

2015 Cartographic Boundary Files Naming Convention

The 2015 cartographic boundary shapefiles are named **cb_2015_ss_<entity>_rr.zip** and the 2015 cartographic boundary KML files are named **cb_2015_ss_<entity>_rr.zip where:**

- *ss* = state fips code or 'us' for a national level file
- *entity* = the entity name
- *rr* = resolution level
 - 500k = 1:500,000
 - 5m = 1:5,000,000
 - 20m = 1:20,000,000

Downloading files from the ftp site

The Cartographic Boundary File folder (GENZ2015) on the FTP site will include a Shapefile folder (shp) and a KML file folder (kml).

Entity name definitions

File Name	Shapefile/Relationship File
AIANNH	American Indian / Alaska Native / Native Hawaiian Areas
ANRC	Alaska Native Regional Corporation
BG	Block Group
CBSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area / Micropolitan Statistical Area
CD	Congressional District
CONCITY	Consolidated City
COUNTY	County
COUNTY_within_CD	Portion of county within a congressional district
COUNTY_within_UA	Portion of county within an urban area
COUSUB	County Subdivision
CSA	Combined Statistical Area
DIVISION	National Division (Subdivisions of Regions)
NATION	National outline
NECTA	New England City and Town Area
PLACE	Place
PUMA	Public Use Microdata Area
REGION	National Region (Northeast, Southeast, Midwest and West)
SLDL	State Legislative District – Lower Chamber
SLDU	State Legislative District – Upper Chamber
STATE	State and Equivalent
SUBBARRIO	SubMinor Civil Division (Subbarrios in Puerto Rico)
TRACT	Census Tract
UA	Urban Area/Urban Cluster
ZCTA5	5-Digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area