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Description

An integrated R interface to the decennial US Census and American Community Survey APIs and the US Census Bureau's geographic boundary files. Allows R users to return Census and ACS data as tidyverse-ready data frames, and optionally returns a list-column with feature geometry for many geographies.

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census_api_key	<i>Install a CENSUS API Key in Your .Renviron File for Repeated Use</i>
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Description

This function will add your CENSUS API key to your .Renviron file so it can be called securely without being stored in your code. After you have installed your key, it can be called any time by typing `Sys.getenv("CENSUS_API_KEY")` and can be used in package functions by simply typing `CENSUS_API_KEY`. If you do not have an .Renviron file, the function will create one for you. If you already have an .Renviron file, the function will append the key to your existing file, while making a backup of your original file for disaster recovery purposes.

Usage

```
census_api_key(key, overwrite = FALSE, install = FALSE)
```

Arguments

key	The API key provided to you from the Census formatted in quotes. A key can be acquired at http://api.census.gov/data/key_signup.html
overwrite	If this is set to TRUE, it will overwrite an existing CENSUS_API_KEY that you already have in your .Renviron file.
install	if TRUE, will install the key in your .Renviron file for use in future sessions. Defaults to FALSE.

Examples

```
## Not run:
census_api_key("111111abc", install = TRUE)
# First time, reload your environment so you can use the key without restarting R.
readRenviron("~/.Renviron")
# You can check it with:
Sys.getenv("CENSUS_API_KEY")

## End(Not run)

## Not run:
# If you need to overwrite an existing key:
census_api_key("111111abc", overwrite = TRUE, install = TRUE)
# First time, reload your environment so you can use the key without restarting R.
readRenviron("~/.Renviron")
# You can check it with:
Sys.getenv("CENSUS_API_KEY")

## End(Not run)
```

county_laea

County geometry with Alaska and Hawaii shifted and re-scaled

Description

Built-in dataset for use with `shift_geo = TRUE`

Dataset of US counties with Alaska and Hawaii shifted and re-scaled

Usage

```
data(county_laea)
```

```
data(county_laea)
```

Format

An object of class `sf` (inherits from `data.frame`) with 3143 rows and 2 columns.

Details

Dataset with county geometry for use when shifting Alaska and Hawaii

Built-in dataset for use with the `shift_geo` parameter, with the continental United States in a Lambert azimuthal equal area projection and Alaska and Hawaii counties and Census areas shifted and re-scaled. The data were originally obtained from the `albersusa` R package (<https://github.com/hrbrmstr/albersusa>).

 fips_codes

Dataset with FIPS codes for US states and counties

Description

Built-in dataset for smart state and county lookup. To access the data directly, issue the command `data(fips_codes)`.

- county: County name, title-case
- county_code: County code. (3-digit, 0-padded, character)
- state: Upper-case abbreviation of state
- state_code: State FIPS code (2-digit, 0-padded, character)
- state_name: Title-case name of state

Usage

```
data(fips_codes)
```

Format

An object of class `data.frame` with 3237 rows and 5 columns.

Details

Dataset with FIPS codes for US states and counties

Built-in dataset for use with the `lookup_code` function. To access the data directly, issue the command `data(fips_codes)`.

 get_acs

Obtain data and feature geometry for the five-year American Community Survey

Description

Obtain data and feature geometry for the five-year American Community Survey

Usage

```
get_acs(geography, variables = NULL, table = NULL,
        cache_table = FALSE, year = 2017, endyear = NULL,
        output = "tidy", state = NULL, county = NULL, geometry = FALSE,
        keep_geo_vars = FALSE, shift_geo = FALSE, summary_var = NULL,
        key = NULL, moe_level = 90, survey = "acs5", ...)
```

