Alternative Data for Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands

At this time, data for Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands are not available at the CWDG Dashboard.

Alternative data sources are shown in the following slides.

CWDG Dashboard: www.wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool

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1) Wildfire Risk Data

- There are no national wildfire risk datasets that include Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands
- Use local risk data if available.
- Include a link or citation in your application.

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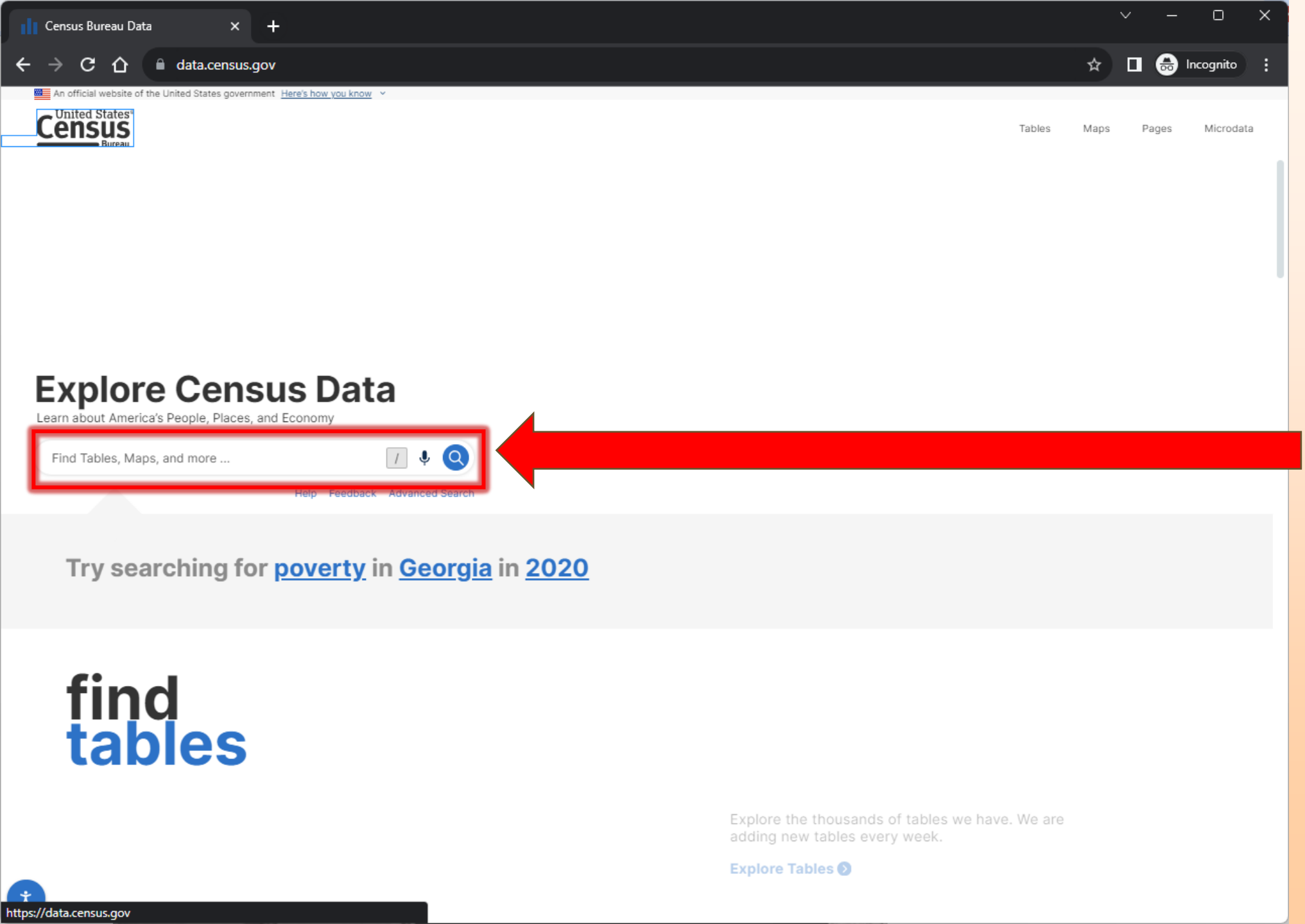
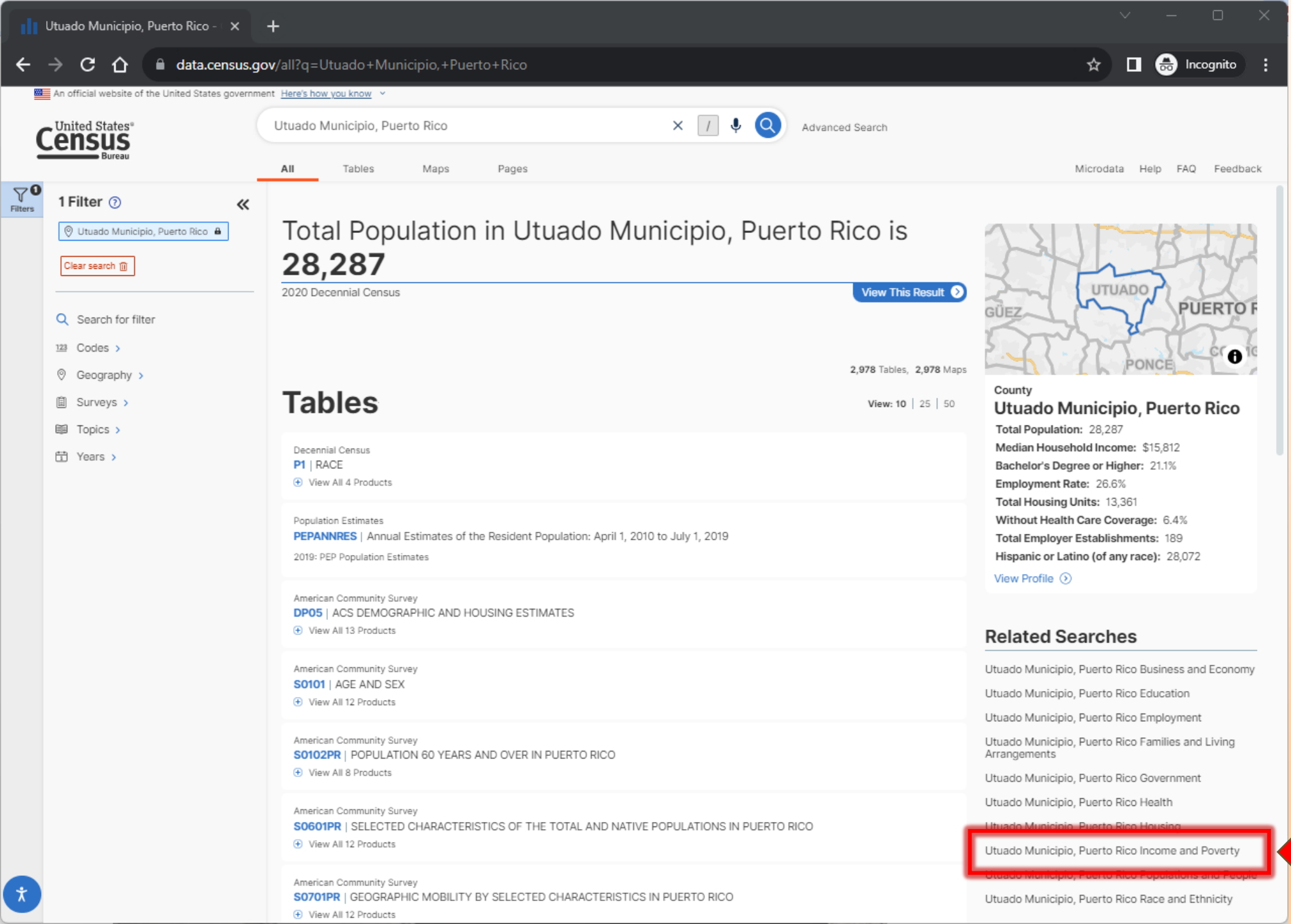
2) Low-Income

