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American FactFinder: **Citations** for **tables** and **maps**

How do I cite a **table** or **map** generated using American FactFinder?

For dynamically generated **tables**, **maps**, and files from American FactFinder:

1. U.S. Census Bureau;[2]
2. Name of the database or other data repository/source (e.g., American FactFinder), set off by quotation marks, or follow publication **citation** style;
3. The name of the person who generates the tabulation, etc., e.g., "generated by John Smith;"
4. The name of the software package used to generate the tabulation, if known, e.g., "using American FactFinder;"
5. The URL of the application software's main or first page set off by angle brackets, e.g., <http://factfinder.census.gov>;
6. The date, within parenthesis, when the user generated the tabulation, e.g., (7 January 2005).

[2]Use semicolons to separate elements.

For a reference map in American FactFinder:

U.S. Census Bureau; generated by Jane Smith; using American FactFinder; <http://factfinder.census.gov>; (12 February 2005).

For a thematic map in American FactFinder (find the specific survey or census, data set and matrix number under the map image):

U.S. Census Bureau; Census 2000, Summary File 1, Matrix P7; generated by Joe Smith; using American FactFinder; <http://factfinder.census.gov>; (15 February 2005).

Examples:

- U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey, 2003 Summary **Tables** ; generated by John Smith; using American FactFinder; <http://factfinder.census.gov>; (7 January 2005).
- U.S. Census Bureau; Census 2000, Summary File 1; generated by Jane Jones; using American FactFinder; <http://factfinder.census.gov>; (20 February 2004)
- U.S. Census Bureau; 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 3; Matrices P13, P31; generated by John Smith; using American FactFinder; <http://factfinder.census.gov>; (12 December 2004).