Data
- System built for expansion

FUTURE DATASETS

- Ireland data
- County election data
 - Presidential
 - Congressional
 - Senatorial
 - Gubernatorial
- County Business Patterns data
- Uniformed Crime Report data
- Future enhancement: users able to upload their own data

DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL EXPLORER

The New York Times



DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL EXPLORER

- Social Explorer is led by Andrew A. Beveridge, a Professor of Sociology at Queens College and the City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate School
- Since 1993 Beveridge has served as a consultant to the New York Times on issues of demographic and social change
- Social Explorer originated in 1999
- Support from the National Science Foundation and The New York Times
- In 2009 Social Explorer partnered with Pearson Education to create interactive mapping and reporting activities for popular university sociology textbooks
- Since 2010 Social Explorer has been distributed by Oxford University Press
- Current version of Social Explorer launched in 2013

SOCIAL EXPLORER TECHNOLOGY

- Client-based map rendering
- Cloud-based
- Fast, interactive user interface
- Built on Flash with HTML 5 in development
- Mobile version

Adjust \$ values for inflation to:

None

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Statistics	United States		District of Columbia, District of Columbia	
SE:T1. Total Population				
Total Population	309,138,711		605,759	
SE:T2. Population Density (per sq. mile)				
Total Population	309,138,711		605,759	
Population Density (per sq. mile)	87.5		9,922.6	
Area (Land)	3,531,905.35		61.05	
SE:T56. Household Income (In 2012 Inflation Adjusted Dollars)				
Households:	115,226,802		261,192	
Less than \$10,000	8,272,970	7.2%	27,304	10.5%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6,260,673	5.4%	11,975	4.6%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	6,139,302	5.3%	9,726	3.7%
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6,169,899	5.4%	9,771	3.7%
\$25,000 to \$29,999	6,004,724	5.2%	9,231	3.5%
\$30,000 to \$34,999	5,935,053	5.2%	9,489	3.6%
\$35,000 to \$39,999	5,469,262	4.8%	9,651	3.7%
\$40,000 to \$44,999	5,507,464	4.8%	10,683	4.1%
\$45,000 to \$49,999	4,802,620	4.2%	8,606	3.3%
\$50,000 to \$59,999	9,307,672	8.1%	16,914	6.5%
\$60,000 to \$74,999	11,622,280	10.1%	21,497	8.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14,110,448	12.3%	29,172	11.2%
\$100,000 to \$124,999	9,236,956	8.0%	22,457	8.6%
\$125,000 to \$149,999	5,531,631	4.8%	14,978	5.7%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,510,639	4.8%	19,794	7.6%
\$200,000 or More	5,345,209	4.6%	29,944	11.5%
SE:T57. Median Household Income (In 2012 Inflation Adjusted Dollars)				
Median household income (In 2012 Inflation Adjusted Dollars)	\$53,046		\$64,267	

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Please set options before you download the report:

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- Output totals only (aggregates)

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Output options:

- TAB delimited files (STATA users should use this option to make import more efficient & accurate!)
- Output column labels in the first row
- Output ALL geographic identifiers
- Output percents (first variable in each table is the base)
- Output DBF friendly column names

Download data by geography type:

 [Nation data \(CSV\)](#)
Summary Level: 010
Geography Nesting: Nation
Selected: 1

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TABLES

Choose geography first

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List Geographies | **FIPS Codes**

Select a geographic type: [\(Show all geographies\)](#)

050 County

Select a State:

South Dakota

Select one or more geographic areas and click 'add':

- Bon Homme County, South Dakota
- Brookings County, South Dakota
- Brown County, South Dakota
- Brule County, South Dakota
- Buffalo County, South Dakota
- Butte County, South Dakota
- Campbell County, South Dakota
- Charles Mix County, South Dakota
- Clark County, South Dakota

Add ▼ | **Remove** ▲

Current Geography Selections:

- County - 050 -----
- Brookings County, South Dakota

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ACS 2008 -- 2012 (5-Year Estimates)

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List Tables

Search by Keyword

Premade Reports

Select a dataset:

Social Explorer Tables: ACS 2008 to 2012 (5-Year Estimates) ▼

Select one or more tables and click 'add':

T48. Unemployment Rate For The Population 16 Years And Over (White Alone, Not Hispanic Or Latino)
T49. Industry By Occupation For Employed Civilian Population 16 Years And Over
T50. Occupation For Employed Civilian Population 16 Years And Over
T51. Occupation For Male Employed Civilian Population 16 Years And Over
T52. Occupation For Female Employed Civilian Population 16 Years And Over
T53. Employment Sector For Employed Civilian Population 16 Years And Over
T54. Employment Sector For Male Employed Civilian Population 16 Years And Over
T55. Employment Sector For Female Employed Civilian Population 16 Years And Over
T56. Household Income (In 2012 Inflation Adjusted Dollars)
T56A. Household Income (In 2012 Inflation Adjusted Dollars) - Cumulative (Less)
T56B. Household Income (In 2012 Inflation Adjusted Dollars) - Cumulative (More)
T57. Median Household Income (In 2012 Inflation Adjusted Dollars)

Abbreviations: AIAN - American Indian and Alaska Native; NHPI - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

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TABLES

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MAPS

























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- Browse by Survey
- Choose survey year