- Search your community or county at the Census' website:

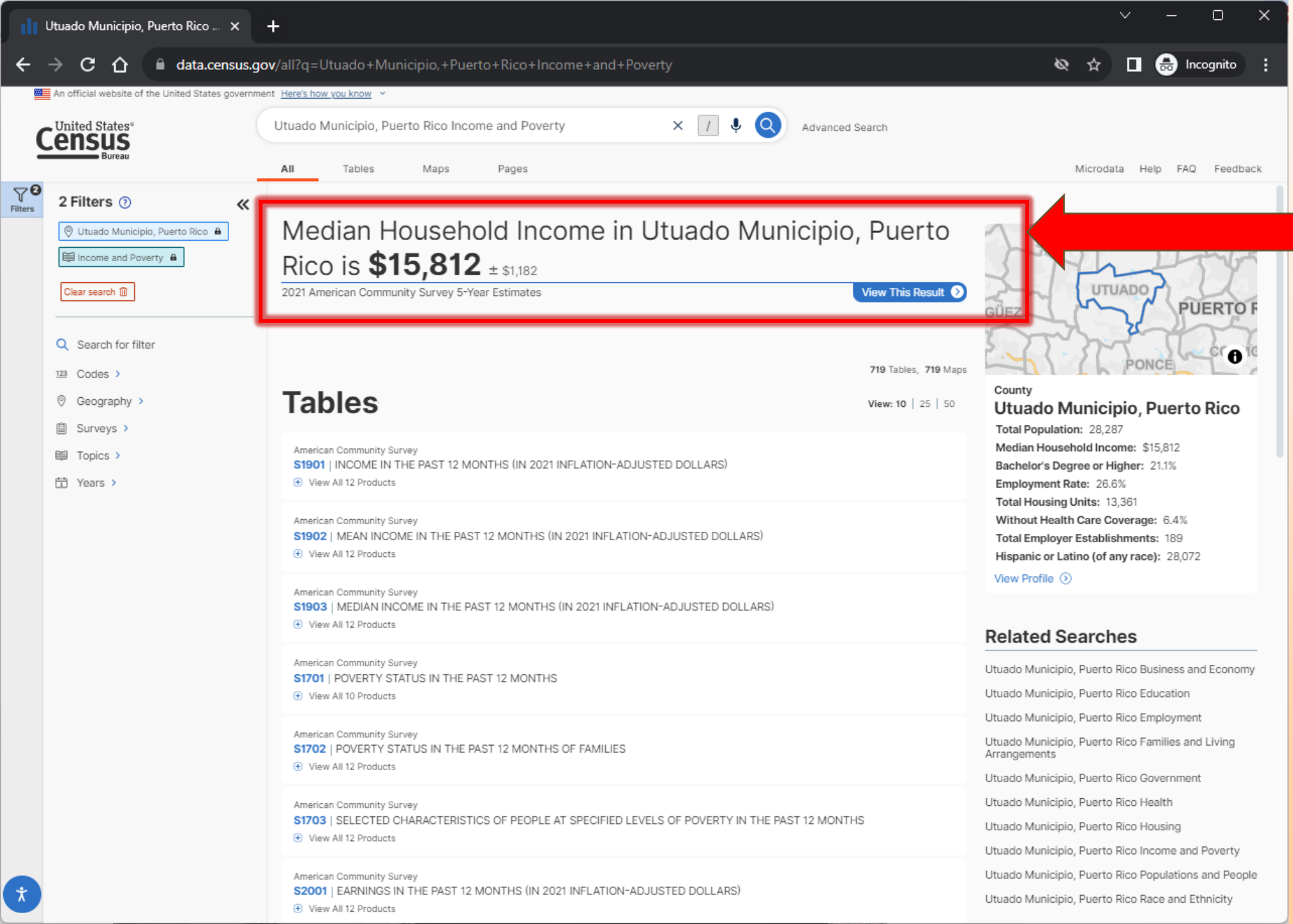
https://data.census.gov



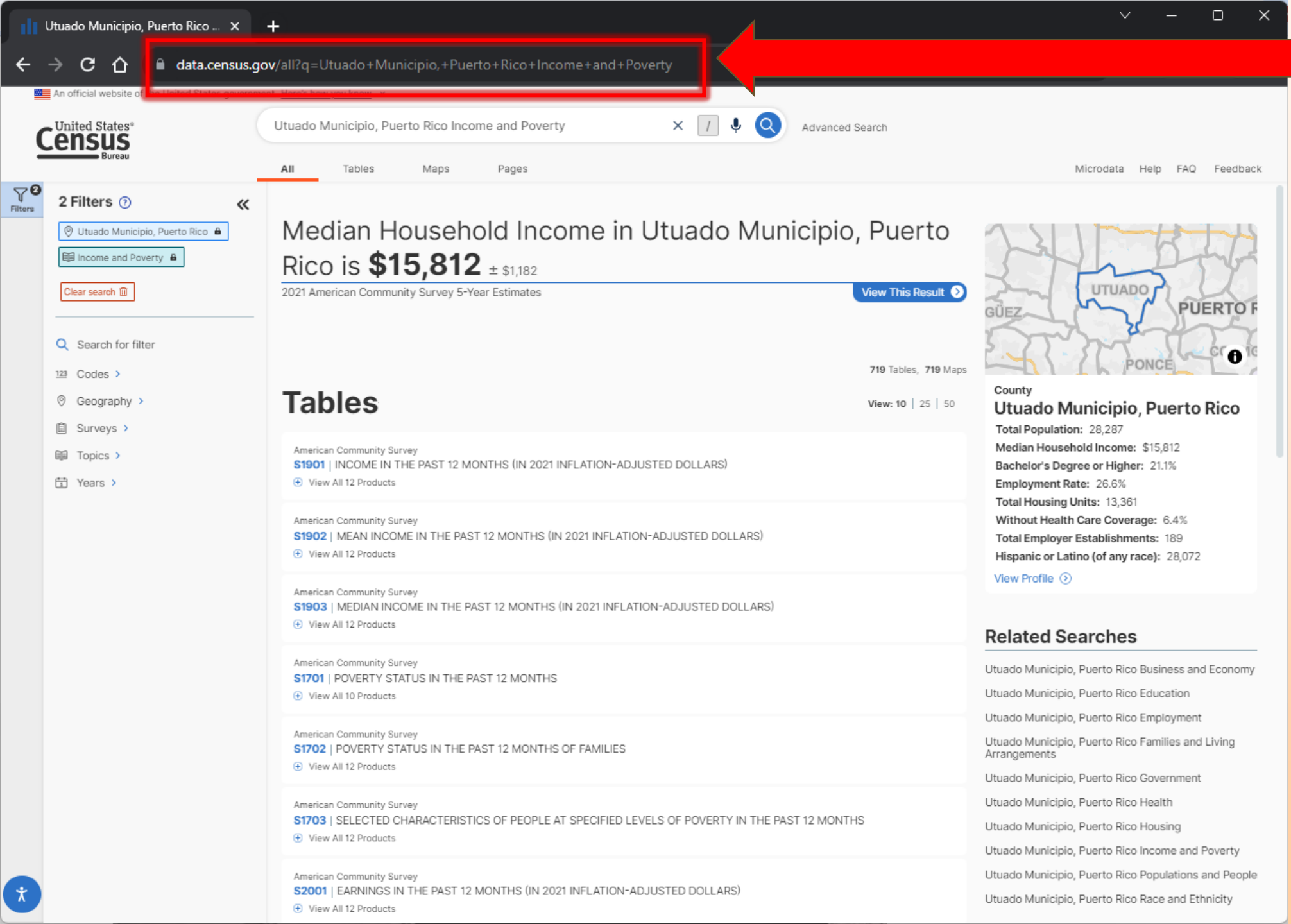
Start typing the name of your community and select from the drop-down menu



Select "Income and Poverty" from the menu at right



If Median Household Income is **less than $55,217**, your location qualifies as "low income". Put this amount into your application in the "Low-Income" section.



Copy the URL of the Census website into the "Low-Income" section of your application.

