

Visualizing eligible census tracts (CT) or block groups (BG) on a map

Question from applicant: I am going through the SNAP-Ed Census Tract Eligibility spreadsheet and am wondering if there is a way to know where on a map I can find certain areas in Clark County that meet the below 184% poverty guidelines. For example, I am reading that this particular block group in the census tract is at 72%. So this area is eligible for SNAP-Ed. How do I find this area on a map?

Answer from DOH: DOH SNAP-Ed interpreted this question as: How do I find my eligible census tract (CT) or block group (BG) on a map so I know where the eligible area is in my community? Please see below for a map that you can use to view eligible census tract (CT) or block group (BG) on a map and instructions for how to use the map with our DOH SNAP-Ed Census Tract Eligibility Spreadsheet (Excel).

Please see below for how to use [POLICYMAP](#) online resource to find your census tract or block group on their map. In the following instructions, CT = census tract and BG = block group.

Tip: A block group (BG) is a smaller area within a census tract.
Example: Census Tract 1 is made up of 4 BGs.

Census Tract 1

BG 1	BG 2
BG 3	BG 4

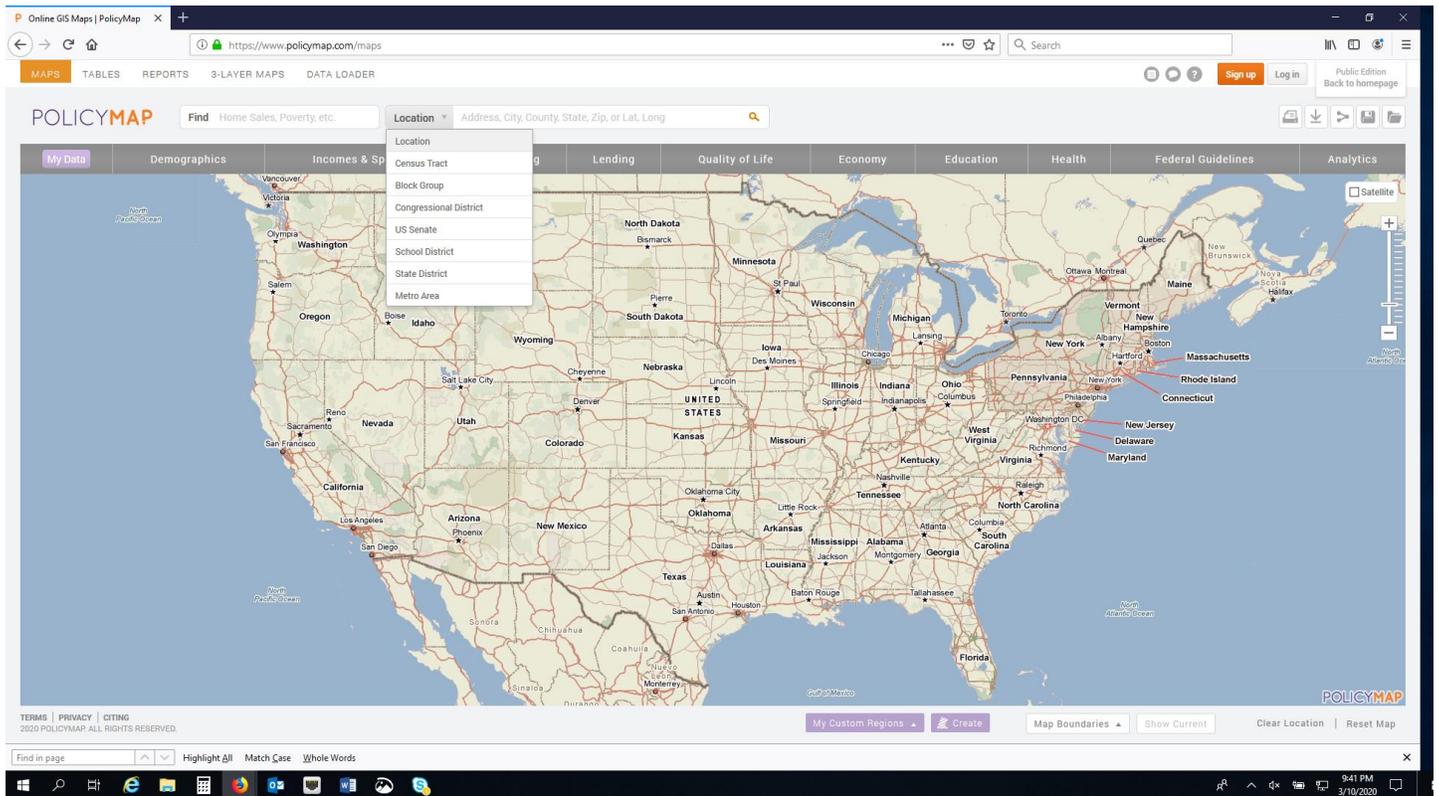
Using POLICYMAP: <https://policymap.com/maps>