Browse by Category | Browse by Survey

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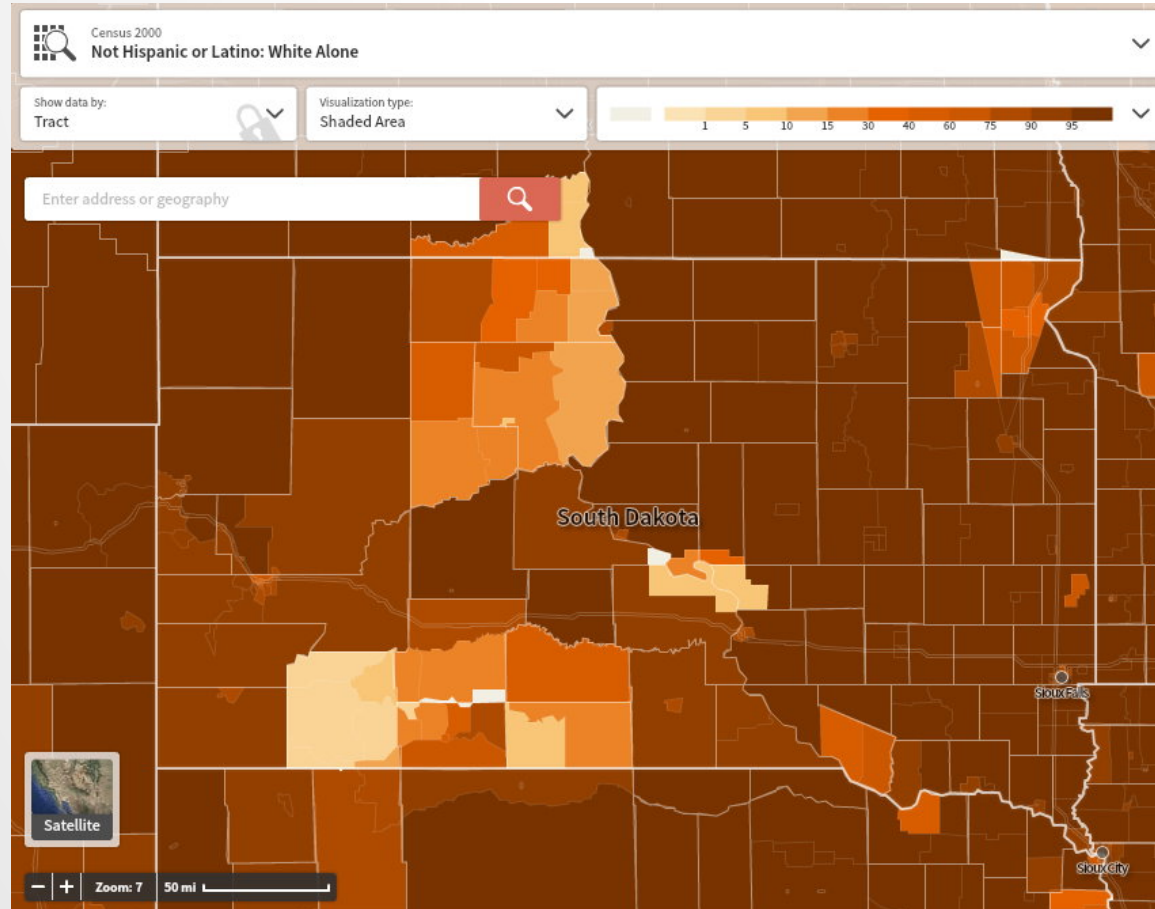
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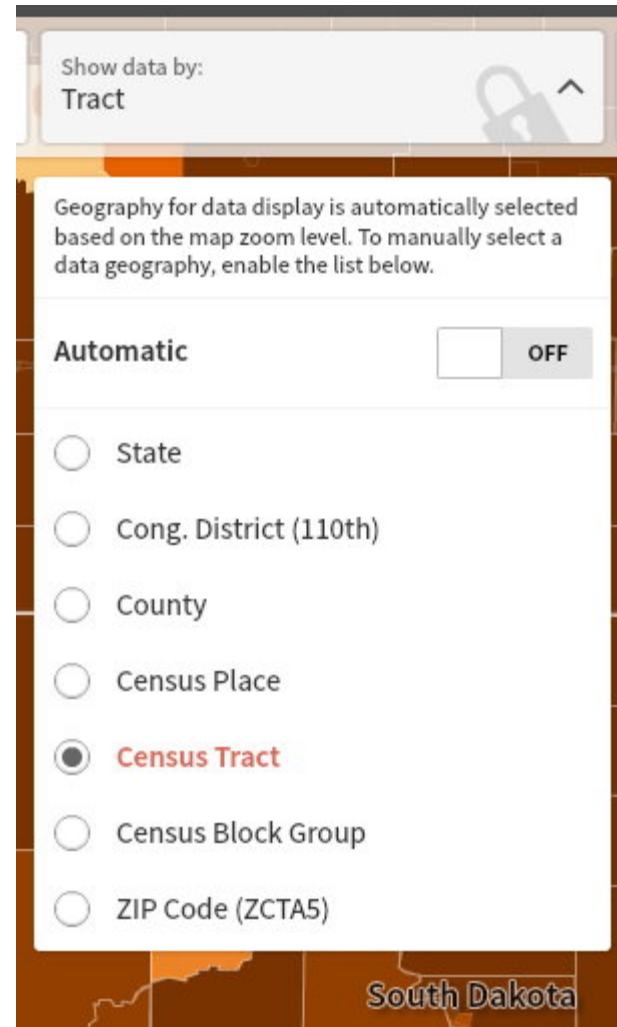
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 Race	 Income	 Family Structure
 Marital Status	 Group Quarters	 Unmarried Partners
 Education	 Housing	 House Value
 Labor Force	 Employment Sector	 Occupation
 Unemployment	 Poverty	 Travel Time To Work
 Transportation	 Veterans	 Residence
 Native/Foreign Born	 Ancestry	 Asian and Hispanic Groups