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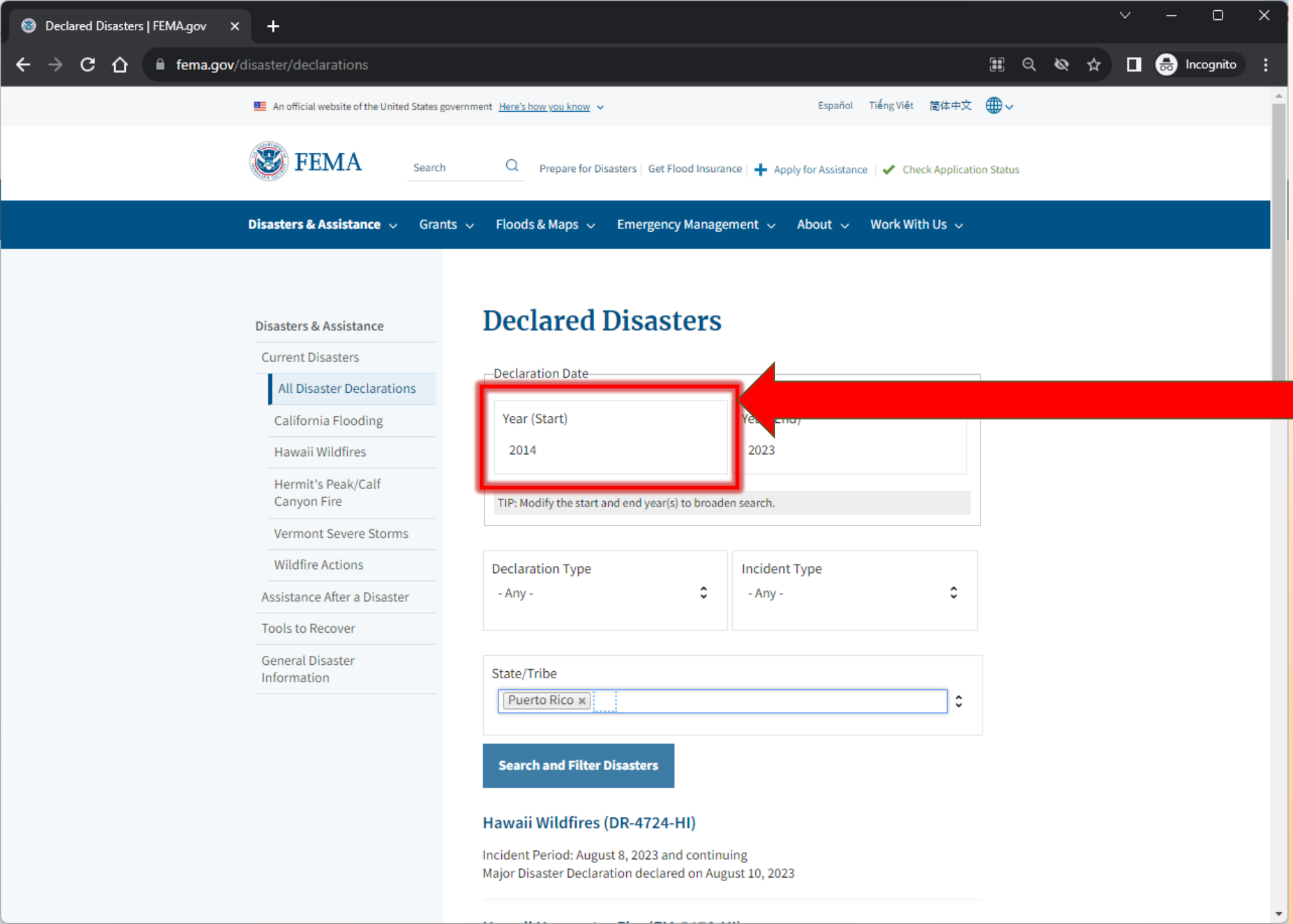
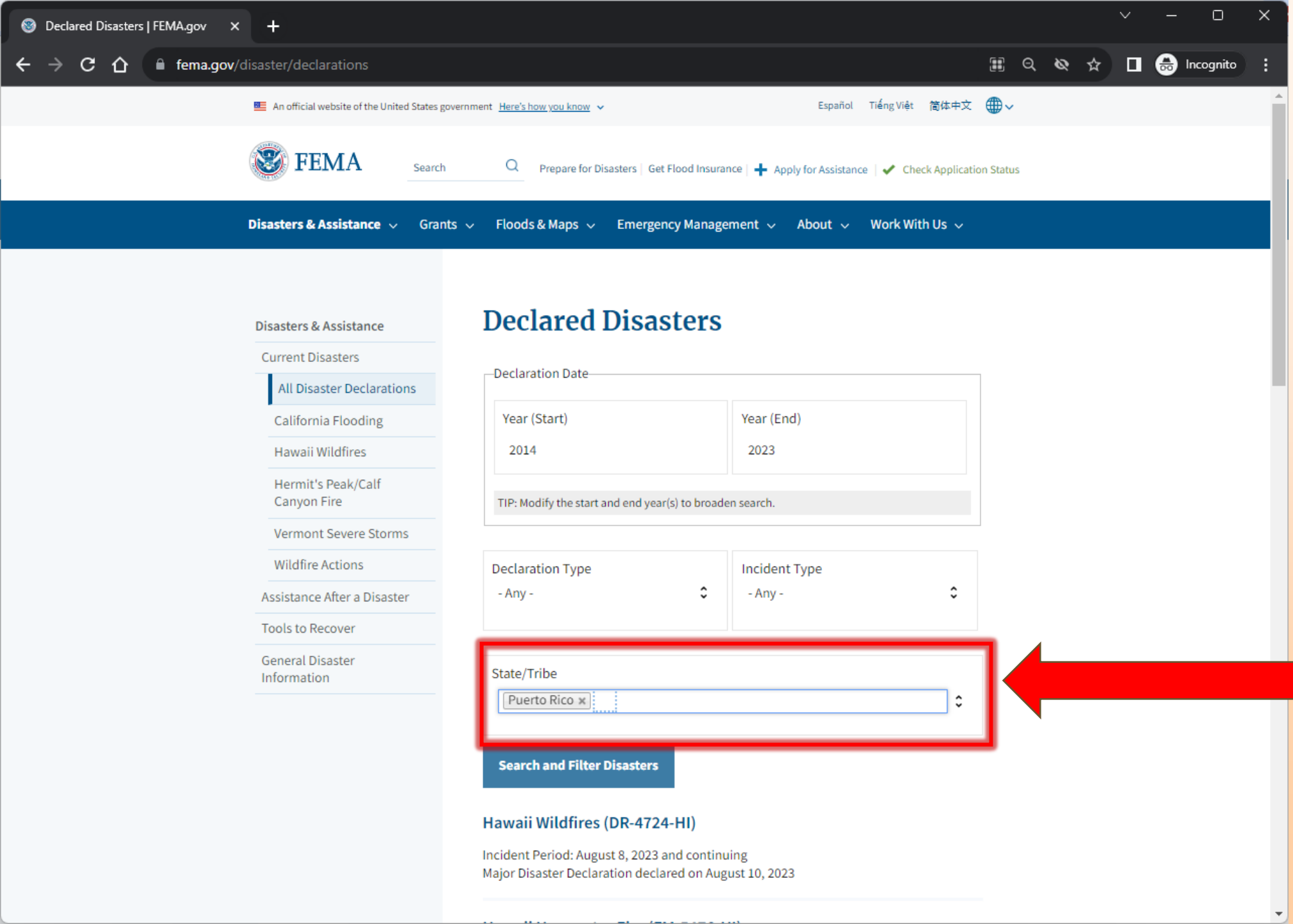
3) Severe Natural Disasters