Have the [DOH SNAP-Ed Census Tract Eligibility Spreadsheet](#) file open and scroll to the row with the census tract or block group number that you want to find on the map.

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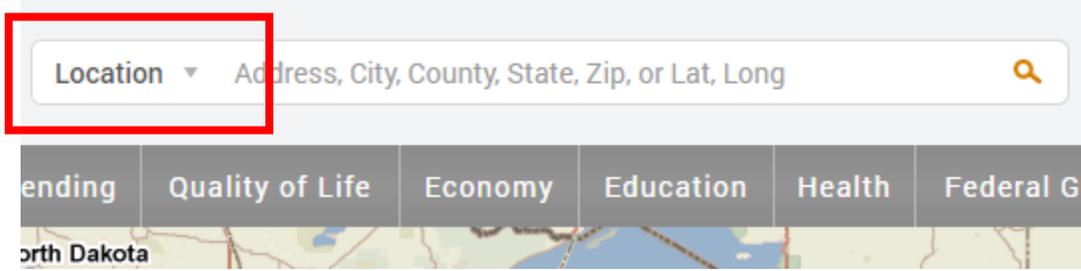
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1. Go to <https://www.policymap.com/maps>. You will see a map of the US.
2. See below for separate instructions on how to find a census tract or a block group on the POLICYMAP.



To find a **census tract (CT)** on POLICYMAP:

1. Use the dropdown menu above the map that says 'Location', and click on 'Census Tract' in the dropdown menu choices that appear.



2. Create a number to plug in as follows:

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- Access the ‘SNAP-Ed Census Tract Eligibility Spreadsheet (Excel)’
- On the ‘Census Tracts’ tab, scroll to the row with the census tract number that you want to see on the map -- get the geographic identifier from Column A.

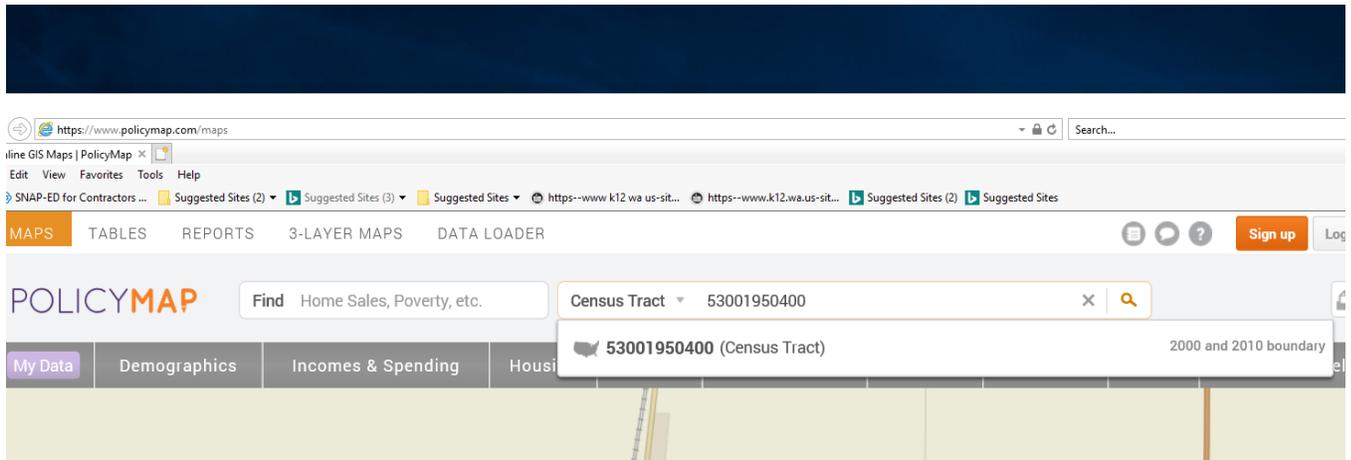
Example: Adams County Census Tract 9504

1 ACS 2018.5 poverty data (C17002) Current until Dec. 2020		
2 Geographic Identifier	Area Name	Percent at or below 184% FPG
3 14000US53001950100	Census Tract 9501, Adams County, Washington	31.7%
4 14000US53001950200	Census Tract 9502, Adams County, Washington	47.3%
5 14000US53001950300	Census Tract 9503, Adams County, Washington	55.1%
6 14000US53001950400	Census Tract 9504, Adams County, Washington	51.5%

