Our health care system depends on the ACS

Health officials and planners use ACS to inform health care policies and programs

- ACS disability data are used to plan and fund programs for people with disabilities
- Targeting uninsured populations with outreach and enrollment efforts
- Communities use disability status, income, and health insurance status to identify and enroll families in beneficial programs such as CHIP
- Identifying language needs of Medicare beneficiaries by race and ethnicity

Mississippi CHIP Enrollment

The Census Project provides this report on the origins of the American Community Survey (ACS) from the outdated census “long form”. It provides detailed examples of how the ACS provides robust, accurate data critical for the government, businesses, and non-profits to make informed decisions. It follows this discussion with an analysis of current limitations of the survey and recommendations to improve the quality, timeliness, and completeness of the data.

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