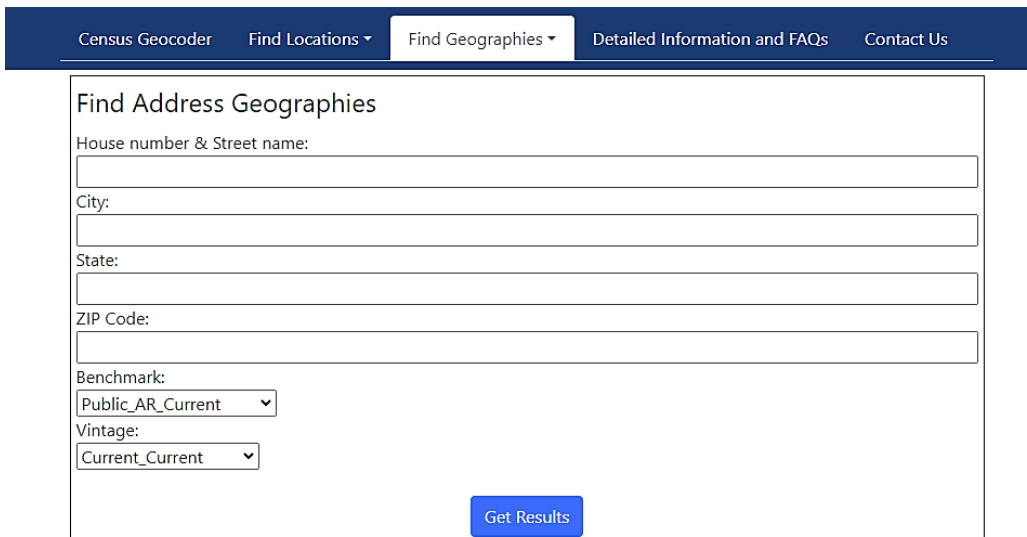


## Determining if a Customer Resides in a High-Poverty Area Based on Their Address

There are two steps to determine if a customer resides in a high poverty area:

1. Determine the Census tract in which the street address is located, and
  2. Determine the poverty rate of the Census tract.
- For the first step, click on the link:  
<https://geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder/geographies/address?form>.

The following web page displays.



The screenshot shows a web interface for finding geographies. At the top is a dark blue navigation bar with the following links: 'Census Geocoder', 'Find Locations', 'Find Geographies', 'Detailed Information and FAQs', and 'Contact Us'. Below the navigation bar is a white form titled 'Find Address Geographies'. The form contains several input fields: 'House number & Street name:', 'City:', 'State:', and 'ZIP Code:'. Below these are two dropdown menus: 'Benchmark:' with the selected option 'Public\_AR\_Current' and 'Vintage:' with the selected option 'Current\_Current'. A blue 'Get Results' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

- Enter the customer's address. You don't need the zip code. The **Benchmark** and **Vintage** options are already populated. Click **Get Results**.
- Under **Geographies**, scroll down to **Census Tracts**. The Census Tract for the customer's address will be listed next to **Name**. You will use this census tract for the next step.

**Census Tracts:**

**STATE CODE:** 48

**CENTLON:** -095.3092658

**GEOID:** 48201230600

**CENTLAT:** +29.8448725

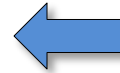
**COUNTY CODE:** 201

**TRACT CODE:** 230600

**AREAWATER:** 0

**AREALAND:** 2166516

**NAME:** Census Tract 2306



- For the second step of determining the poverty rate of the Census tract, go to: <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/>.

The following web page displays.

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## Narrative Profiles

Narrative Profiles are short, analytic reports derived from the ACS 5-year estimates. Each Narrative Profile covers 18 different topic areas and provides text and bar charts to display highlights of selected social, economic, housing and demographic estimates for a selected geographic area.

2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014

### 2017 - 2021 ACS 5-Year Narrative Profile

✔ Use Geography Selector

- or -

Use Address Lookup

#### Select a Geography Type

- Nation
- State
- County
- County Subdivision
- Place
- Census Tract**
- ZIP Code Tabulation Area
- Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area
- American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land

Texas

Harris County, Texas

Census Tract 2306, Harris County, Texas

Selected Geography: **Census Tract 2306, Harris County, Texas**

GET NARRATIVE PROFILE

- Under **Select a Geography Type**, select **Census Tract**.
- Select the state, county, and then the Census tract from step one.

