

# WEB SCRAPING FOR THE CODING-CHALLENGED

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# Today's Agenda



- What is Data-Scraping?
- What Does One Do with Spreadsheet Data?
- Hard and Easy ways to scrape data;
- Data-Scraping HTML with Google Sheets;
- Further Information.

# What is Data Scraping



Web-scraping is a (typically automated) process which transfers content from online documents to an interactive format, such as Excel or CSV, for analysis, aggregation, or further computation.

# What is Data Scraping

- ❑ Web-scraping is as old as the Web itself;
- ❑ Web-scraping: “content-harvesting lite.”
- ❑ Now used by business analysts, journalists, and researchers;
- ❑ Coding-challenged professionals on a deadline.



# Why Do People Scrape Data?

- Directories;
- Employment listings;
- Products & pricing;
- Web addresses;
- Site maps;
- Annual reports;
- Data tables from reports;
- Documents!

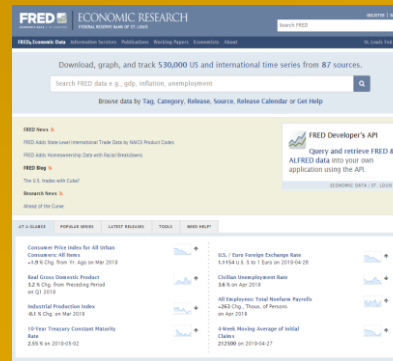
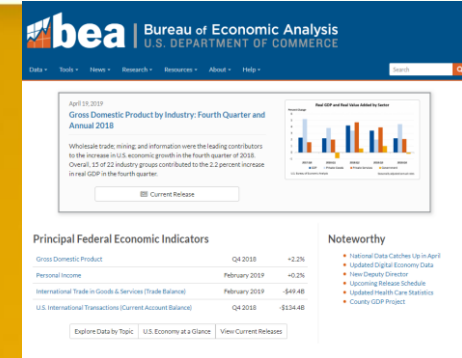


Many Federal Sites offer data in spreadsheets:

# The Easiest Data-Scraping:



- ❑ BLS;
- ❑ BEA;
- ❑ FRED;
- ❑ FBI;
- ❑ DOA;
- ❑ CENSUS;
- ❑ CDC;
- ❑ NCES;
- ❑ BTS;



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# Why Do People Scrape Data?

FBI, **Crime in the U.S.**, 2017;  
Murders in the U.S.;  
By State;  
By Type of Weapon



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## 2017 CRIME in the UNITED STATES

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### Table 20

#### Murder

by State, Types of Weapons, 2017

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State	Total murders <sup>1</sup>	Total firearms	Handguns	Rifles	Shotguns	Firearms (type unknown)	Knives or cutting instruments	Other weapons	Hands, fists, feet, etc. <sup>2</sup>
Alabama <sup>3</sup>	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Alaska	62	37	7	3	3	24	13	8	4
Arizona	404	249	162	8	9	70	50	93	12
Arkansas	250	168	92	11	4	61	23	52	7
California	1,830	1,274	886	37	34	317	258	195	103
Colorado	218	137	88	7	4	38	37	22	22
Connecticut	102	72	30	0	1	41	11	9	10
Delaware	52	44	20	0	1	23	3	4	1
District of Columbia	116	90	89	0	0	1	15	5	6
Georgia	672	542	490	15	5	32	37	85	8
Hawaii	39	4	1	1	0	2	9	10	16
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Connecticut	102	72	30	0	1	41	11	9	10	276
Delaware	52	44	20	0	1	23	3	4	1	148
District of Columbia	116	90	89	0	0	1	15	5	6	322
Georgia	672	542	490	15	5	32	37	85	8	1,886
Hawaii	39	4	1	1	0	2	9	10	16	82
Idaho	28	13	8	4	1	0	6	3	6	69
Illinois <sup>3</sup>	814	693	596	24	3	70	53	50	18	2,321
Indiana	360	291	147	14	6	124	20	39	10	1,011
Iowa	100	57	25	1	5	26	18	18	7	257
Kansas	129	79	44	4	7	24	16	26	8	337
Kentucky	263	192	128	6	6	52	25	33	13	718
Louisiana	566	460	216	23	12	209	46	42	18	1,592
Maine	23	12	4	0	0	8	3	4	4	58
Maryland	475	370	339	5	3	23	44	50	11	1,320
Massachusetts	170	99	34	0	0	65	36	29	6	439
Michigan	567	381	185	13	12	171	55	101	30	1,515
Minnesota	113	69	58	1	2	8	14	23	7	295
Mississippi	149	111	90	4	3	14	12	20	6	409
Missouri	596	514	224	22	8	260	25	48	9	1,706
Montana	41	17	10	2	1	4	12	5	7	99
Nebraska	43	31	27	2	2	0	4	5	3	117
Nevada	270	201	16	58	0	127	28	30	11	741
New Hampshire	14	7	4	0	1	2	5	1	1	35
New Jersey	324	242	175	7	4	56	42	29	11	890
New Mexico	113	71	20	2	0	49	20	19	3	297
New York	547	292	233	6	9	44	113	91	51	1,386
North Carolina	547	413	279	9	26	99	33	64	37	1,507
North Dakota	9	5	2	1	0	2	1	2	1	23
Ohio	682	485	226	5	11	243	46	128	23	1,849
Oklahoma	239	163	131	5	5	22	25	32	19	641
Oregon	100	58	34	2	2	20	17	22	3	258
Pennsylvania	735	567	452	11	8	96	63	73	32	2,037
Rhode Island	20	8	1	0	0	7	4	5	3	48
South Carolina	387	312	183	11	8	110	29	36	10	1,086
South Dakota	21	8	6	0	0	2	7	2	4	50
Tennessee	525	407	271	19	11	106	42	64	12	1,457
Texas	1,364	1,012	594	40	26	352	156	131	65	3,740
Utah	73	46	32	0	3	11	7	12	8	192
Vermont	14	6	1	0	0	5	6	1	1	34
Virginia	453	338	156	11	11	160	44	54	17	1,244
Washington	228	134	75	1	1	57	36	40	18	590
West Virginia	79	45	25	4	4	12	8	23	3	203
Wisconsin	186	149	111	4	2	32	11	17	9	521
Wyoming	14	6	5	0	0	1	3	3	2	34
Guam	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
<sup>1</sup> Total number of murders for which supplemental homicide data were received.										
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“Interviewing” data:

- Autosum
- Transpose;
- Ranking;
- Ratios.





# What If It Isn't Online in XLS or CSV?

Wyoming Department of Health

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Vital Statistics Services

Vital Statistics Services provides access to Wyoming vital records such as birth, death, marriage and divorce records.

Contact Info:  
Vital Statistics Services  
2300 Capitol Avenue  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-7591  
Fax: (307) 777-2483  
Directions  
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- Electronic Vital Event Registration System Access
- Physician Filing A Death Certificate

### Vital Statistics Data and Reports

#### Vital Statistics

Vital Statistics Services tabulates data from birth, death, stillbirth, marriage, divorce and annulment records filed with the office, and from transcripts of records from other states involving the death of a Wyoming resident or a birth to a mother who was a Wyoming resident. Although events are registered in the state in which they take place, the exchange of records between states allows the compilation of birth, death and stillbirth statistics by state and county of residence. Most of the birth and death information included is presented by place of residence. Headings of individual tables specify resident or occurrence data. Marriage and divorce data is limited to Wyoming occurrences.