SOCIAL EXPLORER MAP

PERCENT WHITE NON-HISPANIC IN SOUTH DAKOTA, 2000



CHANGE GEOGRAPHIC LEVEL

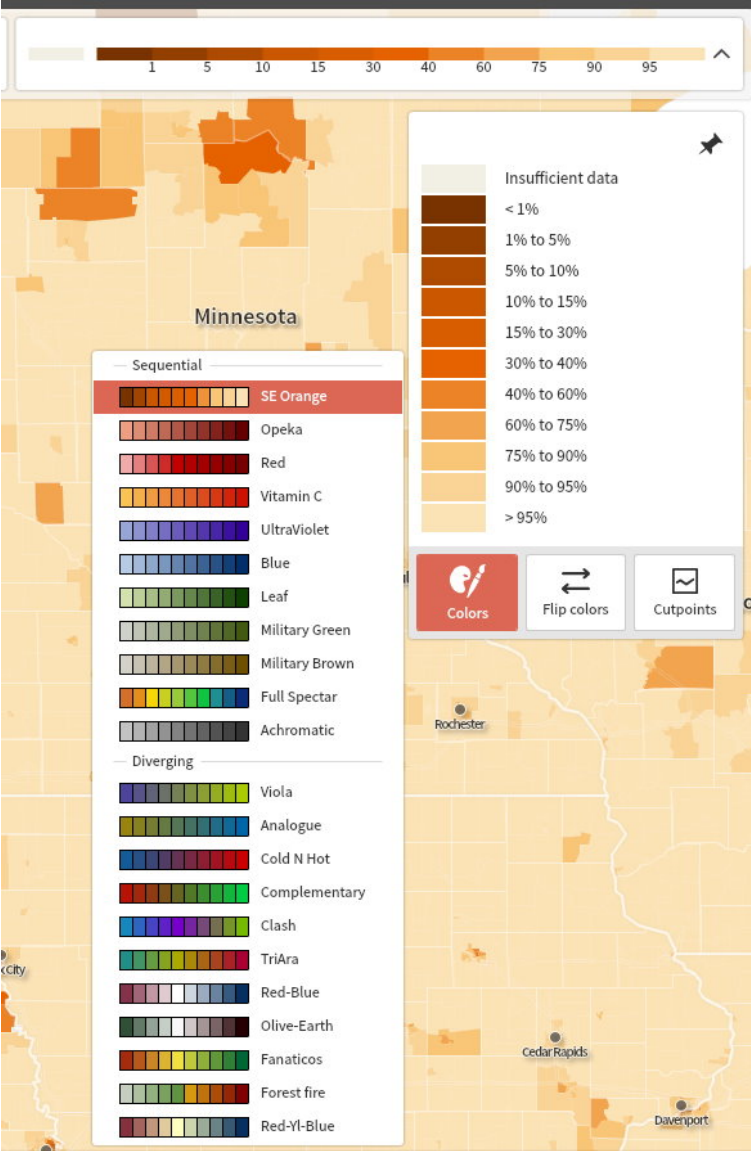


CHANGE VISUALIZATION




Visualization type:
Shaded Area 

-  **Shaded Area**
The Shaded Area Map displays data as darker or lighter colors corresponding to areas of higher or lower value.
-  **Bubbles**
The Sized Bubble Map displays data as circles of varying size. The size of each circle corresponds to its value - the higher the value, the larger the circle.
-  **Dot Density**
The Dot Density Map displays data as dots representing a discrete amount of values per dot. The dots are randomly scattered across the area.

CHANGE COLORS










EDIT MAP

-  **Edit Map**
Change the map, or add map annotations
-  **Create Report**
Create a table report by selecting geographies on the map and a premade report type
-  **Data Dictionary**
Show map data description (metadata)

