

Census 2000 U.S. Gazetteer Files

This page provides links to Census 2000 gazetteer files for counties, county subdivisions (minor civil divisions/census county divisions), places, and ZIP Code tabulation areas (ZCTAs) for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The files contained on this Web page were extracted from the Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) DVD with Software Enhancement (Product Id: V1-D00-S1S1-08-US1). For more information about this product refer to the Census Bureau's online catalog, accessible from the [Census Bureau Home page](#).

NOTES:

- The file layouts are at the foot of this page.
- With the exception of Puerto Rico, Island Areas are not included in these files.
- The vintage of the geography in these files is Census 2000 (that is, as of January 1, 2000).
- Because of changes in boundaries and entity names, as well as the creation of new entities, and the dissolution of others, users should not expect to find a "one-to-one" relationship between the entity names and codes in these files to the comparable 1990 Census files. We do not plan to document either boundary or entity changes between censuses in these files.
- ZCTAs are statistical entities developed by the U.S. Census Bureau for tabulating summary statistics from Census 2000. This new entity was developed to overcome the difficulties in precisely defining the land area covered by each ZIP Code. For further details see the [ZIP Code Tabulation Areas](#) page.


NOTE: The Census Bureau does not have U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code products. For current ZIP Code products, contact the [U.S. Postal Service](#).

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- [Census Tracts](#) (66,304 records): 7MB [Record Layout](#)
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- [ZCTAs \(ZIP Code Tabulation Areas\)](#): (33,233 records): 5MB [Record Layout](#)

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The Census Tract file contains data for all Census 2000 Tracts in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as of the January 1, 2000. The file is plain ASCII text, one line per record.

- Columns 1-2: United States Postal Service State Abbreviation

- Columns 3-4: State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code
- Columns 5-7: FIPS county code
- Columns 8-13: Census Tract Number
- Columns 14-22: Total Population (2000)
- Columns 23-31: Total Housing Units (2000)
- Columns 32-45: Land Area (square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 46-59: Water Area(square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 60-73: Land Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 74-87: Water Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 88-101: Latitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting North or South latitude respectively
- Columns 102-116: Longitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting East or West longitude respectively

The place file contains data for all incorporated places and census designated places (CDPs) in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as of the January 1, 2000. The file is ASCII text, one line per record. Some records contain special characters.

- Columns 1-2: United States Postal Service State Abbreviation
- Columns 3-4: State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code
- Columns 5-9: Place FIPS Code
- Columns 10-73: Name
- Columns 74-82: Total Population (2000)
- Columns 83-91: Total Housing Units (2000)
- Columns 92-105: Land Area (square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 106-119: Water Area(square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 120-131: Land Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 132-143: Water Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 144-153: Latitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting North or South latitude respectively
- Columns 154-164: Longitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting East or West longitude respectively

The counties file contains data for primary legal divisions or statistically equivalent entities in the 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as of Census 2000. The file is ASCII text, one line per record. Some records contain special characters.

- Columns 1-2: United States Postal Service State Abbreviation
- Columns 3-4: State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code
- Columns 5-7: FIPS county code
- Columns 8-71: Name
- Columns 72-80: Total Population (2000)
- Columns 81-89: Total Housing Units (2000)
- Columns 90-103: Land Area (square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 104-117: Water Area (square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 118-129: Land Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 130-141 Water Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 142-151 Latitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting North or South latitude respectively
- Columns 152-162 Longitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting East or West longitude respectively

The county subdivision file contains data for all county subdivisions in the 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as of Census 2000. The file is ASCII text, one line per record. Some records contain special characters.

- Columns 1-2: United States Postal Service State Abbreviation
- Columns 3-4: State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code
- Columns 5-7: FIPS county code
- Columns 8-12: FIPS county subdivision code
- Columns 13-76: Name
- Columns 77-85: Total Population (2000)
- Columns 86-94: Total Housing Units (2000)
- Columns 95-108: Land Area (square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 109-122: Water Area (square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 123-134: Land Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 135-146: Water Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 147-156: Latitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting North or South latitude respectively
- Columns 157-167: Longitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting East or West longitude respectively

The ZCTA file contains data for all 5 digit ZCTAs in the 50 states, District of Columbia and

Puerto Rico as of Census 2000. The file is plain ASCII text, one line per record.


- Columns 1-2: United States Postal Service State Abbreviation
- Columns 3-66: Name (e.g. 35004 5-Digit ZCTA - there are no post office names)
- Columns 67-75: Total Population (2000)
- Columns 76-84: Total Housing Units (2000)
- Columns 85-98: Land Area (square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 99-112: Water Area (square meters) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 113-124: Land Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 125-136: Water Area (square miles) - Created for statistical purposes only.
- Columns 137-146: Latitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting North or South latitude respectively
- Columns 147-157: Longitude (decimal degrees) First character is blank or "-" denoting East or West longitude respectively

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