Annual Summary

Detailed and County Level Vital Statistics Data

#### Historical Tables

- Wyoming 1922-2017 Births, Deaths, Infant Deaths, and Fetal Deaths.

#### Birth Tables

- WY 2017 Resident Birth Rates by County
- WY 2009-2017 Resident Births by County
- WY 2009-2017 Occurrence Births by County
- WY 2016 to 2017 Changes in Total Number of Resident and Occurrence Births
- WY 2017 Births by Place of Birth
- WY 2006-2017 Home Births
- WY 2003-2017 Resident Teen Births by County
- WY 2008-2017 Resident Teen Birth Five Year Rates by County
- WY 2006-2017 Resident Births by Mother's Age
- WY 2006-2017 Low Birth Weight Resident Births by Mother's Age
- WY 2010-2017 Low Birth Weight Resident Births by County
- WY 2006-2017 Resident Premature Births by Mother's Age
- WY 2007-2017 Resident Mother's Tobacco Use by Trimester and Mother's Age
- WY 2006-2017 Resident Mother's Prenatal Care by Type of Care and Mother's Age
- WY 2006-2017 Resident Mothers Who Were First Time Mothers by Mother's Age
- WY 2010-2017 Average Age of Resident Mothers Who Were First Time Mothers
- WY 2006-2017 Resident Mothers Who Breastfed at Discharge by Mother's Age
- WY 2010-2017 Resident Mothers Who Breastfed at Discharge by County
- WY 2006-2017 Resident Mothers Where the Primary Source of Payment was Medicaid by Mother's Age
- WY 2010-2017 Resident Mothers Where the Primary Source of Payment was Medicaid by County

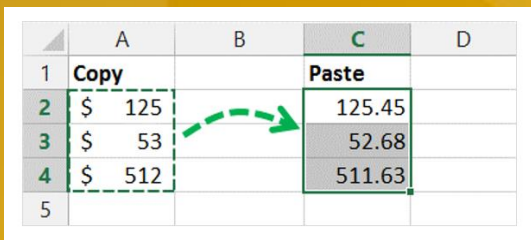
- ❑ Many agencies offer no Excel version;
- ❑ Older documents;
- ❑ Variable state, industry or agency standards;
- ❑ Variable enforcement and compliance;
- ❑ Smaller departments, sections or offices;
- ❑ Federal councils, commissions or contractors.

# What is the Hardest way?

The hardest way is to transcribe data by hand;



Next hardest is to copy and paste into Excel



Result from Data.Census.Gov:

**Table A. Expectation of life, by age, race, Hispanic origin, race for the non-Hispanic population, and sex: United States, 2015**

Age (years)	All races and origins			White			Black			Hispanic <sup>1</sup>			Non-Hispanic white <sup>1</sup>			Non-Hispanic black <sup>1</sup>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0	78.7	76.3	81.1	78.9	76.6	81.3	75.5	72.2	78.5	81.9	79.3	84.3	78.7	76.3	81.0	75.1	71.9	78.1
1	78.2	75.8	80.5	78.3	76.0	80.6	75.3	72.1	78.3	81.3	78.7	83.7	78.1	75.7	80.4	75.0	71.8	77.9
5	74.3	71.9	76.6	74.4	72.1	76.7	71.5	68.3	74.4	77.4	74.8	79.7	74.1	71.8	76.4	71.1	67.9	74.0
10	69.3	66.9	71.7	69.4	67.1	71.7	66.5	63.3	69.4	72.4	69.8	74.8	69.2	66.9	71.5	66.1	62.9	69.1
15	64.4	62.0	66.7	64.5	62.2	66.8	61.6	58.4	64.5	67.5	64.9	69.8	64.2	61.9	66.5	61.2	58.0	64.1
20	59.5	57.2	61.8	59.6	57.3	61.9	56.8	53.7	59.6	62.6	60.0	64.9	59.4	57.1	61.6	56.4	53.3	59.3
25	54.8	52.5	56.9	54.8	52.7	57.0	52.1	49.2	54.7	57.8	55.3	60.0	54.6	52.4	56.7	51.8	48.9	54.4
30	50.0	47.9	52.1	50.1	48.0	52.2	47.5	44.7	49.9	53.0	50.6	55.1	49.9	47.8	51.9	47.2	44.4	49.6
35	45.3	43.3	47.3	45.4	43.4	47.4	42.9	40.2	45.2	48.2	45.9	50.3	45.2	43.2	47.2	42.6	39.9	44.9
40	40.7	38.7	42.5	40.7	38.8	42.6	38.3	35.8	40.5	43.5	41.2	45.4	40.6	38.7	42.4	38.1	35.5	40.3
45	36.1	34.2	37.9	36.1	34.3	37.9	33.8	31.4	36.0	38.8	36.6	40.6	36.0	34.1	37.8	33.6	31.1	35.7
50	31.6	29.8	33.3	31.6	29.9	33.3	29.5	27.1	31.6	34.2	32.0	35.9	31.5	29.8	33.2	29.3	26.9	31.3
55	27.3	25.6	28.9	27.3	25.7	28.9	25.4	23.2	27.3	29.7	27.7	31.3	27.3	25.6	28.8	25.3	23.0	27.2
60	23.2	21.7	24.6	23.2	21.7	24.6	21.7	19.6	23.4	25.8	24.8	28.2	23.2	21.7	24.5	21.5	19.4	23.2
65	19.3	18.0	20.6	19.3	18.0	20.6	18.0	16.5	19.6	22.0	21.0	24.5	20.4	19.4	22.1	18.1	16.2	19.5
70	15.6	14.4	17.1	15.6	14.4	17.1	14.4	13.0	15.6	17.7	16.7	20.0	16.6	15.6	17.7	14.4	13.0	15.9
75	12.2	11.2	13.7	12.2	11.2	13.7	11.2	10.0	12.2	14.3	13.3	16.0	13.3	12.2	14.3	11.2	10.0	12.7
80	9.1	8.3	10.5	9.1	8.3	10.5	8.3	7.2	9.1	10.8	10.0	12.5	10.0	9.1	10.5	8.3	7.2	9.7
85	6.6	5.9	7.7	6.6	5.9	7.7	5.9	5.0	6.6	7.7	7.0	8.5	7.0	6.6	7.7	5.9	5.0	6.6
90	4.6	4.1	5.4	4.6	4.1	5.4	4.1	3.4	4.6	5.4	4.7	5.5	4.7	4.6	5.4	4.1	3.4	4.6
95	3.2	2.8	3.3	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.8
100	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.7

<sup>1</sup>Life tables by Hispanic origin are based on death rates that have been adjusted for race and ethnicity misclassification on death certificates. Updated classification ratios were applied; see Technical Notes.  
SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

