

# Identifying Census Tracts Using OnTheMap

**Step 1 – Go to the OnTheMap Website and Enter the Community or County**  
**<http://lehdmap3.did.census.gov/themap3/>**

Enter your community or county here and click “enter”.

For best search results, enter only the name of the county or community without any additional text:

- Enter “Janesville” instead of “City of Janesville” or “Janesville, Wisconsin”
- Similarly , enter “Rock” instead of “Rock County” or “Rock County, Wisconsin”

U.S. Census Bureau **LED OnTheMap**

OnTheMap Version 3 provides detailed maps showing where workers are employed and where they live with companion reports on age, earnings, industry distribution, and local workforce indicators. A total of 45 states are currently featured showing data for five years (2002 through 2006). Click on one of the "Information/Help" links to the right of the map for more information on using the application.

Database maintenance is being performed. 2006 data will be unavailable during this period.

Getting Started - Select a Geographic Area - Enter a geographic area (state, county, zip code, congressional district, metro area, city name, etc.) into the place name lookup box below. Then click the *Enter* button.

Place Name:

Map or Text-Only:

Getting Started - Click in the Map - Start by clicking at the center of the geographical area for your analysis. The application will open a regional map centered on the selected point.

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## Step 2 – Click on your Area of Interest

OnTheMap will return all places that match the name you entered in Step 1. Click on the appropriate place in the list to view the area on the map.

Make sure you are choosing the correct area or not an area with a similar name. Some areas may have a metro area, city, town or county with the same name.

The screenshot shows the OnTheMap 3 web application interface. The browser window title is "OnTheMap 3 - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows the URL: <http://lehdmap3.did.census.gov/themap3/index.html?search=All Place Names&searchvalue=Janesville>. The page title is "U.S. Census Bureau LED OnTheMap". The search bar contains "Janesville" and the search button is labeled "Search". Below the search bar, there is a dropdown menu set to "All Place Names". The search results are displayed in a list on the left side of the page, under the heading "Name Search Results". The list includes categories such as States, Counties, Cities/Towns, Military Bases, One-Stop Career Centers, ZIP Codes (ZCTA), Metropolitan/Micropolitan Areas (CBSA), Workforce Investment Areas (WIA), County Subdivisions, WIRED Regions (Gen. 1, 2, 3), and 110th Congressional Districts. Under the "Cities/Towns" category, the following results are listed: [Janesville, IA](#), [Janesville, MN](#), and [Janesville, WI](#). The "Janesville, WI" result is highlighted with a mouse cursor. The map on the right shows the United States with a red dot indicating the location of Janesville, WI. The map includes a scale bar (1000 km, 500 mi) and a compass. The footer of the page contains the U.S. Census Bureau logo and the text "Helping You Make Informed Decisions".

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## Step 3 – Click on the Layers Tab and add Census Tracts to the Map:

- Click on the “Layers” tab here
- Turn map layers on or off by clicking the checkboxes next to the layer name. Each map layer can be labeled by clicking on the corresponding label box.
- The Census Tract map layer is located here. The tract boundaries and labels are highlighted in yellow

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The "Layers" tab is active, displaying a list of map layers with checkboxes for "Label" and "Layer". The "Census Tracts" layer is checked, and its label box is highlighted in yellow. Other layers include States (Outline), U.S. 110th Congressional Districts, State Legislative Districts (Upper and Lower), Unified/Elementary School Districts, Secondary School Districts, Metropolitan/Micropolitan Areas (CBSA), Counties, County Subdivisions, Cities/Towns (Outline and Fill), Census Block Groups, Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ), ZIP Codes (ZCTAs), Interstates, Major Highways, Local Roads, WIRED Regions (Generation 1, 2, and 3), Workforce Investment Areas (WIA), Community Colleges, One-Stop Career Centers, Tribal Lands, Tribal Subdivisions, Alaska Native Regional Corp. (ANRC), Military Bases, and Base Layers.

The map displays the Janesville, IA area, with census tracts highlighted in yellow. The map includes a scale bar (0 to 2 km) and a north arrow. The footer contains the U.S. Census Bureau logo and the text "Helping You Make Informed Decisions".

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## Step 4 – To View Census Tract Boundaries, Turn Other Map Layers on or off as Necessary

- Census Tract boundaries may follow along the lines of other map features such as roads
- It may be useful to turn off other layers, such as roads, to better view the tract boundaries

*Note: Census tract numbers have the following format:*

- First 2 digits – state code (55 for WI)
- Next 3 digits – county code (105 for Rock County)
- Last 6 digits - census tract number

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## Step 5 – Zoom or Pan the Map as Needed to View all Tracts of Interest

- Not all tracts may be visible or labeled depending on the area you are viewing. You may need to zoom into or pan the map to view all tracts of interest
- Clicking on the arrows move the map in the corresponding direction.
- Clicking on the “+” or “-” zooms into or out of the map