Edit Map Done

Annotate Basemaps




Create new

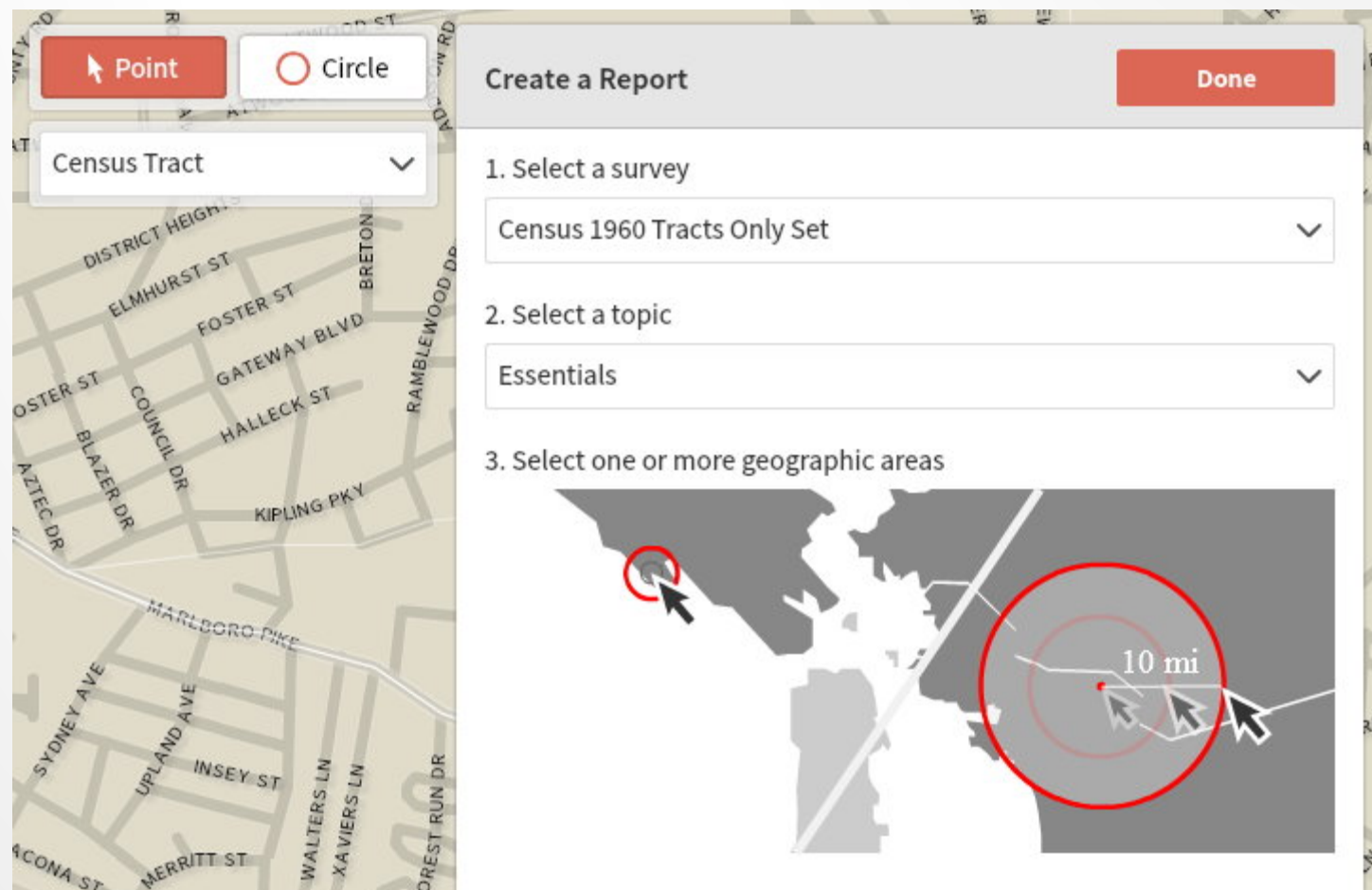
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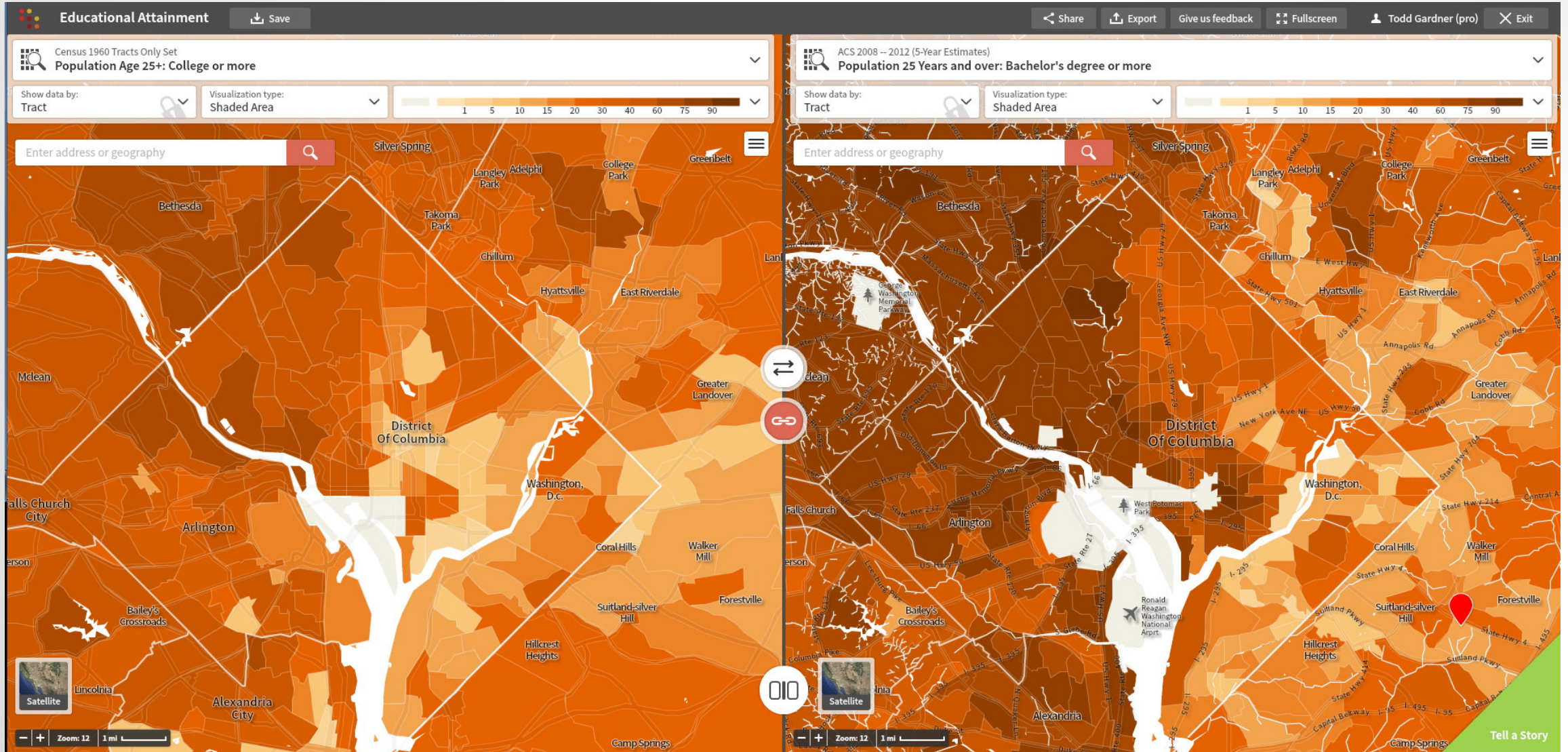


