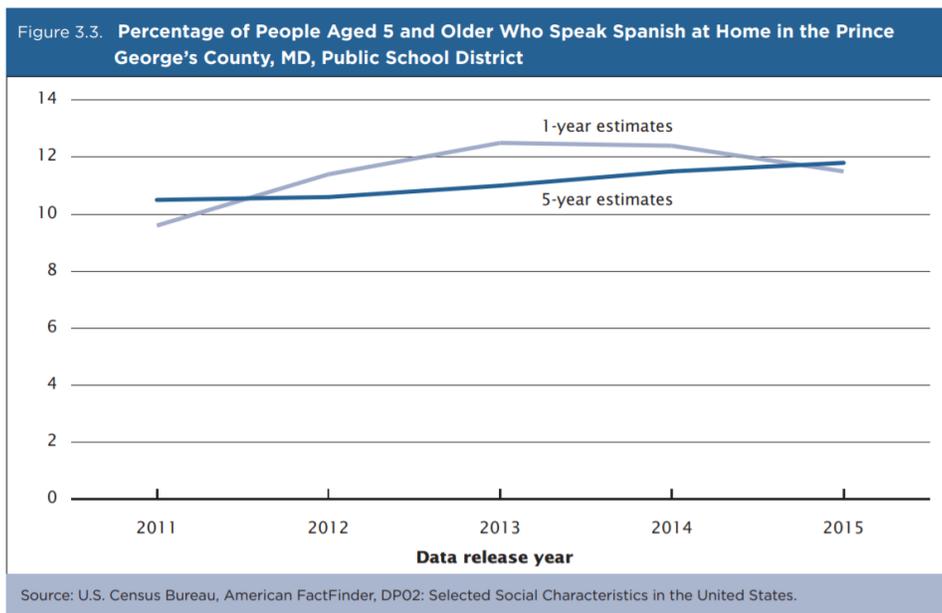




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## CTD FUNDING ALLOCATION STUDY - QUESTIONS FOR THE INITIAL REPORT

1. In the models presented, every person in the TD population is counted equally. That is, every category is weighted at 1.0 per person. Should different weights be used for different populations? Is it expected that an individual who is below poverty, has a disability, and is over the age of 65 years old has more need—or not—for TD services compared to an individual who is above poverty, has no disability, and is over the age of 65 years old?
2. In the models presented, every mile of public roads, or centerline miles, is counted equally. That is, every category is weighted at 1.0 per mile. Should different weights be used for different categories of roads? Should additional factors like functional classifications and/or number of lanes be considered?
3. In the models presented, different weights are assigned for different types of trips (ambulatory, wheelchair, etc.) and for different types of bus passes. Are these weights appropriate? Also, miles are weighted at one-tenth the level that trips are. Is this weighting on miles appropriate?
4. Is weighting the Base Funding variable at 50% appropriate? Is measuring this variable according to a county's statewide share of total allocations from the previous year appropriate? Is base funding more important to smaller counties than to larger counties, or vice versa?
5. One of the costs-benefits of using ACS 5-year data, rather than 1-year data, is that the estimates "are more likely to show a smooth trend, because 4 of the 5 years in the series overlap from one year to the next" <sup>1</sup> (See Figure 3.3 below). Should any of the other variables attempt to use a similar approach, like a rolling multi-year average, to keep their trends similarly smooth?



<sup>1</sup> *General Data Users Handbook*, U.S. Census Bureau. Section 3. Page 15. Available online at: [https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2018/acs/acs\\_general\\_handbook\\_2018\\_ch03.pdf](https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2018/acs/acs_general_handbook_2018_ch03.pdf).