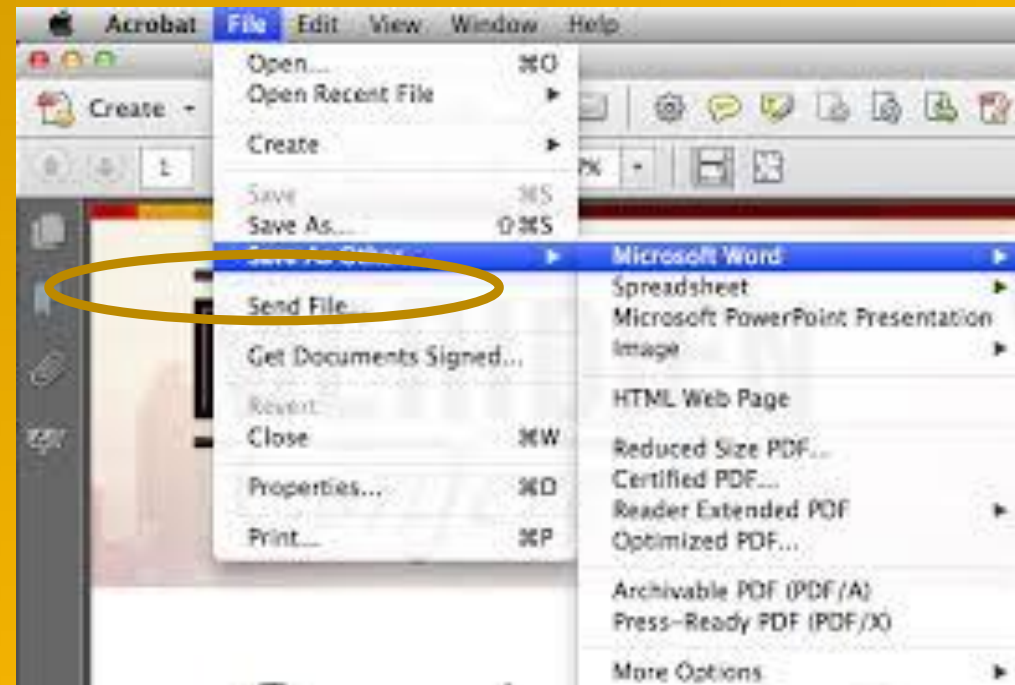
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**File > Save as Other > Spreadsheet**



# Can Anyone Export PDF to Excel?

- PDF Tables exports to Excel;
- Is it quick? YES;
- Is it easy? YES;
- Is it free? No...
- Well...Is it accurate?
- That depends...



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**SALARY TABLE 2019-DCB  
INCORPORATING THE 1.4% GENERAL SCHEDULE INCREASE AND A LOCALITY PAYMENT OF 29.32%  
FOR THE LOCALITY PAY AREA OF WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE-ARLINGTON, DC-MD-VA-WV-PA  
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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2019**

*Annual Rates by Grade and Step*

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3	30,219	31,227	32,234	33,242	34,249	35,257	36,264	37,271	38,279	39,286
4	33,925	35,055	36,185	37,315	38,446	39,576	40,706	41,836	42,967	44,097
5	37,955	39,220	40,485	41,750	43,014	44,279	45,544	46,809	48,073	49,338
6	42,308	43,719	45,130	46,541	47,952	49,363	50,774	52,184	53,595	55,006
7	47,016	48,583	50,150	51,718	53,285	54,852	56,420	57,987	59,554	61,122
8	52,068	53,804	55,539	57,275	59,010	60,745	62,481	64,216	65,952	67,687
9	57,510	59,426	61,343	63,259	65,176	67,093	69,009	70,926	72,842	74,759
10	63,332	65,442	67,553	69,663	71,774	73,884	75,995	78,105	80,216	82,326
11	69,581	71,901	74,221	76,541	78,861	81,181	83,501	85,821	88,141	90,461
12	83,398	86,179	88,959	91,740	94,520	97,300	100,081	102,861	105,642	108,422
13	99,172	102,477	105,782	109,088	112,393	115,699	119,004	122,310	125,615	128,920
14	117,191	121,098	125,005	128,911	132,818	136,725	140,632	144,538	148,445	152,352
15	137,849	142,443	147,038	151,633	156,228	160,822	165,417	166,500 *	166,500 *	166,500 *


\* Rate limited to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule (5 U.S.C. 5304 (g)(1)).

Applicable locations are shown on the 2019 Locality Pay Area Definitions page: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2019/locality-pay-area-definitions/>

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4	33,925	35,055	36,185	37,315	38,446	39,576	40,706	41,836	42,967	44,097
5	37,955	39,220	40,485	41,750	43,014	44,279	45,544	46,809	48,073	49,338
6	42,308	43,719	45,130	46,541	47,952	49,363	50,774	52,184	53,595	55,006
7	47,016	48,583	50,150	51,718	53,285	54,852	56,420	57,987	59,554	61,122
8	52,068	53,804	55,539	57,275	59,010	60,745	62,481	64,216	65,952	67,687
9	57,510	59,426	61,343	63,259	65,176	67,093	69,009	70,926	72,842	74,759
10	63,332	65,442	67,553	69,663	71,774	73,884	75,995	78,105	80,216	82,326
11	69,581	71,901	74,221	76,541	78,861	81,181	83,501	85,821	88,141	90,461
12	83,398	86,179	88,959	91,740	94,520	97,300	100,081	102,861	105,642	108,422
13	99,172	102,477	105,782	109,088	112,393	115,699	119,004	122,310	125,615	128,920
14	117,191	121,098	125,005	128,911	132,818	136,725	140,632	144,538	148,445	152,352
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FOR THE LOCALITY PAY AREA OF WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE-ARLINGTON, DC-MD-VA-WV-PA										
TOTAL INCREASE: 2.27%										
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2019										
Annual Rates by Grade and Step										
Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	\$ 24,633	\$ 25,458	\$ 26,278	\$ 27,091	\$ 27,911	\$ 28,390	\$ 29,199	\$ 30,016	\$ 30,049	\$ 30,813
2	27,696	28,356	29,273	30,049	30,386	31,280	32,174	33,067	33,961	34,854
3	30,219	31,227	32,234	33,242	34,249	35,257	36,264	37,271	38,279	39,286
4	33,925	35,055	36,185	37,315	38,446	39,576	40,706	41,836	42,967	44,097
5	37,955	39,220	40,485	41,750	43,014	44,279	45,544	46,809	48,073	49,338
6	42,308	43,719	45,130	46,541	47,952	49,363	50,774	52,184	53,595	55,006
7	47,016	48,583	50,150	51,718	53,285	54,852	56,420	57,987	59,554	61,122
8	52,068	53,804	55,539	57,275	59,010	60,745	62,481	64,216	65,952	67,687
9	57,510	59,426	61,343	63,259	65,176	67,093	69,009	70,926	72,842	74,759
10	63,332	65,442	67,553	69,663	71,774	73,884	75,995	78,105	80,216	82,326
11	69,581	71,901	74,221	76,541	78,861	81,181	83,501	85,821	88,141	90,461
12	83,398	86,179	88,959	91,740	94,520	97,300	100,081	102,861	105,642	108,422
13	99,172	102,477	105,782	109,088	112,393	115,699	119,004	122,310	125,615	128,920
14	117,191	121,098	125,005	128,911	132,818	136,725	140,632	144,538	148,445	152,352
15	137,849	142,443	147,038	151,633	156,228	160,822	165,417	166,500 *	166,500 *	166,500 *

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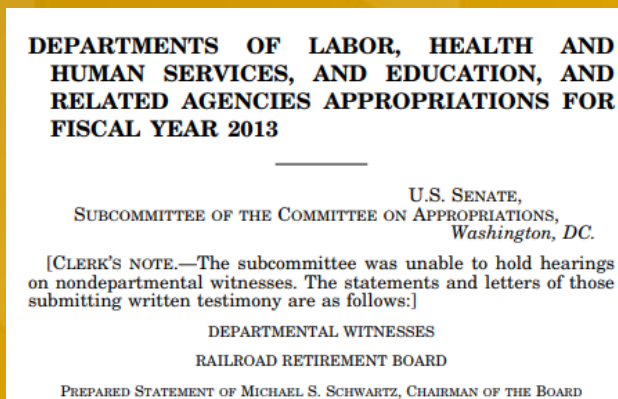