Note: The census tract from both web pages must match exactly to generate the correct Narrative Profile. For example, if the Census Tract ID is 2306.25

on the first web page, you must search 2306.25 on the next web page.

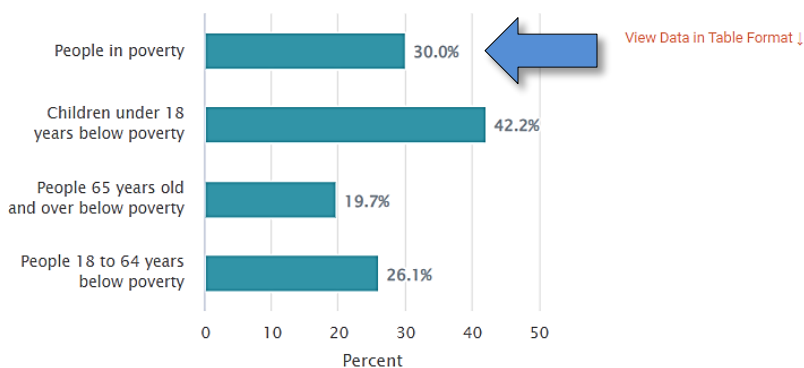
- Click **Get Narrative Profile**.
- Once the Narrative Profile loads, scroll down to **Poverty and Participation in Government Programs** to view the Poverty Rate. The percentage of **People in Poverty** is used to determine the poverty rate of an area.

## Poverty and Participation in Government Programs



In 2017-2021, 30.0 percent of people were in poverty. An estimated 42.2 percent of children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 19.7 percent of people 65 years old and over. An estimated 26.1 percent of people 18 to 64 years were below the poverty level.

### Poverty Rates in Census Tract 2306, Harris County, Texas in 2017-2021



- If the poverty rate is 25% or higher, the customer meets the criteria for residing in a high poverty area. If the poverty rate is below 25%, the customer does not reside in a high poverty area.

## TWIST Data Entry

Staff must accurately record if a customer resides in a high-poverty area in TWIST.

1. In Intake Common under the Characteristics tab, there is a Yes/No question regarding High Poverty Area.

The screenshot shows the 'Characteristics' tab in the TWIST system. The fields are as follows:


- Received Parent Training: 2 - No
- Case Status(Child Care): Parent/Legal Guardian
- Sex: 2 - Female
- Hispanic/Latino: 2 - No
- Race:  White,  Black or African American,  American Indian or Alaskan Native,  Asian,  Hawaiian Native or Pacific Islander,  Participant did not disclose
- Authorized to Work in the U.S.: 1 - U.S. Citizen
- INS Expiration: 00/00/0000
- Selective Service: [Empty dropdown]
- Registration No: [Empty text box]
- Free or Reduced Lunch: 3 - No
- High Poverty Area: 1 - Yes

A blue arrow points to the 'High Poverty Area' dropdown menu.

2. Staff must select Yes if the percentage determined is 25% or higher; or No if the percentage is less than 25%.

3. If the response to this question is Yes, in the WIOA Program Detail on the WIOA Youth tab, the “Lives in High Poverty Area” will automatically be marked.

Out-of-School Youth  
 Age 16 - 24  
 AND Not Attending School  
 AND  
 School Dropout  
 or Not attended School Last 3 months  
 or Criminal Justice  
 or Homeless  
 or Runaway  
 or Foster Child  
 or Out-of-Home Placement  
 or Pregnant or Parenting  
 or Individual with Disabilities  
 OR  
 Additional Assistance Needed  
 Or H.S. Graduate or Equivalent  
 and  
 Basic Skills Deficient  
 or Limited English  
 And  
 Low Income Individual  
 SNAP  
 or TANF  
 or SSI  
 or Other State or Local Income-based Public Assistance  
 or Income < or = Poverty/70% LLS  
 or Lives in High Poverty Area  
 or Free or Reduced Lunch (Child)



Note: Staff should determine if a customer resides in a high-poverty area to meet the low-income eligibility criteria **before** determining low-income based on income calculations.