- Use local data and/or
- Search your community or county at FEMA's Declared Disasters website:

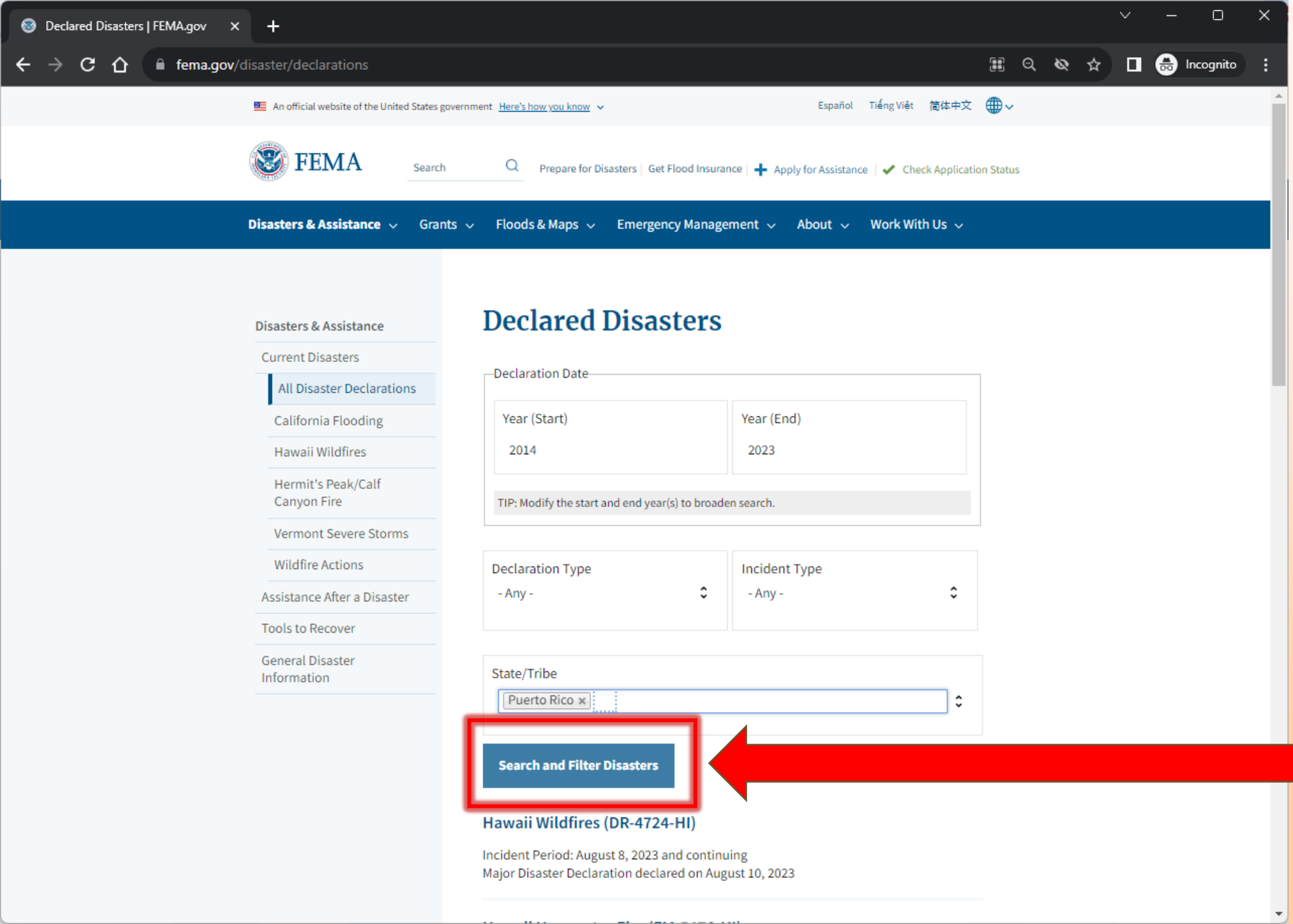
https://fema.gov/disaster/declarations



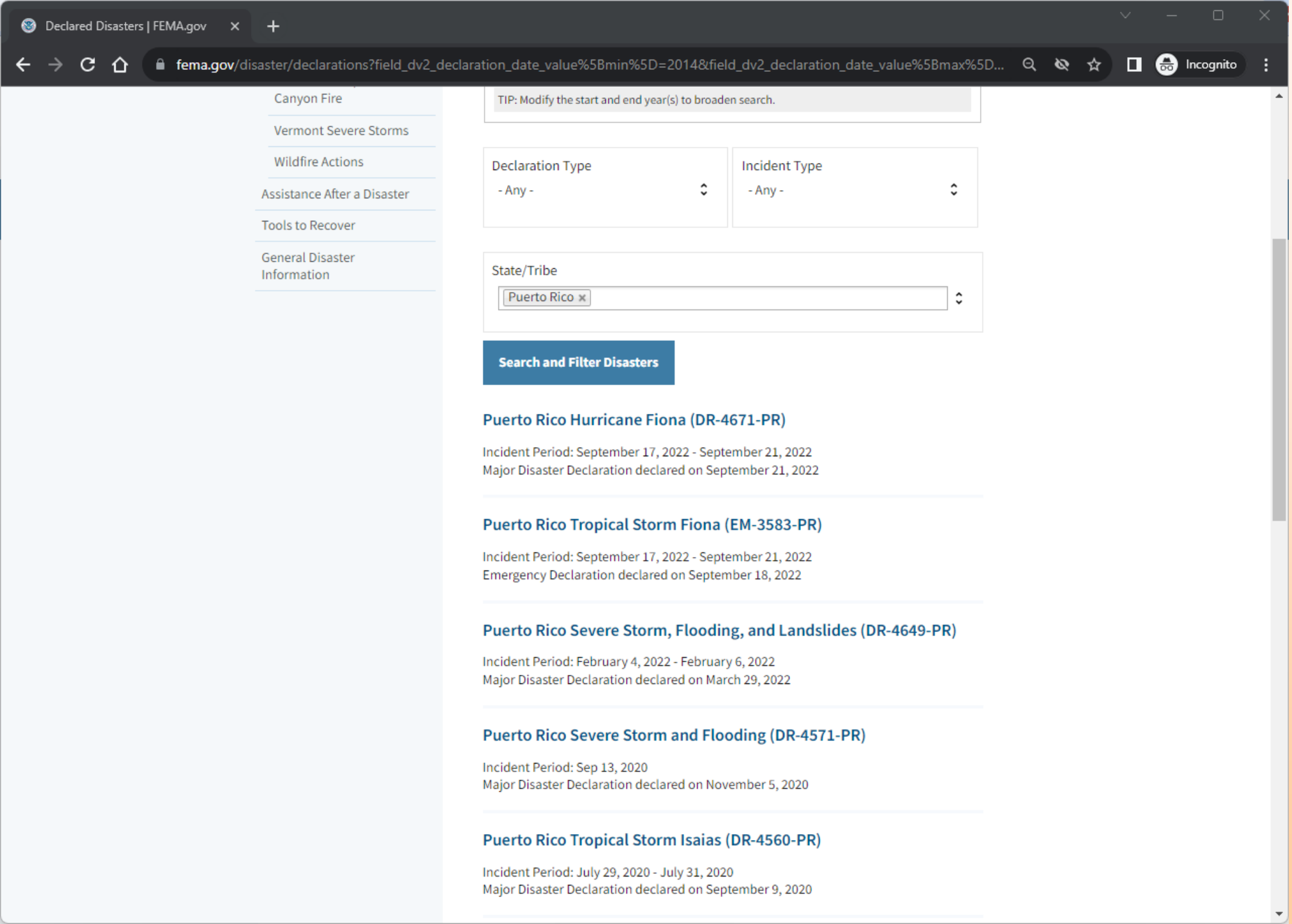