The screenshot displays the 'Create a Report' interface. On the left, a map shows a street grid with a 'Point' annotation (a red dot) and a 'Circle' annotation (a red circle). A dropdown menu above the map is set to 'Census Tract'. On the right, the 'Create a Report' panel is open, featuring a 'Done' button at the top right. The panel contains three steps:

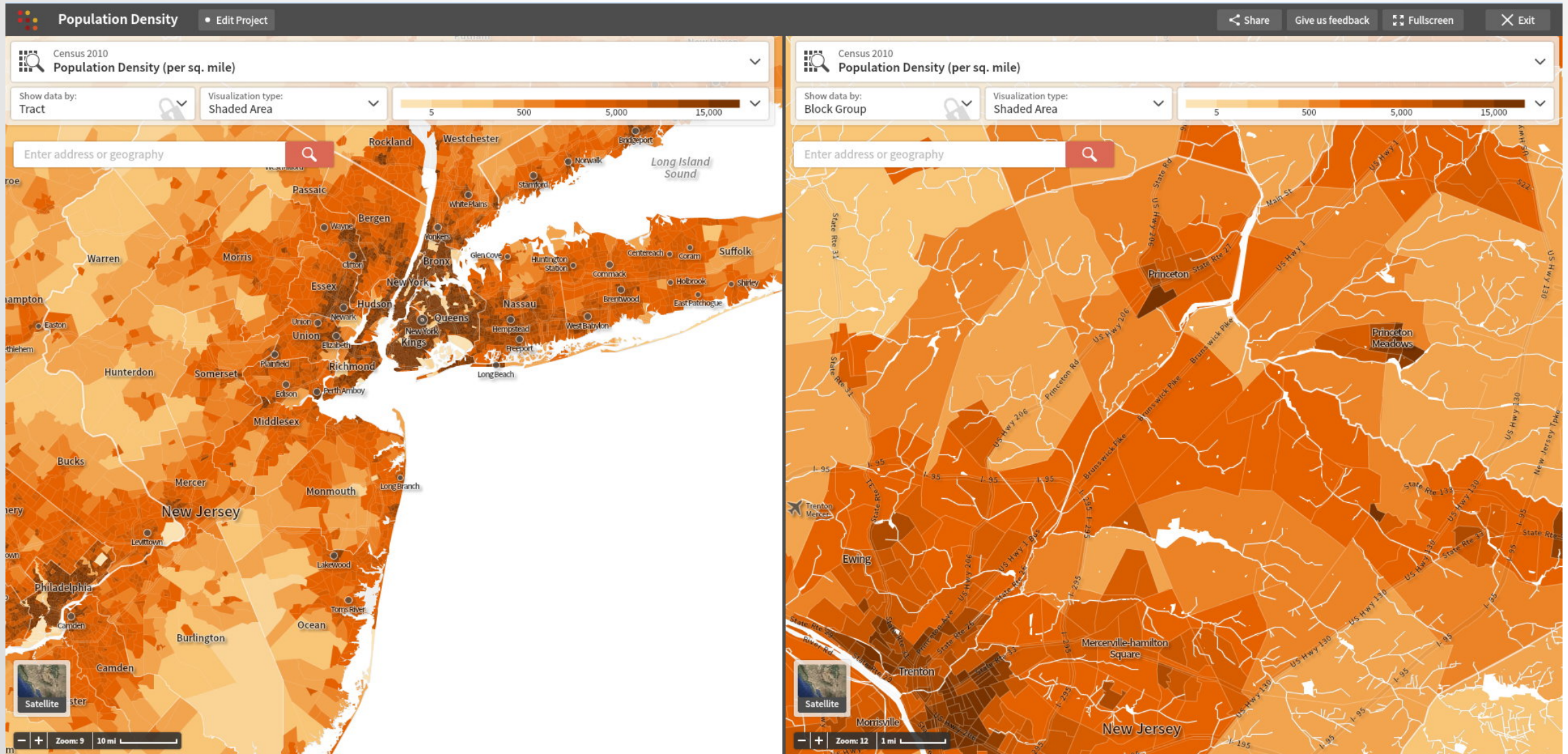
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Census 1960 Tracts Only Set
2. Select a topic
Essentials
3. Select one or more geographic areas

The third step includes a map preview showing a red circle with a '10 mi' radius and a mouse cursor pointing to it.