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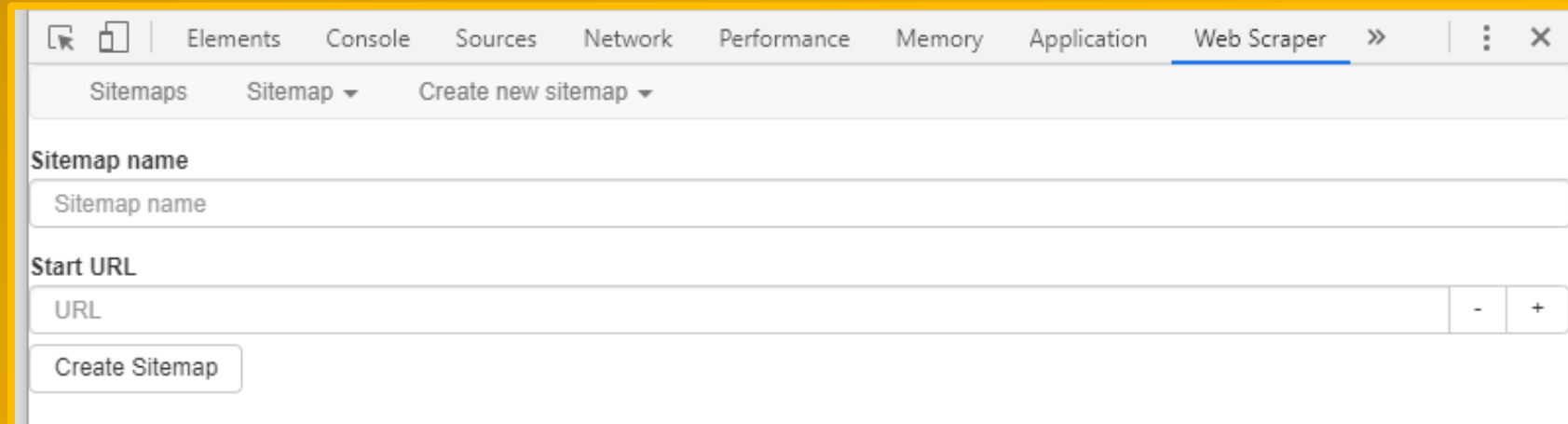
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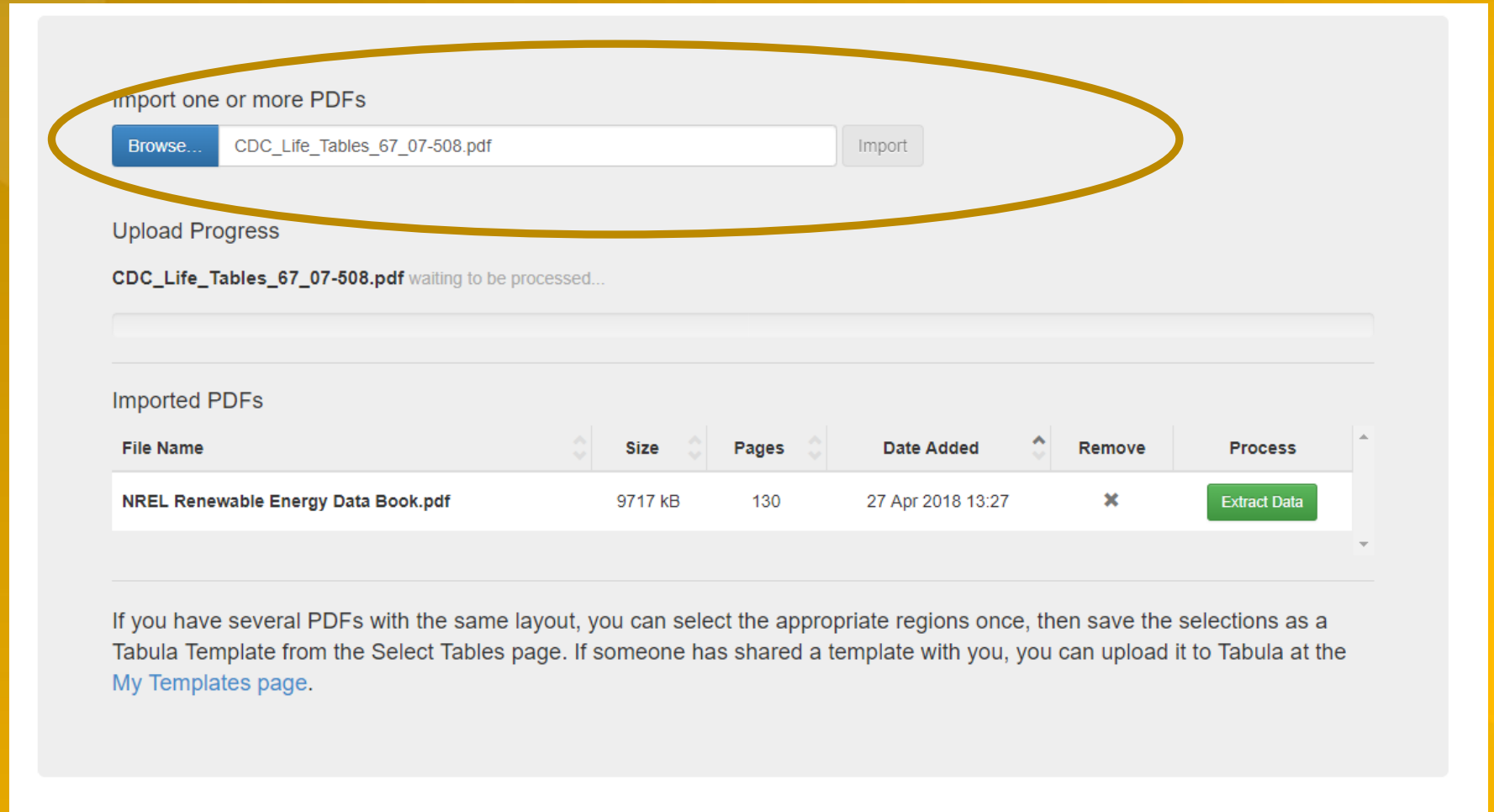
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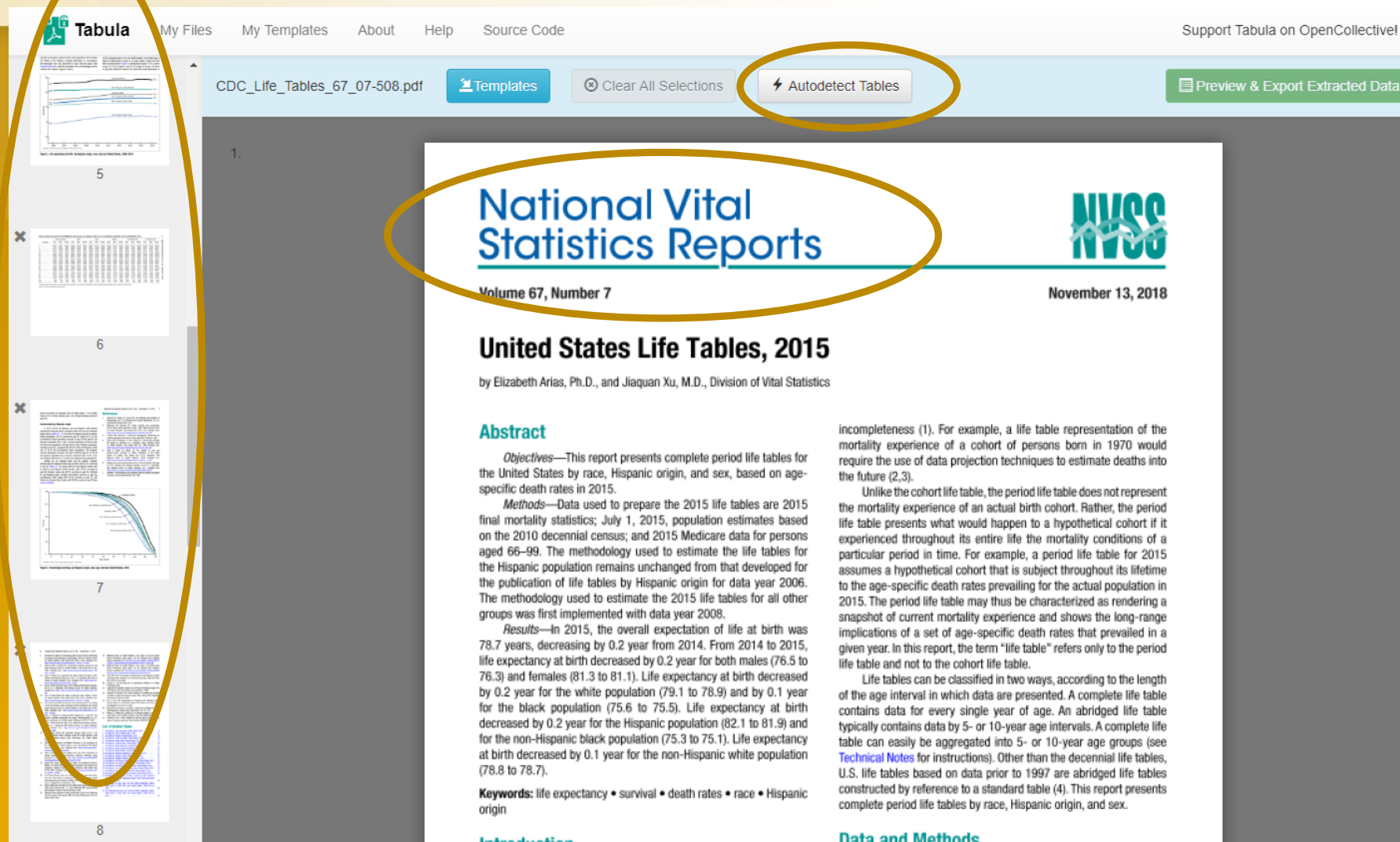
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- Able to autodetect tables in a document;