Arguments

geography	The geography of your data.
variables	Character string or vector of character strings of variable IDs. tidycensus automatically returns the estimate and the margin of error associated with the variable.
table	The ACS table for which you would like to request all variables. Uses lookup tables to identify the variables; performs faster when variable table already exists through load_variables(cache = TRUE).
cache_table	Whether or not to cache table names for faster future access. Defaults to FALSE; if TRUE, only needs to be called once per dataset. If variables dataset is already cached via the load_variables function, this can be bypassed.
year	The year, or endyear, of the ACS sample. 2010 through 2016 are available. Defaults to 2016.
endyear	Deprecated and will be removed in a future release.
output	One of "tidy" (the default) in which each row represents an enumeration unit-variable combination, or "wide" in which each row represents an enumeration unit and the variables are in the columns.
state	An optional vector of states for which you are requesting data. State names, postal codes, and FIPS codes are accepted. Defaults to NULL.
county	The county for which you are requesting data. County names and FIPS codes are accepted. Must be combined with a value supplied to 'state'. Defaults to NULL.
geometry	if FALSE (the default), return a regular tibble of ACS data. if TRUE, uses the tigris package to return an sf tibble with simple feature geometry in the 'geometry' column. state, county, tract, block group, block, and ZCTA geometry are supported.
keep_geo_vars	if TRUE, keeps all the variables from the Census shapefile obtained by tigris. Defaults to FALSE.
shift_geo	if TRUE, returns geometry with Alaska and Hawaii shifted for thematic mapping of the entire US. Geometry was originally obtained from the albersusa R package.
summary_var	Character string of a "summary variable" from the ACS to be included in your output. Usually a variable (e.g. total population) that you'll want to use as a denominator or comparison.
key	Your Census API key. Obtain one at http://api.census.gov/data/key_signup.html
moe_level	The confidence level of the returned margin of error. One of 90 (the default), 95, or 99.
survey	The ACS contains one-year, three-year, and five-year surveys expressed as "acs1", "acs3", and "acs5". The default selection is "acs5."
...	Other keyword arguments

Value

A tibble or sf tibble of ACS data

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(tidycensus)
library(tidyverse)
library(viridis)
census_api_key("YOUR KEY GOES HERE")

tarr <- get_acs(geography = "tract", variables = "B19013_001",
               state = "TX", county = "Tarrant", geometry = TRUE)

ggplot(tarr, aes(fill = estimate, color = estimate)) +
  geom_sf() +
  coord_sf(crs = 26914) +
  scale_fill_viridis(option = "magma") +
  scale_color_viridis(options = "magma")

vt <- get_acs(geography = "county", variables = "B19013_001", state = "VT")

vt %>%
  mutate(NAME = gsub(" County, Vermont", "", NAME)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = estimate, y = reorder(NAME, estimate))) +
  geom_errorbarh(aes(xmin = estimate - moe, xmax = estimate + moe)) +
  geom_point(color = "red", size = 3) +
  labs(title = "Household income by county in Vermont",
       subtitle = "2012-2016 American Community Survey",
       y = "",
       x = "ACS estimate (bars represent margin of error)")

## End(Not run)
```

get_decennial

Obtain data and feature geometry for the decennial Census

Description

Obtain data and feature geometry for the decennial Census

Usage

```
get_decennial(geography, variables = NULL, table = NULL,
              cache_table = FALSE, year = 2010, sumfile = "sf1", state = NULL,
              county = NULL, geometry = FALSE, output = "tidy",
              keep_geo_vars = FALSE, shift_geo = FALSE, summary_var = NULL,
              key = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

