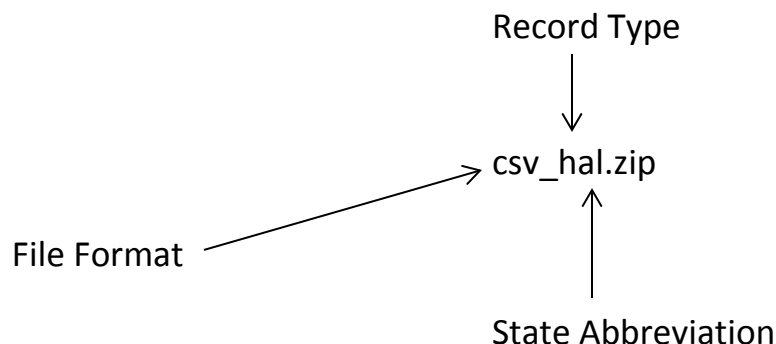


Naming Conventions for ACS Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files

PUMS files on the Census Bureau's FTP site are stored as zip files. The system for naming and displaying the PUMS files is based on three file features: the file format, the record type, and the state abbreviation.

1. File formats are comma separated value files (csv), SAS data sets for older PC versions of SAS (pc),* or SAS datasets for UNIX and recent PC versions of SAS (unix).
2. Record types are housing files (h) or person files (p).
3. State (or state equivalent) abbreviations are two letter labels, such as "tx" for Texas and "dc" for District of Columbia. The abbreviation for the file containing all records in the United States is "us".

Below is an example of the file name for the Alabama housing unit file in csv format:



*Available for PUMS data files from 2000-2009.