Change the start date to 2014 so you have a 10-year window.



Select Puerto Rico or Virgin Islands

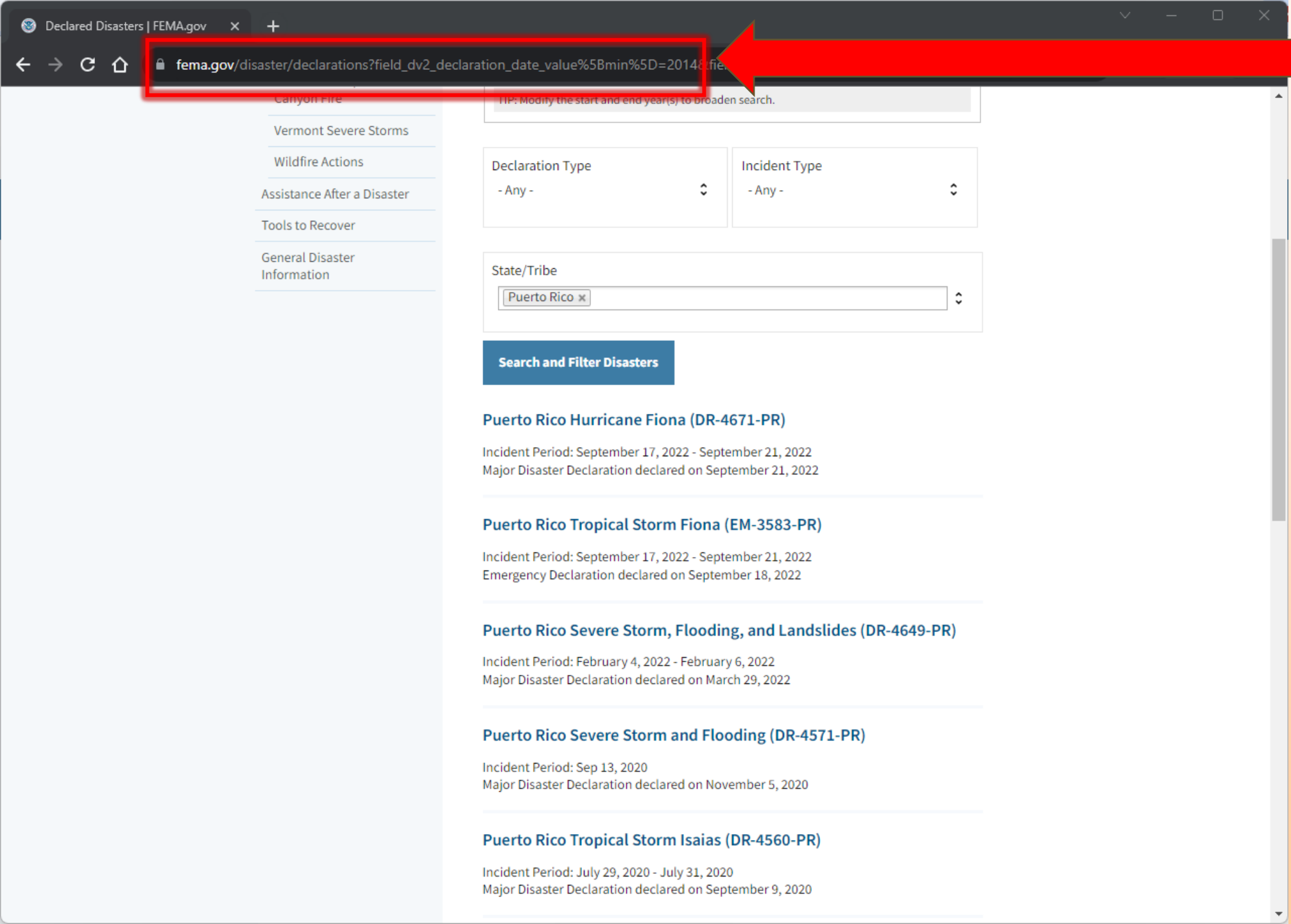


Click to see the list of disasters



Click on an individual disaster to learn more.