## Main limitation:

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- Confused by format;
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cigarette smoking (7.8). Between 1979 and 2010, the difference in life expectancy between the sexes narrowed from 7.8 years to 4.8 years (Table 19). The general decline in the sex difference since 1979 reflects proportionately greater increases in lung cancer mortality for women than for men and proportionately larger decreases in heart disease mortality among men (7.8).

The 2015 life table may be used to compare life expectancy at any age from birth onward. On the basis of mortality experienced in 2015, a person aged 65 could expect to live an average of 19.3 more years for a total of 84.3 years; a person aged 85 could expect to live an additional 6.6 years for a total of 91.6 years; and a person aged 100 could expect to live an additional 2.2 years, on average (Table A).

**Life expectancy by race**

From 2014 to 2015, life expectancy decreased by 0.1 year for the black (75.6 to 75.5) and 0.2 year for the white (79.1 to 78.9) populations (Table 19). The difference in life expectancy between the white and black populations was 3.4 years in 2015, a historically record low level. The white-black difference in life expectancy narrowed from 14.6 years in 1900 to 5.7 years in 1982, but increased to 7.1 years in 1993 before beginning to decline again in 1994 (Table 19). The increase in the gap from 1983 to 1993 was largely the result of increases in mortality among the black male population due to HIV infection and homicide (8).

Among the four race-sex groups, white females continued to have the highest life expectancy at birth (81.3 years), followed by black females (78.5), white males (76.6), and black males (72.2) (Figure 1). Between 2014 and 2015, life expectancy decreased by 0.3 years for black males (72.5 to 72.2). It remained unchanged for black females (78.5). Black males experienced a decline in life expectancy every year for 1984–1989 (8), followed by annual increases in 1990–1992 and 1994–2012. Between 2014 and 2015, life expectancy declined by 0.1 year for white males (76.7 to 76.6) and for white females (81.4 to 81.3). Overall, gains in life expectancy from 1980 through 2015 were 8.4 years for black males, 6.0 years for black females, 5.9 years for white males, and 3.2 years for white females (Table 19).

**Life expectancy by Hispanic origin**

From 2014 to 2015, life expectancy decreased by 0.2 year for the Hispanic population (82.1 to 81.9) and the non-Hispanic black population (75.3 to 75.1). It decreased by 0.1 year for the non-Hispanic white population (78.8 to 78.7) (Table 19). In 2015, the Hispanic population had a life expectancy advantage at birth of 3.2 years over the non-Hispanic white population and 6.8 years over the non-Hispanic black population. The U.S. life tables by Hispanic origin are based on death rates that have been adjusted for race and ethnicity misclassification on death certificates (see Technical Notes for a detailed description of the methodology).

Among the six Hispanic-origin race-sex groups, Hispanic females continued to have the highest life expectancy at birth (84.3

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**Preliminary adjustment of the data**

**Adjustment for unknown age**

An adjustment is made to account for the small proportion of deaths each year for which age is not reported on the death certificate. The number of deaths in each age category is adjusted proportionally to account for those with not-stated ages. The following factor ( $F$ ) is used to make the adjustment.  $F$  is calculated for the total and for each sex group within a racial and ethnic population for which life tables are constructed:

$$F = \frac{D}{D^a} \quad [1]$$

where  $D$  is the total number of deaths and  $D^a$  is the total number of deaths for which age is stated.  $F$  is then applied by multiplying it by the number of deaths in each age group. Table I shows values for  $F$  by sex used to adjust mortality data for the total, white, black, Hispanic, non-Hispanic white, and non-Hispanic black populations in 2015.

**Adjustment for misclassification of race and Hispanic origin on death certificates**

The latest research to evaluate race and Hispanic-origin

Female .....	1,339,226	43	1.00003211
White .....	2,306,861	108	1.00004682
Male .....	1,164,176	21	1.00006096
Female .....	1,142,685	37	1.00003238
Black .....	320,072	26	1.00008124
Male .....	164,670	21	1.00012754
Female .....	155,402	5	1.00003218
Hispanic .....	179,457	6	1.00003344
Male .....	98,170	5	1.00005093
Female .....	81,287	1	1.00001230
Non-Hispanic white .....	2,123,631	57	1.00002684
Male .....	1,063,705	37	1.00003479
Female .....	1,059,926	20	1.00001887
Non-Hispanic black .....	315,254	17	1.00005393
Male .....	161,850	12	1.00007415
Female .....	153,404	5	1.00003259

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

decendent. Further, public policy embodied in the 1997 OMB standard mandates that self-identification should be the standard used for the collection and recording of race and ethnicity information (17).