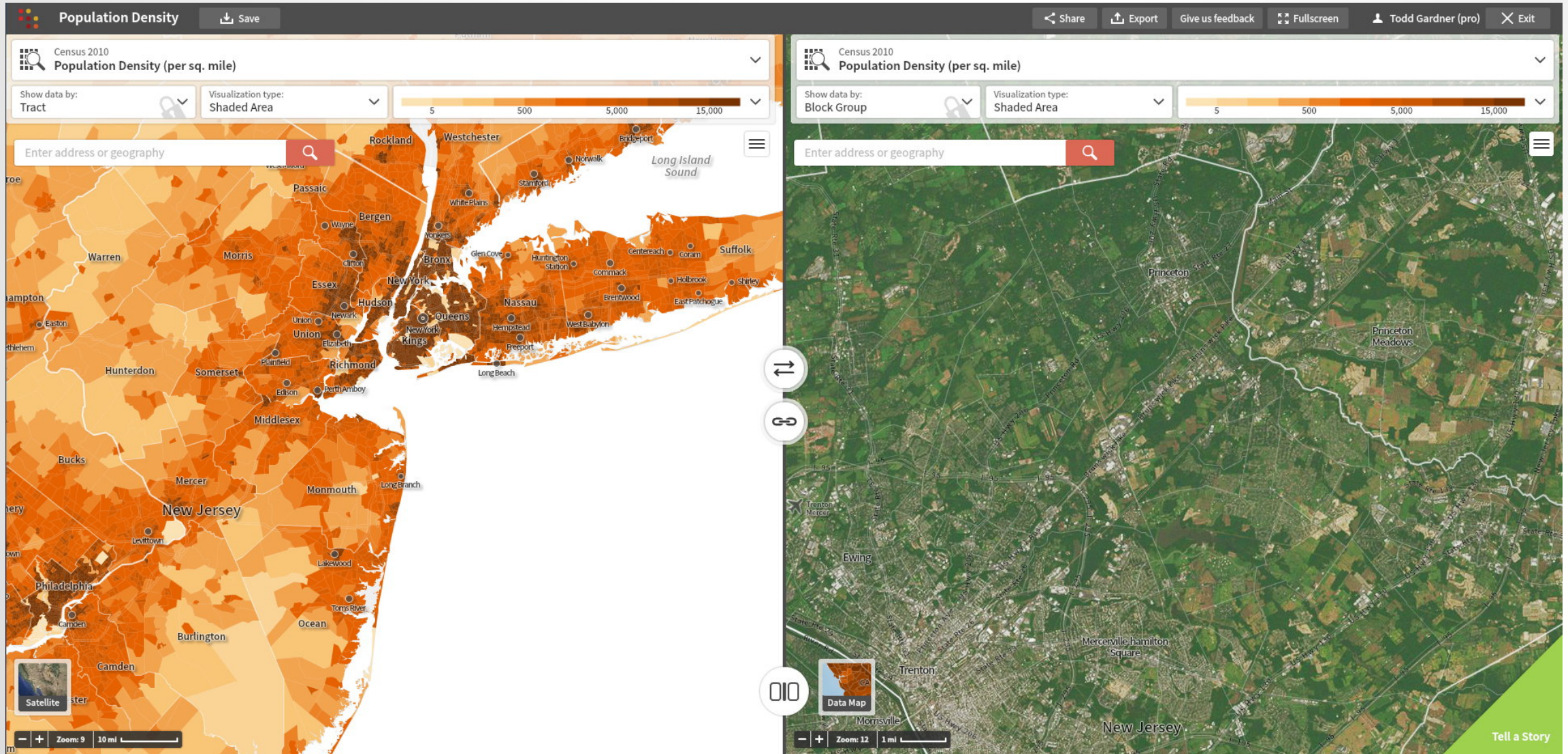
SPLIT SCREEN MAP



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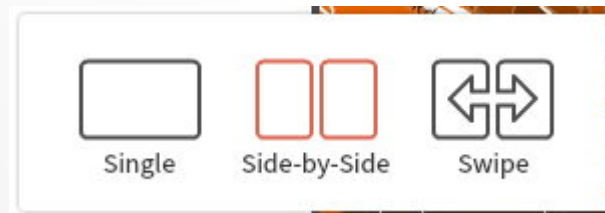