Explain in your application how a previous disaster increased wildfire risk.



Copy the URL of FEMA's website into your application.

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4) Cost-Share Waiver

- If you qualify as “low income” (step #2 in the previous slides) you are eligible to apply for a cost-share waiver.
- You can also search your location in the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool

https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov

Explore the map - Climate & Eco

screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#10.14/18.2502/-66.6989

Incognito

An official website of the United States government Here's how you know

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This tool has been updated. The 1.0 version of the tool was released on Nov 22, 2022.

Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool

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Explore the map

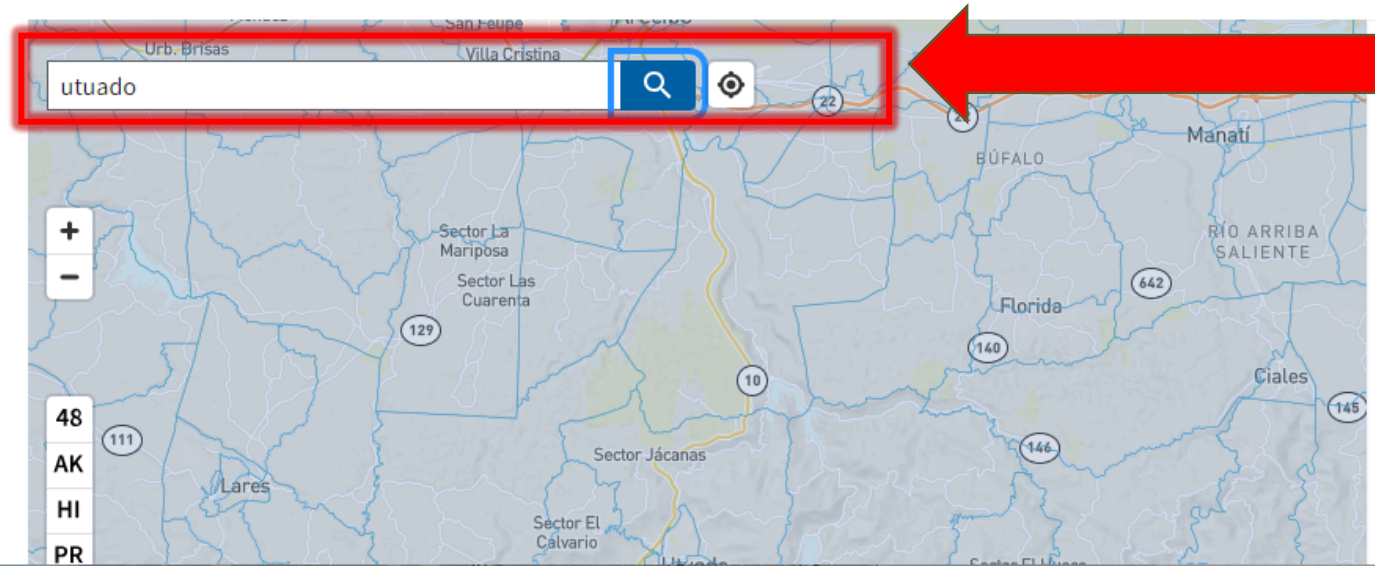
Share data sources with CEQ

Census tracts that are overburdened and underserved are highlighted as being disadvantaged on the map. Federally Recognized Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages, are also considered disadvantaged communities.

Zooming in and selecting shows information about each census tract.

Get the data

Download the data with documentation and shapefile from the downloads page.



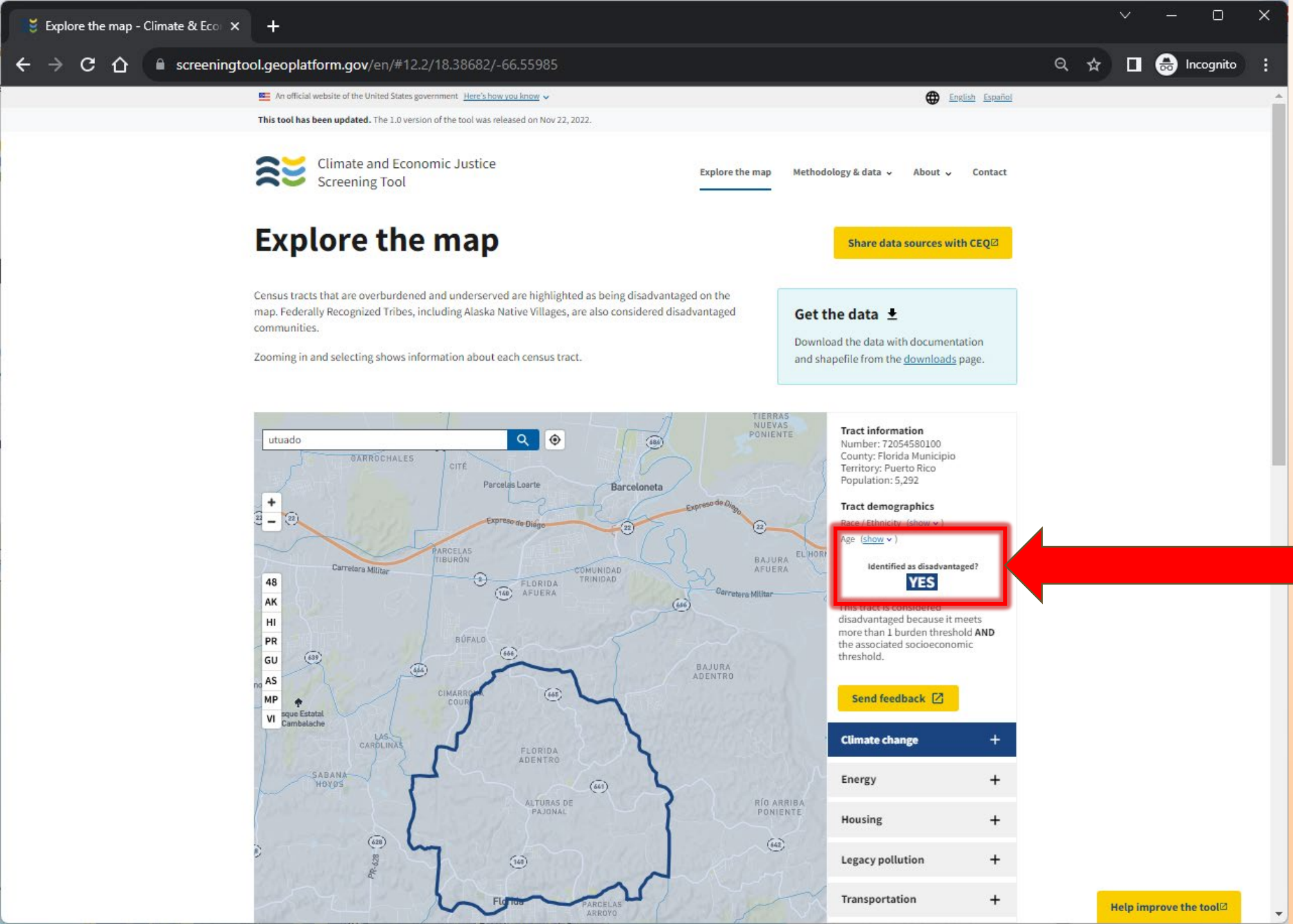
Zoom in +, search, or locate yourself and select to see information about any census tract.

