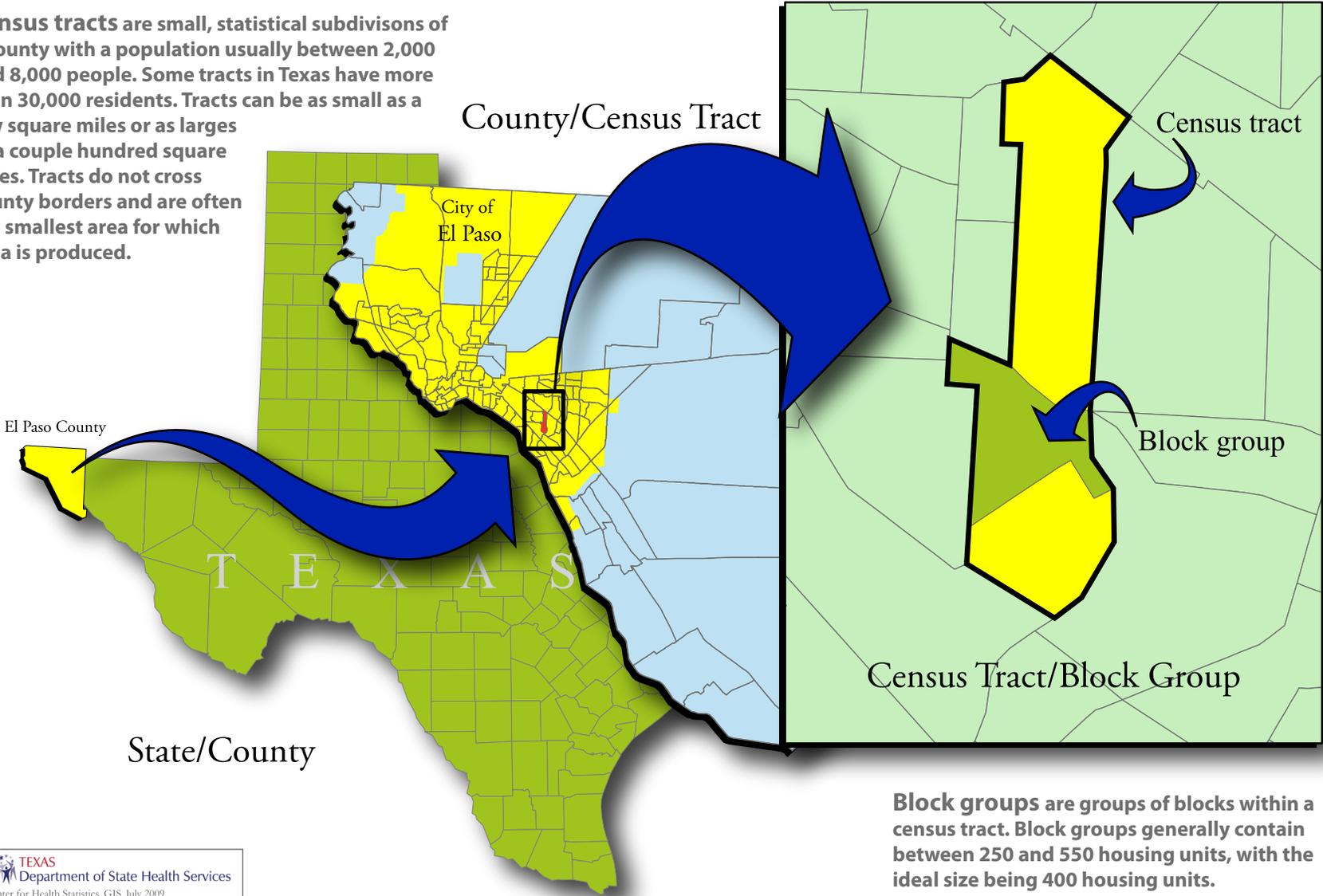


THE CENSUS TRACT AND THE BLOCK GROUP

Census tracts are small, statistical subdivisions of a county with a population usually between 2,000 and 8,000 people. Some tracts in Texas have more than 30,000 residents. Tracts can be as small as a few square miles or as large as a couple hundred square miles. Tracts do not cross county borders and are often the smallest area for which data is produced.



Block groups are groups of blocks within a census tract. Block groups generally contain between 250 and 550 housing units, with the ideal size being 400 housing units.