geography	The geography of your data.
variables	Character string or vector of character strings of variable IDs.
table	The Census table for which you would like to request all variables. Uses lookup tables to identify the variables; performs faster when variable table already exists through <code>load_variables(cache = TRUE)</code> .
cache_table	Whether or not to cache table names for faster future access. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> ; if <code>TRUE</code> , only needs to be called once per dataset. If variables dataset is already cached via the <code>load_variables</code> function, this can be bypassed.
year	The year for which you are requesting data. 1990, 2000, and 2010 are available.
sumfile	The Census summary file. Defaults to <code>sf1</code> ; the function will look in <code>sf3</code> if it cannot find a variable in <code>sf1</code> .
state	The state for which you are requesting data. State names, postal codes, and FIPS codes are accepted. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .
county	The county for which you are requesting data. County names and FIPS codes are accepted. Must be combined with a value supplied to 'state'. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .
geometry	if <code>FALSE</code> (the default), return a regular tibble of ACS data. if <code>TRUE</code> , uses the <code>tigris</code> package to return an <code>sf</code> tibble with simple feature geometry in the 'geometry' column. state, county, tract, and block group are supported for 1990 through 2010; block and ZCTA geometry are supported for 2000 and 2010.
output	One of "tidy" (the default) in which each row represents an enumeration unit-variable combination, or "wide" in which each row represents an enumeration unit and the variables are in the columns.
keep_geo_vars	if <code>TRUE</code> , keeps all the variables from the Census shapefile obtained by <code>tigris</code> . Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> .
shift_geo	if <code>TRUE</code> , returns geometry with Alaska and Hawaii shifted for thematic mapping of the entire US. Geometry was originally obtained from the <code>albersusa</code> R package.
summary_var	Character string of a "summary variable" from the decennial Census to be included in your output. Usually a variable (e.g. total population) that you'll want to use as a denominator or comparison.
key	Your Census API key. Obtain one at http://api.census.gov/data/key_signup.html
...	Other keyword arguments

Value

a tibble or sf tibble of decennial Census data

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Plot of race/ethnicity by county in Illinois for 2010
```

```

library(tidycensus)
library(tidyverse)
library(viridis)
census_api_key("YOUR KEY GOES HERE")
vars10 <- c("P005003", "P005004", "P005006", "P004003")

il <- get_decennial(geography = "county", variables = vars10, year = 2010,
                  summary_var = "P001001", state = "IL", geometry = TRUE) %>%
  mutate(pct = 100 * (value / summary_value))

ggplot(il, aes(fill = pct, color = pct)) +
  geom_sf() +
  facet_wrap(~variable)

## End(Not run)

```

get_estimates

Get data from the US Census Bureau Population Estimates APIs

Description

Get data from the US Census Bureau Population Estimates APIs

Usage

```

get_estimates(geography, product = NULL, variables = NULL,
              breakdown = NULL, breakdown_labels = FALSE, year = 2017,
              state = NULL, county = NULL, time_series = FALSE,
              output = "tidy", geometry = FALSE, keep_geo_vars = FALSE,
              shift_geo = FALSE, key = NULL, ...)

```

Arguments

geography	The geography of your data.
product	The data product (optional). "population", "components" "housing", and "characteristics" are supported.
variables	A character string of requested variables to get specific variables from the population, components, and housing APIs.
breakdown	The population breakdown used when product = "characteristics". Acceptable values are "AGEGROUP", "RACE", "SEX", and "HISP", for Hispanic/Not Hispanic. These values can be combined in a vector, returning population estimates in the value column for all combinations of these breakdowns.
breakdown_labels	Whether or not to label breakdown elements returned when product = "characteristics". Defaults to FALSE.

year	The data year (defaults to 2017)
state	The state for which you are requesting data. State names, postal codes, and FIPS codes are accepted. Defaults to NULL.
county	The county for which you are requesting data. County names and FIPS codes are accepted. Must be combined with a value supplied to 'state'. Defaults to NULL.
time_series	If TRUE, the function will return a time series of observations back to the decennial Census of 2010. The returned column is either "DATE", representing a particular estimate date, or "PERIOD", representing a time period (e.g. births between 2016 and 2017), and contains integers representing those values. Integer to date or period mapping is available at https://www.census.gov/data/developers/data-sets/popest-popproj/popest/popest-vars/2017.html .
output	One of "tidy" (the default) in which each row represents an enumeration unit-variable combination, or "wide" in which each row represents an enumeration unit and the variables are in the columns.
geometry	if FALSE (the default), return a regular tibble of ACS data. if TRUE, uses the tigris package to return an sf tibble with simple feature geometry in the 'geometry' column.
keep_geo_vars	if TRUE, keeps all the variables from the Census shapefile obtained by tigris. Defaults to FALSE.
shift_geo	if TRUE, returns geometry with Alaska and Hawaii shifted for thematic mapping of the entire US.
key	Your Census API key. Obtain one at http://api.census.gov/data/key_signup.html . Can be stored in your .Renviron with <code>census_api_key("YOUR KEY", install = TRUE)</code>
...	other keyword arguments

Value

A tibble, or sf tibble, of population estimates data

load_variables	<i>Load variables from a decennial Census or American Community Survey dataset to search in R</i>
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Description

Load variables from a decennial Census or American Community Survey dataset to search in R

Usage