Things to know:

The tool uses census tracts. Census tracts are a small unit of geography. They generally have populations of be people

Help improve the tool

Type your community's name and hit "enter"



Click on any census tract in your community. If it is shown as "disadvantaged" you can apply for a cost-share waiver.

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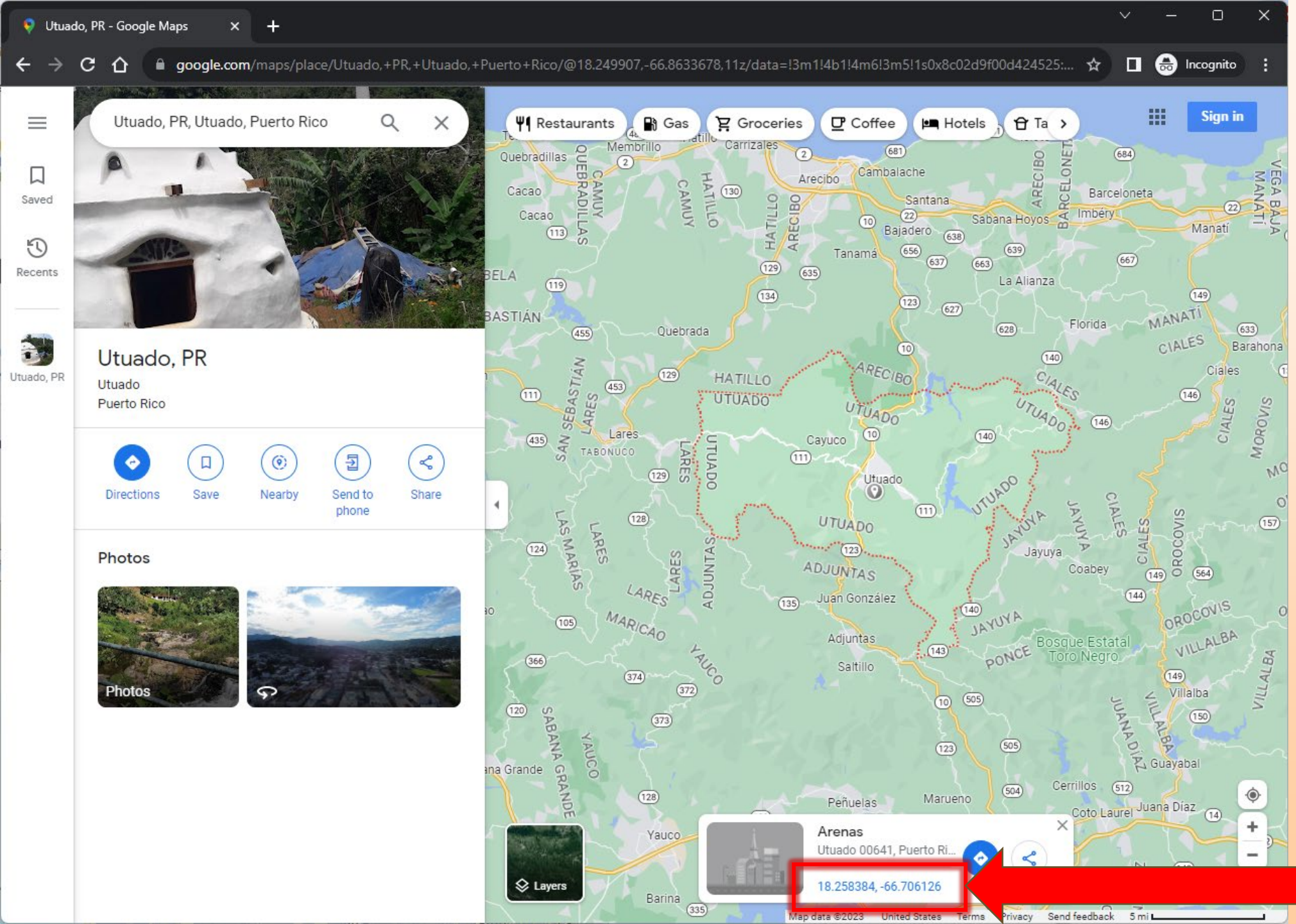
5) GIS coordinates

- To find GIS coordinates for your location, search it in Google Maps

https://google.com/maps



Click on the map near the center of your community. A window at the bottom of the screen shows the latitude and longitude to copy into your application.