United States Cities Database

We're proud to offer a simple, accurate and up-to-date database of United States cities and towns. We've built it from the ground up using authoritative sources such as the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Census Bureau.

- ☑ **Up-to-date:** It was last refreshed in March of 2019.
- ☑ **Comprehensive**: Over 37,000 cities and towns from all 50 states, DC, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.
- ☑ **Accurate**: Cleaned and aggregated from official, public-domain sources.
- ☑ **Simple:** A single CSV file, concise field names, only one entry per city.

Databases

	Free	Pro
Commercial use	Allowed	Allowed
File format	CSV	CSV, Excel, SQL
Attribution	Backlink required	Not necessary
Fast email support	Not available	Included
Updates	Not guaranteed	Included for 12 months
Redistribution	Restricted	Restricted
Refund policy	N/A	30-day guarantee
One-time fee	None	$49

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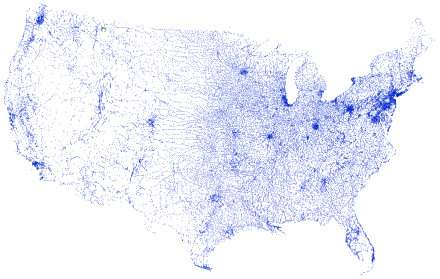
Visualization

Here is a visualization of the data in the continental United States:



Sample Preview

Here is a sample of a few rows (and the most common columns) from the database:

city	lat	lng	state_id	state_name	county_name	county_fips	zips	population	popula
Idaho Falls	43.4878	-112.0359	ID	Idaho	Bonneville	16019	83401 83402 83404 83415	96166	60211
Ammon	43.4748	-111.9559	ID	Idaho	Bonneville	16019	83401 83406 83403	15252	15252
Iona	43.5252	-111.931	ID	Idaho	Bonneville	16019	83427 83401	2213	2213
Island Park	44.5251	-111.3581	ID	Idaho	Fremont	16043	83433 83429	272	272
Sugar City	43.8757	-111.7518	ID	Idaho	Madison	16065	83440 83448	1361	1361
Ririe	43.6326	-111.7716	ID	Idaho	Jefferson	16051	83442 83443	643	643

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Teton	43.8872	-111.6726	ID	Idaho	Fremont	16043	83448	83451	714	714

All Fields

`city`	The name of the city/town.
`city_ascii`	`city` as an ASCII (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ASCII) string.
`lat`	The latitude of the city/town.
`lng`	The longitude of the city/town.
`state_id`	The state or territory's USPS postal abbreviation.
`state_name`	The name of the state or territory that contains the city/town.
`county_fips`	The 5-digit FIPS code for the county. The first two digits correspond to the state's FIPS code.
`county_name`	The name of the county (or equivalent) that contains the city/town.
`population`	An estimate of the city's urban population as measured by the Census. 2016 data (when available).
`population_proper`	An estimate of the city's municipal population as measured by the Census. 2016 data (when available).
`density`	The number of people per square kilometer. `population` / *land_area* (estimated when area unknown).
`source`	For some cities, our data is generated from a *polygon* representing the city, for others we simply have a *point*.
`incorporated`	TRUE if the place is a city/town. FALSE if the place is just a commonly known name for a populated area.
`timezone`	The city's timezone in the tz database (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tz_database) format. (e.g. *America/Los_Angeles*)
`zips`	A string containing all five-digit zip codes in the city/town, delimited by a space. Learn more.
`id`	A 10-digit unique id generated by SimpleMaps. It is consistent across releases and databases (e.g. World Cities Database (/data/world-cities)).

Frequently Asked Questions

How do you determine which zip codes are in a city?

Our zip code data comes from our Zip Code Database (/data/us-zips). Most zip codes are Zip Code Tabulation Areas (/data/us-zips#anchor_zcta) and are represented as a geographic area. We consider a ZCTA to be part of a city if the area intersecting both the ZCTA and city is at least 10 percent of the area of either the city or the ZCTA. This means that a ZCTA can be in more than one city. If this method does not result in a zip code, we will use the closest zip in the immediate area. For some villages in remote locations (like the Aleutian Islands) no zip code exists.

Why should I trust this data?

This database was aggregated from authoritative sources and carefully processed by SimpleMaps. We've been developing and selling interactive maps to Fortune 500 companies and prominent international organizations for over 8 years. Over this time, we've learned a lot about geographic data. To get a sense of the expertise and support we offer, check out some of the testimonials from our happy customers (/testimonials).

Does the database contain neighborhoods?

No, the database does not typically contained named places that are within other listed cities. The only exception to this is that both New York City, and its boroughs (Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, The Bronx, and Staten Island) are included.

Does the database include commonly known populated places even if they don't have a legal/municipal existence?

Yes, such places are included. The field `incorporated` will have a value of FALSE for such places.

How often do you release updates?

Our data comes from the U.S. government. When the U.S. Census Bureau updates their data, we release a new version.

Am I allowed to redistribute the database?

No. You are not allowed to sell the database or make it publicly available. However, you can make copies and backups of the data. You are also allowed to query the database to power publicly facing applications such as a store locator.

If I use the free database, what type of attribution is required?

If you use the free database, you must link back to this page:
`https://simplemaps.com/data/us-cities`
from a public webpage where you are using the data. If you want to use the data internally, you must link back to this page from your firm's website on a page that can be easily found though links on the root domain. The link must be clearly visible to the human eye.

How do I calculate the distance between two cities?

We've published free formulas in popular programming languages (/resources/location-distance). Check them out.