```
load_variables(year, dataset, cache = FALSE)
```

Arguments

year	The year for which you are requesting variables. Either the year of the decennial Census, or the endyear for a 5-year ACS sample.
dataset	One of "sf1", "sf3", "acs1", "acs3", "acs5", "acs1/profile", "acs3/profile", "acs5/profile", "acs1/subject", "acs3/subject", or "acs5/subject".
cache	Whether you would like to cache the dataset for future access, or load the dataset from an existing cache. Defaults to FALSE.

Value

A tibble of variables from the requested dataset.

Examples

```
## Not run:
v15 <- load_variables(2015, "acs5", cache = TRUE)
View(v15)

## End(Not run)
```

moe_product

Calculate the margin of error for a derived product

Description

Calculate the margin of error for a derived product

Usage

```
moe_product(est1, est2, moe1, moe2)
```

Arguments

est1	The first factor in the multiplication equation (an estimate)
est2	The second factor in the multiplication equation (an estimate)
moe1	The margin of error of the first factor
moe2	The margin of error of the second factor

Value

A margin of error for a derived product

moe_prop	<i>Calculate the margin of error for a derived proportion</i>
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Description

Calculate the margin of error for a derived proportion

Usage

```
moe_prop(num, denom, moe_num, moe_denom)
```

Arguments

num	The numerator involved in the proportion calculation (an estimate)
denom	The denominator involved in the proportion calculation (an estimate)
moe_num	The margin of error of the numerator
moe_denom	The margin of error of the denominator

Value

A margin of error for a derived proportion

moe_ratio	<i>Calculate the margin of error for a derived ratio</i>
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Description

Calculate the margin of error for a derived ratio

Usage

```
moe_ratio(num, denom, moe_num, moe_denom)
```

Arguments

num	The numerator involved in the ratio calculation (an estimate)
denom	The denominator involved in the ratio calculation (an estimate)
moe_num	The margin of error of the numerator
moe_denom	The margin of error of the denominator

Value

A margin of error for a derived ratio

moe_sum	<i>Calculate the margin of error for a derived sum</i>
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Description

Generates a margin of error for a derived sum. The function requires a vector of margins of error involved in a sum calculation, and optionally a vector of estimates associated with the margins of error. If the associated estimates are not specified, the user risks inflating the derived margin of error in the event of multiple zero estimates. It is recommended to inspect your data for multiple zero estimates before using this function and setting the inputs accordingly.

Usage

```
moe_sum(moe, estimate = NULL, na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

moe	A vector of margins of error involved in the sum calculation
estimate	A vector of estimates, the same length as moe, associated with the margins of error
na.rm	A logical value indicating whether missing values (including NaN) should be removed

Value

A margin of error for a derived sum

See Also

https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/tech_docs/accuracy/MultiyearACSAccuracyofData2015.pdf

state_laea	<i>State geometry with Alaska and Hawaii shifted and re-scaled</i>
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Description

Built-in dataset for use with `shift_geo = TRUE`
 Dataset of US states with Alaska and Hawaii shifted and re-scaled

Usage

```
data(state_laea)
```

```
data(state_laea)
```

Format

An object of class `sf` (inherits from `data.frame`) with 51 rows and 2 columns.

Details

Dataset with state geometry for use when shifting Alaska and Hawaii

Built-in dataset for use with the `shift_geo` parameter, with the continental United States in a Lambert azimuthal equal area projection and Alaska and Hawaii shifted and re-scaled. The data were originally obtained from the `albersusa` R package (<https://github.com/hrbrmstr/albersusa>).

tidycensus

Return tidy data frames from the US Census Bureau API

Description

This packages uses US Census Bureau data but is neither endorsed nor supported by the US Census Bureau.

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