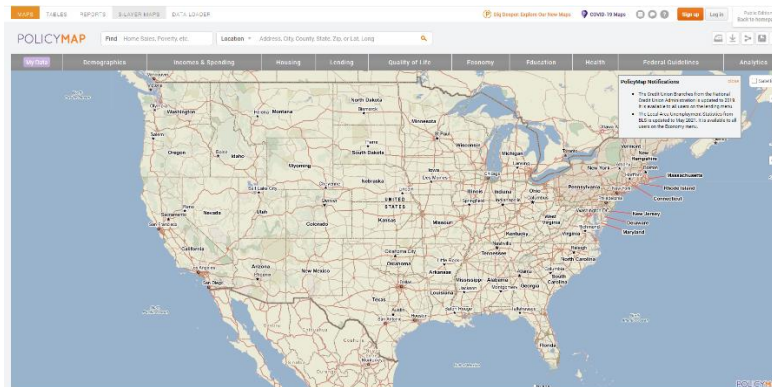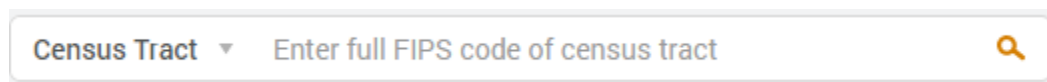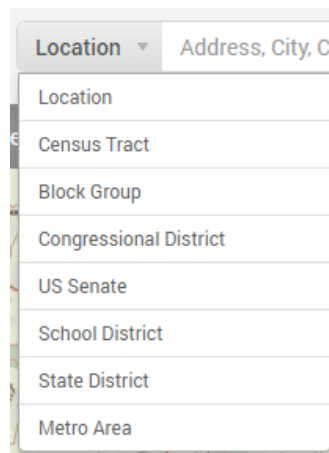# Viewing Census Tracts

Census tracts can be viewed in multiple ways from a few sources found from either the Census Bureau or another mapping agency. The guide below highlights one of the many ways to view a census tract. Additional links to other sources will be at the end.
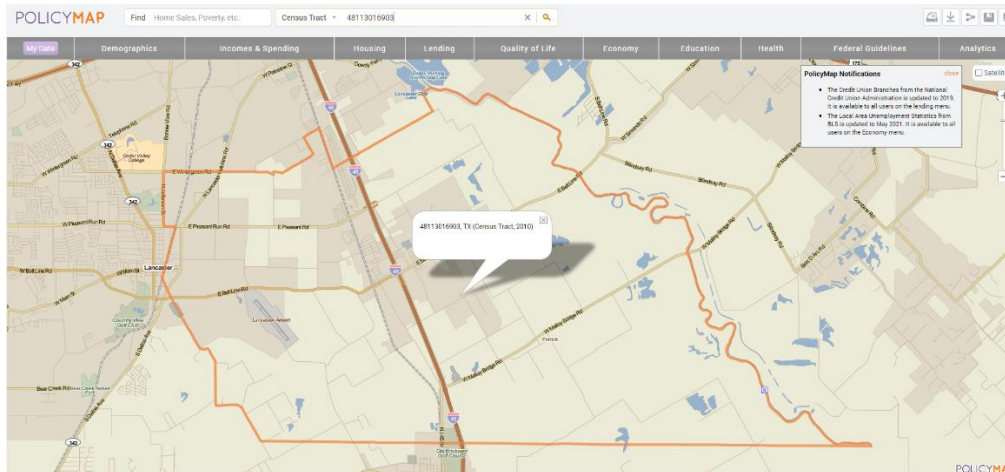
Step 1: Go to https://www.policymap.com/maps. You will e brought to a page that looks like the image below.
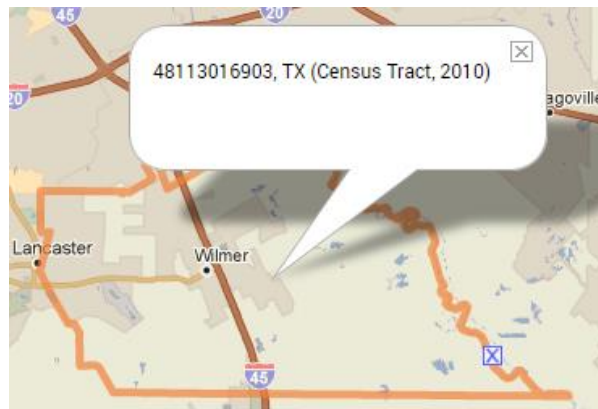

Step 2: You will see a search bar for "Location." You may click on "Location" to reveal a drop-down (The first image) menu for different search criteria. Please select "Census Tract" from the drop-down menu. Once that is complete, you will see the second image below.

Step 3: Enter the full 11 digits FIPS code of the census tract. You may receive suggestions when typing the census tract in if there are multiple census tracts similarly numbered. Once a census tract has been entered, click search and a zoomed-in outline of the census tract will be shown like the image below.

You may zoom in to see more detailed information such as street names to assist with where your services may be located more accurately. A zoomed-out image, like below, may be easier when comparing general location of the census tract within a county/state.

Additional Resources:

Overview of Census Tracts: https://transition.fcc.gov/form477/Geo/more_about_census_tracts.pdf

U.S. Census Bureau – Census Tract Maps: https://www.census.gov/geographies/reference-maps/2010/geo/2010-census-tract-maps.html

Using Census Bureau's Geocoder: https://transition.fcc.gov/form477/Geo/more_about_census_geocoder.pdf