SPLIT SCREEN COMMANDS



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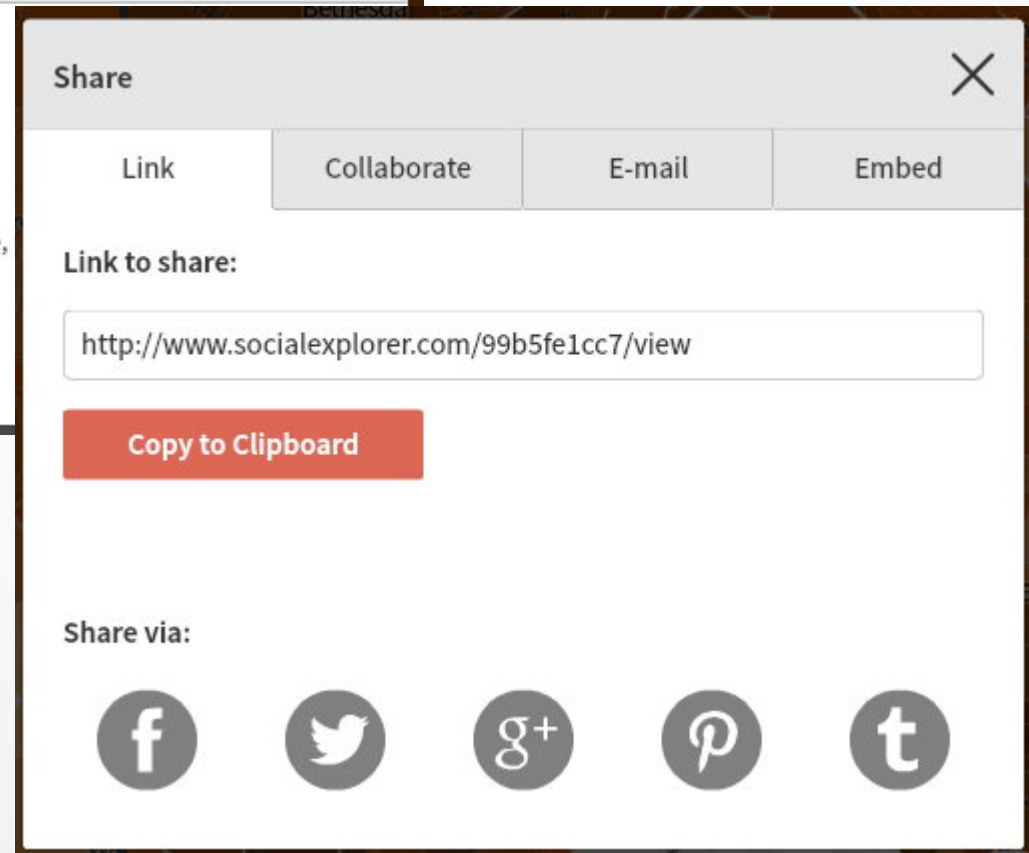
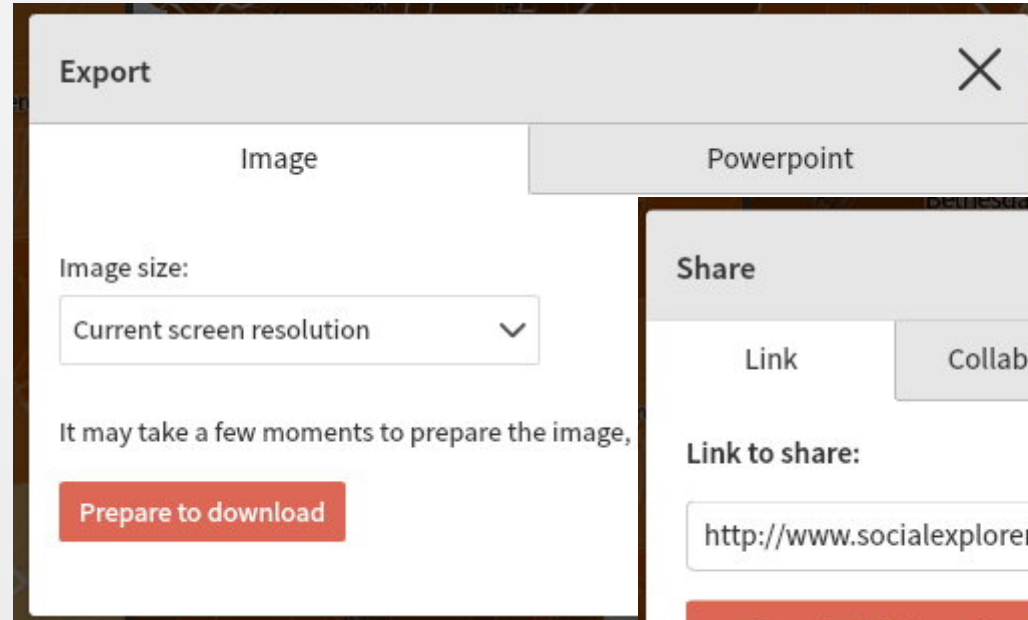
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Preview