- On POLICYMAP, plug in the 11 digits AFTER the ‘US’ in the Geographic Identifier. For example, for Census Tract 9504, Adams County, Washington, the Geographic Identifier is: 14000US53001950400 – so you would plug in 53001950400 into the POLICYMAP.
3. You will see the number appear in the dropdown menu that specifies what year the boundary is from. If you have a choice between ‘2000’ and ‘2010’- **click on ‘2010’.**
- In this CT example for 53001950400, there is no choice. Click on the only choice that appears (2000 and 2010 boundary).

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4. The map will look up this census tract area and you will see the census tract outlined in orange on the map. You can zoom in for details like street names.

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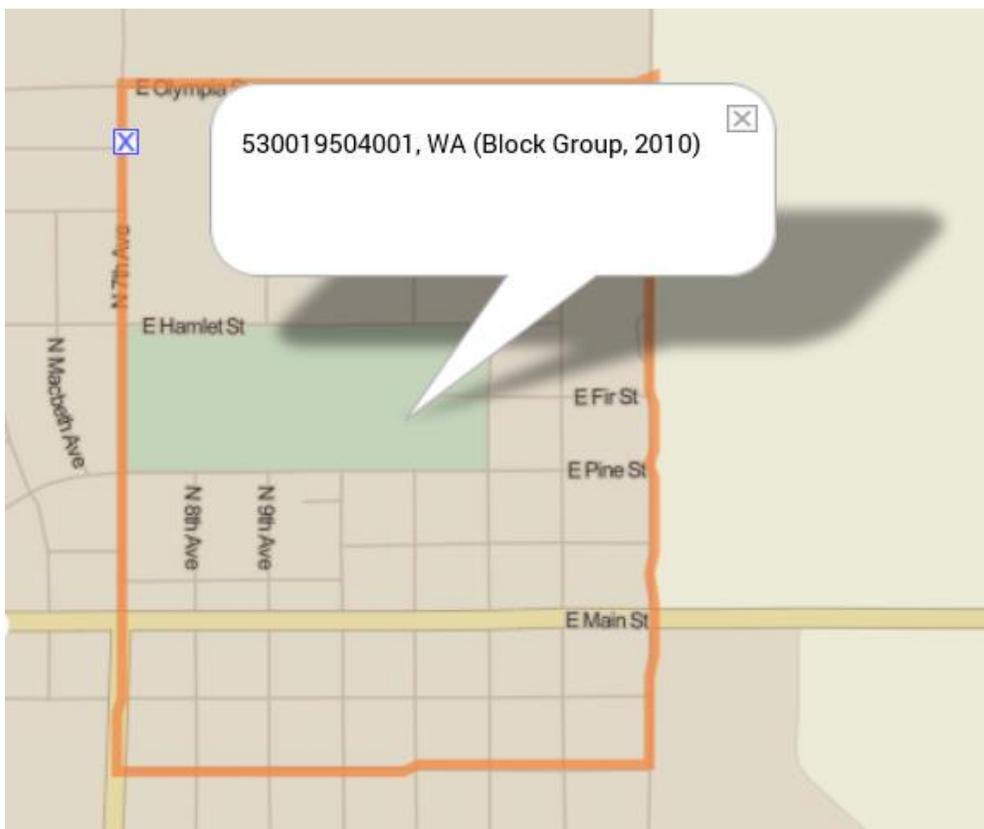


To find a **block group** on POLICYMAP:

1. Use the dropdown menu above the map that says 'Location', and click on 'Block Group' in the dropdown options that appear.
2. Create a number to plug in as follows:
 - Access the 'SNAP-Ed Census Tract Eligibility Spreadsheet (Excel)'
 - On the 'Block Groups' tab, scroll to the row with the block group number that you want to see on the map.

Example: Adams County Census Tract 9504, Block Group 1:

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Please let us know if you have more questions about these instructions by emailing us at snap-ed@doh.wa.gov.