

Layer Name: Hawaii Geographic Place Names

Shapefile Name: geonames

Layer Type: Point

Status: Complete; periodically updated by the US Board on Geographic Names

Geog. Extent: Main Hawaiian Islands

Projection: UTM Zone 4

Datum: NAD 83 HARN

Please note - if you download data from the State's geoportal (<https://geoportal.hawaii.gov/>), the data is exported in WGS84 coordinates, although it is stored internally (in the State's geodatabase), served in the State's web services (<https://geodata.hawaii.gov/arcgis/rest/services>) and made available in the State's legacy download site (<https://planning.hawaii.gov/gis/download-gis-data-expanded/>) in UTM / NAD 83 coordinates.

Description: Geographic Place Names for the State of Hawaii from the USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS).

Source: <https://www.usgs.gov/u.s.-board-on-geographic-names/download-gnis-data>

History: Downloaded by GIS Program staff from USGS 10/19/22 (Data dated 8/27/21).
 Imported to geodatabase from text file (lat/long coordinates)
 Projected from Decimal Degrees, NAD 83 to UTM Zone 4, NAD 83 HARN.
 Deleted 1 feature:
 Feature ID 247074 – Pacific Ocean (west coast of CA)
 Deleted features with no coordinates

Attributes:

FID	Object ID
Shape	Geometry
FEATURE_ID	GNIS Feature ID
FEATURE_NAME	Feature Name
FEATURE_CLASS	Feature Class (https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=gnispq:8)
STATE_ALPHA	State alpha code
STATE_NUMERIC	State 2-digit numeric code
COUNTY_NAME	County Name
COUNTY_NUMERIC	County numeric code
PRIMARY_LAT_DMS	Latitude Coordinates of feature (DMS)
PRIM_LONG_DMS	Longitude Coordinates of feature (DMS)
PRIM_LAT_DEC	Latitude Coordinates of feature (Decimal Degrees)
PRIM_LONG_DEC	Longitude Coordinates of feature (Decimal Degrees)

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SOURCE_LAT_DMS	Source Latitude Coordinates of linear feature, if applicable (Stream, Valley, Arroyo) in DMS
SOURCE_LONG_DMS	Source Longitude Coordinates of linear feature, if applicable (Stream, Valley, Arroyo) in DMS
SOURCE_LAT_DEC	Source Latitude Coordinates of linear feature, if applicable (e.g., Stream, Valley, Arroyo) in Decimal Degrees
SOURCE_LONG_DEC	Source Longitude Coordinates of linear feature, if applicable (e.g., Stream, Valley, Arroyo) in Decimal Degrees
ELEV_IN_M	Elevation of feature in meters
ELEV_IN_FT	Elevation of feature in feet
MAP_NAME	USGS 1:24,000 quad map on which feature is shown
DATE_CREATED	Date feature was initially committed to the database
DATE_EDITED	Date any attribute of existing feature was last edited

Please note the following excerpt from the [US BGN website](#):

Data Content:

Since GNIS staff has been unable to maintain Domestic administrative names for quite some time (since October 1, 2014), these records will be archived from GNIS database and will longer be available through the GNIS search application. The following feature classes will be archived: Airport, Bridge, Building, Cemetery, Church, Dam, Forest, Harbor, Hospital, Mine, Oilfield, Park, Post Office, Reserve, School, Tower, Trail, Tunnel, and Well.

Natural features, populated places, canals, and reservoirs remain under the purview of the Board on Geographic Names and the Civil, Census, and Military features will also be maintained via an agreement between the Census Bureau and USGS. These remaining feature types will continue to be maintained and distributed through the GNIS search application and the bi-monthly distribution files.

The administrative names data will be archived into separate files that can be downloaded from ScienceBase. We will no longer update the file once records are archived. All the information pertaining to the records will be available for download in the same format we use for the other text files. We will create a main names file, in the same format as the National file and an AllNames file (includes official and variant names).

Some administrative names are managed by other data themes of The National Map and are available for download from The National Map at (<https://apps.nationalmap.gov/viewer> Click Data Download).

Note: Please also see <http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/gis/data/geonames.html> for additional information about this dataset.

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