The NLMS-based classification ratios discussed above are used to adjust the age-specific number of deaths for ages 1–95 and over for the total Hispanic, non-Hispanic white, and non-Hispanic black populations, and by sex for each group, as follows:



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Age (years)	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
0	78.7	76.3	81.1	78.9	76.6	81.3	75.5	72.2	78.5	81.9	79.3	84.3	78.7	76.3	81.0	75.1	71.9	78.1
1	78.2	75.8	80.5	78.3	76.0	80.6	75.3	72.1	78.3	81.3	78.5	83.7	78.1	75.7	80.4	75.0	71.8	77.9
5	74.3	71.9	76.6	74.4	72.1	76.7	71.5	68.3	74.4	77.4	74.8	79.7	74.1	71.8	76.4	71.1	67.9	74.0
10	69.3	66.9	71.7	69.4	67.1	71.7	66.5	63.3	69.4	72.4	69.8	74.8	69.2	66.9	71.5	66.1	62.9	69.1
15	64.4	62.0	66.7	64.5	62.2	66.8	61.6	58.4	64.5	67.5	64.9	69.8	64.2	61.9	66.5	61.2	58.0	64.1
20	59.5	57.2	61.8	59.6	57.3	61.9	56.8	53.7	59.6	62.6	60.0	64.9	59.4	57.1	61.6	56.4	53.3	59.3
25	54.8	52.5	56.9	54.8	52.7	57.0	52.1	49.2	54.7	57.8	55.3	60.0	54.6	52.4	56.7	51.8	48.9	54.4
30	50.0	47.9	52.1	50.1	48.0	52.2	47.5	44.7	49.9	53.0	50.4	55.1	49.9	47.8	51.9	47.2	44.4	49.6
35	45.3	43.3	47.3	45.4	43.4	47.4	42.9	40.2	45.2	48.2	45.9	50.3	45.2	43.2	47.2	42.6	39.9	44.9
40	40.7	38.7	42.5	40.7	38.8	42.6	38.3	35.8	40.5	43.5	41.2	45.4	40.6	38.7	42.4	38.1	35.5	40.3
45	36.1	34.2	37.9	36.1	34.3	37.9	33.8	31.4	36.0	38.8	36.6	40.6	36.0	34.1	37.8	33.6	31.1	35.7
50	31.6	29.8	33.3	31.6	29.9	33.3	29.5	27.1	31.6	34.2	32.0	35.9	31.5	29.8	33.2	29.3	26.9	31.3
55	27.3	25.6	28.9	27.3	25.7	28.9	25.4	23.2	27.3	29.7	27.7	31.3	27.3	25.6	28.8	25.3	23.0	27.2
60	23.2	21.7	24.6	23.2	21.7	24.6	21.7	19.6	23.4	25.5	23.6	26.9	23.2	21.7	24.5	21.5	19.4	23.2
65	19.3	18.0	20.5	19.3	18.0	20.5	18.2	16.4	19.6	21.4	19.7	22.6	19.3	18.0	20.4	18.1	16.2	19.5
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75	12.2	11.2	13.0	12.1	11.2	12.9	11.9	10.6	12.7	13.9	12.6	14.6	12.2	11.1	12.9	11.8	10.5	12.7

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4	1.....	78.2	75.8	81.0	78.3	76	80.6	75.3	72.1	78.3	74.8	83.7	78.1	75.7	80.4
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6	10.....	69.3	66.9	71.0	69.4	67.1	71.7	66.5	63.3	69.4	72.4	69.8	74.8	69.2	66.9
7	15.....	64.4	62.0	66.0	64.5	62.2	66.8	61.6	58.4	64.5	67.5	64.9	69.8	64.2	61.9
8	20.....	59.5	57.2	61.0	59.6	57.3	61.9	56.8	53.7	59.6	62.6	60	64.9	59.4	57.1
9	25.....	54.8	52.5	56.0	54.8	52.7	57	52.1	49.2	54.7	57.8	55.3	60	54.6	52.4
10	30.....	50.0	47.9	51.0	50.1	48	52.2	47.5	44.7	49.9	53	50.6	55.1	49.7	47.8
11	35.....	45.3	43.3	46.0	45.4	43.4	47.4	42.9	40.2	45.2	48.2	45.9	50.3	45.2	43.2
12	40.....	40.7	38.7	41.0	40.7	38.8	42.6	38.3	35.8	40.5	43.5	41.2	45.4	40.6	38.7
13	45.....	36.1	34.2	37.0	36.1	34.3	37.9	33.8	31.4	36	38.8	36.6	40.6	35.0	34.1
14	50.....	31.6	29.8	32.0	31.6	29.9	33.3	29.5	27.1	31.6	34.2	32	35.9	31.5	29.8
15	55.....	27.3	25.6	28.0	27.3	25.7	28.9	25.4	23.2	27.3	29.7	27.7	31.3	27.3	25.6
16	60.....	23.2	21.7	24.0	23.2	21.7	24.6	21.7	19.6	23.4	25.5	23.6	26.9	23.2	21.7
17	65.....	19.3	18.0	20.0	19.3	18	20.5	18.2	16.4	19.6	21.4	19.7	22.6	19.3	18.0
18	70.....	15.6	14.4	16.0	15.6	14.4	16.5	14.9	13.3	16	17.5	16	18.5	15.5	14.4
19	75.....	12.2	11.2	13.0	12.1	11.2	12.9	11.9	10.6	12.7	13.9	12.6	14.6	12.1	11.1
20	80.....	9.1	8.3	9.7	9.1	8.3	9.6	9.2	8.2	9.7	10.5	9.5	11.1	9.1	8.3
21	85.....	6.6	5.9	7.0	6.5	5.9	6.9	6.9	6.1	7.2	7.7	6.8	8	6.5	5.9
22	90.....	4.6	4.1	4.8	4.5	4	4.7	5	4.5	5.2	5.4	4.7	5.5	4.5	4.0
23	95.....	3.2	2.8	3.3	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.1	2.7
24	100.....	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.2	2	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.2	2.0
25		All races and origins			White		Black			Hispanic1		Non-Hispanic white1		Non-Hispanic black1	
26	Age (year:	Total	Male	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
27	0.....	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
28	1.....	99,411	99,000	99,508	99,467	99,551	98,861	98,760	98,966	99,503	99,465	99,543	99,100	99,467	99,556
29	5.....	99,312	99,000	99,419	99,368	99,473	98,708	98,580	98,840	99,426	99,381	99,474	99,400	99,358	99,486
30	10.....	99,254	99,000	99,365	99,307	99,426	98,626	98,488	98,767	99,379	99,327	99,436	99,360	99,293	99,443
31	15.....	99,181	99,000	99,296	99,228	99,367	98,529	98,373	98,691	99,322	99,263	99,387	99,294	99,204	99,389
32	20.....	98,943	98,000	99,072	98,928	99,222	98,194	97,868	98,532	99,132	99,006	99,267	99,066	99,003	99,239
33	25.....	98,503	98,000	98,652	98,328	98,995	97,574	96,926	98,247	98,785	98,509	99,088	98,637	98,093	99,001
34	30.....	97,980	97,000	98,137	97,612	98,693	96,863	95,878	97,871	98,403	97,954	98,898	98,087	97,532	98,669
35	35.....	97,357	96,000	97,518	96,794	98,284	96,021	94,720	97,329	97,970	97,369	98,634	97,417	96,647	98,222
36	40.....	96,609	95,000	96,782	95,862	97,754	94,972	93,348	96,579	97,465	96,686	98,318	96,618	95,640	97,538
37	45.....	95,619	94,000	95,808	94,674	96,999	93,595	91,674	95,473	96,782	95,785	97,860	95,571	94,377	96,811