MANAGING PROJECTS

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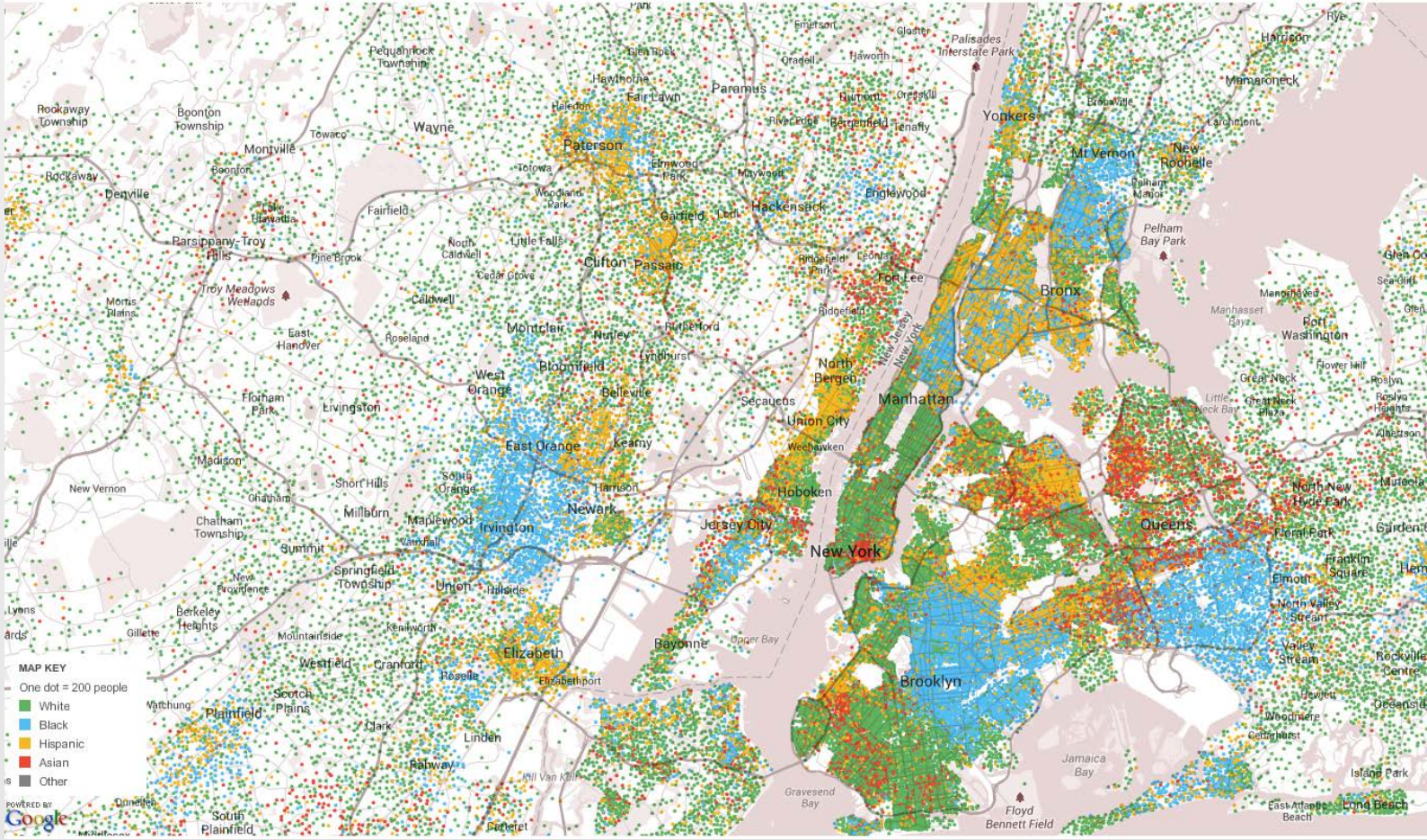
SOCIAL EXPLORER IN THE NEW YORK TIMES

The New York Times

Mapping America: Every City, Every Block

Browse local data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, based on samples from 2005 to 2009. Because these figures are based on samples, they are subject to a margin of error, particularly in places with a low population, and are best regarded as estimates.

Distribution of racial and ethnic groups



By MATTHEW BLOCH, SHAN CARTER and ALAN McLEAN | Source: 2005-9 American Community Survey, Census Bureau; socialexplorer.com

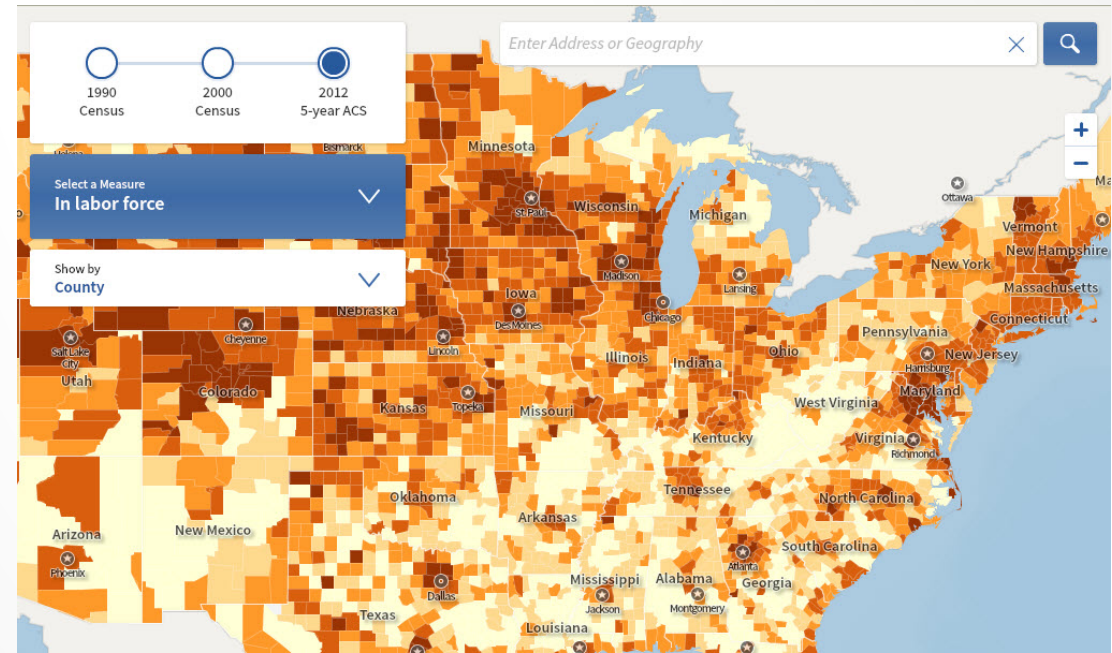
SOCIAL EXPLORER AT ELLIS ISLAND

- Part of an interactive exhibit on ancestry
- 12 million visitors



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