# Tabula Java Program

1. Workaround:
2. Create two columns;
3. Data → Text to Columns;
4. Space-Separated;
5. Repeat as needed.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1		All races and origins	White				Black			Hispanic1		Non-Hispanic white1			Non-Hispanic black1		
2	Age (year)	Total Male	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
3	0.....	78.7 76.3 81.3	78.9	76.6	81.3	75.5	72.2	78.5	81.9	79.3	84.3	78.7	76.3	81	75.1	71.9	78.9
4	1.....	78.2 75.8 80.6	78.3	76	80.6	75.3	72.1	78.3	81.3	78.7	83.7	78.1	75.7	80.4	75	71.8	77.9
5	5.....	74.3 71.9 77.5	74.4	72.1	76.7	71.5	68.3	74.4	77.4	74.8	79.7	74.1	71.8	76.4	71.1	67.9	74
6	10.....	69.3 66.9 73.1	69.4	67.1	71.7	66.5	63.3	69.4	72.4	69.8	74.8	69.2	66.9	71.5	66.1	62.9	69.1
7	15.....	64.4 62.0 68.2	64.5	62.2	66.8	61.6	58.4	64.5	67.5	64.9	69.8	64.2	61.9	66.5	61.2	58	64.1
8	20.....	59.5 57.2 63.3	59.6	57.3	61.9	56.8	53.7	59.6	62.6	60	64.9	59.4	57.1	61.6	56.4	53.3	59.3
9	25.....	54.8 52.5 58.6	54.8	52.7	57	52.1	49.2	54.7	57.8	55.3	60	54.6	52.4	56.7	51.8	48.9	54.4
10	30.....	50.0 47.9 55.5	50.1	48	52.2	47.5	44.7	49.9	53	50.6	55.1	49.9	47.8	51.9	47.2	44.4	49.6
11	35.....	45.3 43.3 49.9	45.4	43.4	47.4	42.9	40.2	45.2	48.2	45.9	50.3	45.2	43.2	47.2	42.6	39.9	44.9
12	40.....	40.7 38.7 44.7	40.7	38.8	42.6	38.3	35.8	40.5	43.5	41.2	45.4	40.6	38.7	42.4	38.1	35.5	40.3
13	45.....	36.1 34.2 39.9	36.1	34.3	37.9	33.8	31.4	36	38.8	36.6	40.6	36	34.1	37.8	33.6	31.1	35.7
14	50.....	31.6 29.8 35.5	31.6	29.9	33.3	29.5	27.1	31.6	34.2	32	35.9	31.5	29.8	33.2	29.3	26.9	31.3
15	55.....	27.3 25.6 31.1	27.3	25.7	28.9	25.4	23.2	27.3	29.7	27.7	31.3	27.3	25.6	28.8	25.3	23	27.2
16	60.....	23.2 21.7 27.2	23.2	21.7	24.6	21.7	19.6	23.4	25.5	23.6	26.9	23.2	21.7	24.5	21.5	19.4	23.2
17	65.....	19.3 18.0 22.8	19.3	18	20.5	18.2	16.4	19.6	21.4	19.7	22.6	19.3	18	20.4	18.1	16.2	19.5
18	70.....	15.6 14.4 19.1	15.6	14.4	16.5	14.9	13.3	16	17.5	16	18.5	15.5	14.4	16.5	14.8	13.2	15.9
19	75.....	12.2 11.2 15.1	12.1	11.2	12.9	11.9	10.6	12.7	13.9	12.6	14.6	12.1	11.1	12.9	11.8	10.5	12.7
20	80.....	9.1 8.3 9.7	9.1	8.3	9.6	9.2	8.2	9.7	10.5	9.5	11.1	9.1	8.3	9.6	9.1	8.1	9.7
21	85.....	6.6 5.9 7.0	6.5	5.9	6.9	6.9	6.1	7.2	7.7	6.8	8	6.5	5.9	6.9	6.8	6.1	7.2
22	90.....	4.6 4.1 4.8	4.5	4	4.7	5	4.5	5.2	5.4	4.7	5.5	4.5	4	4.7	5	4.5	5.2
23	95.....	3.2 2.8 3.3	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.8	3.1	2.7	3.2	3.7	3.3	3.8
24	100.....	2.2 2.0 2.3	2.2	2	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.2	2	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.7
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28	1.....	99,411 99,999	99,508	99,467	99,551	98,861	98,760	98,966	99,503	99,465	99,543	99,410 99,467	99,556		98,875 98,783	98,971	
29	5.....	99,312 99,999	99,419	99,368	99,473	98,708	98,580	98,840	99,426	99,381	99,474	99,410 99,358	99,486		98,707 98,602	98,837	
30	10.....	99,254 99,999	99,365	99,307	99,426	98,626	98,488	98,767	99,379	99,327	99,436	99,365 99,293	99,443		98,617 98,510	98,761	
31	15.....	99,181 99,999	99,296	99,228	99,367	98,529	98,373	98,691	99,322	99,263	99,387	99,294 99,204	99,389		98,513 98,395	98,680	
32	20.....	98,943 98,999	99,072	98,928	99,222	98,194	97,868	98,532	99,132	99,006	99,267	99,066 99,903	99,239		98,149 97,848	98,506	
33	25.....	98,503 98,999	98,652	98,328	98,995	97,574	96,926	98,247	98,785	98,509	99,088	98,637 98,793	99,001		97,482 96,838	98,198	
34	30.....	97,980 97,999	98,137	97,612	98,693	96,863	95,878	97,871	98,403	97,954	98,898	98,087 97,513	98,669		96,742 95,754	97,800	
35	35.....	97,357 96,999	97,518	96,794	98,284	96,021	94,720	97,329	97,970	97,369	98,634	97,417 96,647	98,222		95,860 94,552	97,221	
36	40.....	96,609 95,999	96,782	95,862	97,754	94,972	93,348	96,579	97,465	96,686	98,318	96,618 95,640	97,638		94,739 93,086	96,419	
37	45.....	95,619 94,999	95,808	94,674	96,999	93,595	91,674	95,473	96,782	95,785	97,860	95,571 94,377	96,817		93,285 91,318	95,251	
38	50.....	94,158 92,999	94,374	92,952	95,864	91,622	89,341	93,833	95,733	94,481	97,083	94,065 92,586	95,601		91,228 88,889	93,537	



# Star Attraction: Google Sheet Hack

- Plenty of data or directories are still in static HTML tables;
- Lena Groeger, ProPublica.org, has a Google Sheet hack;
- Populates a Google sheet with a static HTML table in a single formula:

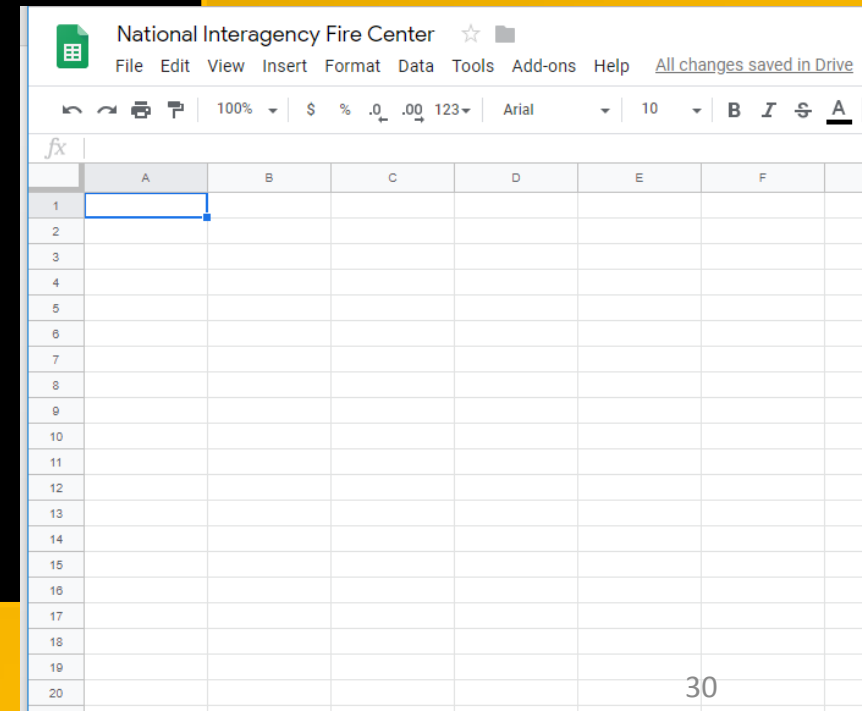


### Total Wildland Fires and Acres (1926-2017)

The National Interagency Coordination Center at NIFC compiles annual wildland fire statistics for federal and state agencies. This information is provided through Situation Reports, which have been in use for several decades. Prior to 1983, sources of these figures are not known, or cannot be confirmed, and were not derived from the current situation reporting process. As a result the figures prior to 1983 should not be compared to later data.

Source: National Interagency Coordination Center

Year	Fires	Acres
2017	71,499	10,026,086
2016	67,743	5,509,995
2015	68,151	10,125,149
2014	63,312	3,595,613
2013	47,579	4,319,546
2012	67,774	9,326,238
2011	74,126	8,711,367
2010	71,971	3,422,724
2009	78,792	5,921,786
2008	78,979	5,292,468
2007	85,705	9,328,045
2006	96,385	9,873,745
2005	66,753	8,689,389
2004	65,461	*8,097,880



# Google Sheet Hack

- Step One
- Gather these data elements;

- URL;
  - type of element;
  - first data element.
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- The target page
  - Table
  - 0 (starts at the top)

- [https://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/fireInfo\\_stats\\_totalFires.html](https://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/fireInfo_stats_totalFires.html)
- “table”
- “0”



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2003	63,629	3,960,842
2002	73,457	7,184,712
2001	84,079	3,570,911
2000	92,250	7,393,493
1999	92,487	5,626,093
1998	81,043	1,329,704
1997	66,196	2,856,959
1996	96,363	6,065,998
1995	82,234	1,840,546
1994	79,107	4,073,579

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## Intro to Data & Code

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1. Data Journalism: What is it & Why Should I Care?
2. How to Get Data From the Web
3. What to Do With Your Data

<https://bit.ly/1Kn6Eav>

## Getting Data Without (Much) Code

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### Tools You'll Need

#### Google Chrome »

Firefox and Safari are OK, but all of our examples and tools will be in Chrome. Please don't use Internet Explorer, I beg you.

#### Google Spreadsheets »

We'll learn a pretty neat trick that let's you grab data with Google Spreadsheets.

### Example's We'll Use

Failed Banks: <https://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/banklist.html>

School Zone Clusters: <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/832>

FDA Directory: [http://dslo.afdo.org/results/?q=Georgia&unifyfda=1&bystate=1&selected\\_facets=area\\_exact:%22100%22](http://dslo.afdo.org/results/?q=Georgia&unifyfda=1&bystate=1&selected_facets=area_exact:%22100%22)

### Ready? Let's Get Some Data

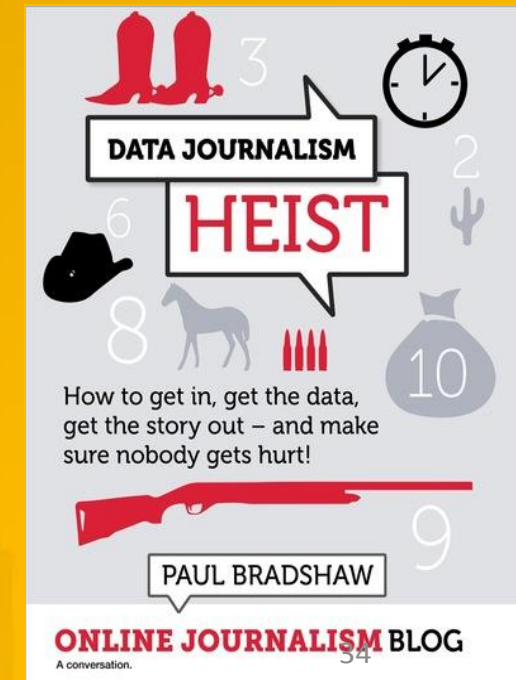
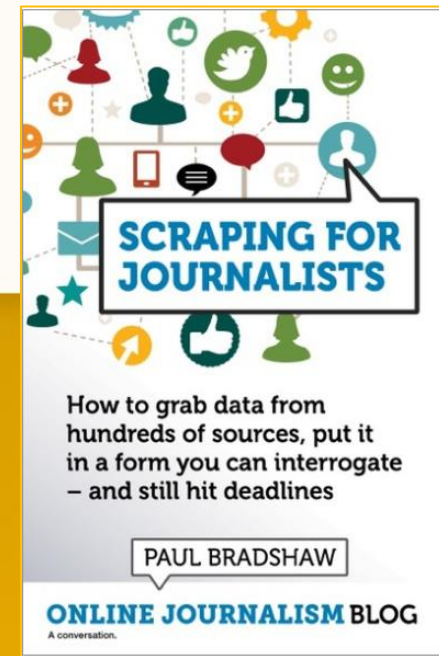
**Try a Blank Search.** First things first. Often you can just try to search with nothing in the search field, and return ALL the data in a database. Let's try it with this example: <http://www.asias.faa.gov/pls/apex/>

**Look for the Download Button.** Often websites with data will have CSV, Excel, or other data download options: <http://www.oecd.org/gender/data/employmentandunemploymentratebysixandagegroupquarterlydata.htm>

**Try Google Spreadsheets.** Did you know that you can use Google spreadsheets to pull down an html table? You can using a simple formula: `=ImportHTML(â€œurlâ€œ, â€œelementtypeâ€œ, numberElement on page)`

# Further Information

- Paul Bradshaw,
- Master's Program, Birmingham City University,
- Online Journalism Blog:  
[https://onlinejournalismblog.com/;](https://onlinejournalismblog.com/)
- Ebooks for sale from LeanPub:
  - Scraping for Journalists (\$20.01) -  
<https://leanpub.com/scrapingforjournalists>
  - Data Journalism Heist (\$9.99) -  
<https://leanpub.com/DataJournalismHeist>





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# Thank You!

