

2010 PUMA Name Assignment Approach

General Topic	Sub-Topic	#	PUMA Name Approach/Guideline	Additional notes	Examples
General <u>rules</u>		1	No more than 85 characters		
Overall content	Counties	2	Use counties in the name unless (1) there are too many counties to list (then use a region, see #3 below), or (2) the PUMA primarily consists of a major city - refer to "City Approach" below (#35-#44).		Talladega, Cherokee, Randolph, Cleburne & Clay Counties
	PUMAs that cover large areas	3	Use a region in the name (e.g., Directional + State, regional planning area, etc.) for PUMAs that cover large areas. If possible, use region plus component counties. If a sub-state "region" is not a planning district, council of government, etc. apply the word "Region" to the name.		Northeast Nebraska; Coastal Regional Commission (West)--Liberty, Bryan & Long Counties; Northeast Colorado--Eastern Plains Region
	American Indian Reservations	4	Use the American Indian reservation (AIR) name in the name for PUMAs that contain significant population within an AIR and/or the AIR is a significant feature within the PUMA.	It is not required to use AIR names in PUMA names (there are no PUMAs in which 100% the population is within an AIR.)	Northwest New Mexico--Navajo Nation; Albuquerque City (Northwest Mesa), Paradise Hills & Navajo Nation-Tohajiilee Chapter
	Physical features	5	Area landmark features (including national and state parks) can be used in the name, but are less preferred.		Land Between the Lakes--Weakley, Henry, Carroll, Humphreys, Benton & Houston Counties
	Legal/Statistical Area Description (county, city, village, town, etc.) usage	6	Include Legal/Statistical Area Descriptions (LSADs) for counties, minor civil divisions (MCDs), and places in the name. If more than one of these entities are listed in the name, list them together with commas and "&", and use the plural of the LSAD at the end of the name.	In the PUMA names in some states the incorporated places are grouped by LSAD and are not in descending population order. If that's the case, list in the following order: cities, boroughs, towns, villages, legal functioning MCDs. List census designated places (CDPs) last.	Essex County (East)--Salem, Beverly, Gloucester & Newburyport Cities; Lancaster County--Lancaster City, East Lampeter, Lancaster & West Lampeter Townships; Lexington County (North & East)--West Columbia, Cayce Cities, Irmo Town & Seven Oaks
	When to include a directional on the entity	7	Where roughly 8,000+ population (two optimal tracts) and/or one-quarter or more of the population of the county/MCD/place is inside or outside the PUMA then it should be cited in the PUMA name with a directional.		Coastal Regional Commission (East)--Chatham County (East & Outside Savannah City)
	Add places of roughly 40,000+ population when the PUMA is composed of complete counties. Also add places that are well known, regional centers even if below 40,000 population.	8	Refer to "City Approach" below (#35-#44).	Places below 40,000 population are also included if the State Data Center (SDC) delineating the PUMA listed the place in the provided PUMA name.	Lee County--Auburn City; Kent County--Dover City
	Add places of roughly 10,000+ population when the PUMA is composed of one or more partial counties. Also add places that are well known even if below 10,000 population.	9	Refer to "City Approach" below (#35-#44).	Places below 10,000 population are also included if the State Data Center (SDC) delineating the PUMA listed the place in the provided PUMA name.	Jefferson County (Northeast)--Trussville, Center Point & Gardendale Cities
Order of entities	General order	10	Name the PUMA in order of the largest to the smallest geographic entity, most often: region, county, MCD, place, neighborhood.	Sometimes the region is within the county or area so the region doesn't always need to be listed first.	Atlanta Regional Commission (Central)--Fulton County (South)--Union & Fairburn Cities; Nassau County (Central)--Hempstead Town (North Central)--Meadowbrook Corridor; Miami-Dade County (North Central)--Tamiami Trail Region (South)--Tamiami

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	Grouping same types of entities	11	Group same types of entities together. Separate different types of entities with "--". If more than one entity of the same type are in the name, list them together with commas and "&", and use the plural LSAD on the end.		Marion County--Pike & Washington (Northwest) Townships--Indianapolis City (Northwest)
	Incorporated places then census designated places (CDPs)	12	When listing places, list the incorporated place(s) first followed by the CDP(s).		Prince George's County (North)--Laurel, Greenbelt (North & East) Cities & Beltsville
	Descending population order	13	List the entities in descending population order, grouping the same entities together first. For entities that are not fully within the PUMA use the population of the entity-part to order correctly within the PUMA name.	Illinois SDC requested the counties be listed in geographical order or alphabetical order and not descending population order. Also, in some states the incorporated places are grouped by LSAD (city, village, etc.) and not descending population order.	Davie, Yadkin & Iredell (North) Counties; Clark, Jasper, Crawford, Lawrence, Richland, Clay & Wayne Counties; Rockland County (West)--Spring Valley, Suffern Villages & Monsey
Use of directionals	Acceptable directionals	14	Example acceptable directionals (apply to all cardinal directions): North, Northwest, North & West, Central, Far North, etc.		Pima County (Southeast)--Tucson City (Far Southeast) & Sahuarita Town
	Directional placement	15	If using a directional with a state name, use the directional first and then the state name. If using a directional with counties, MCDs, or places put the directional within parenthesis following the county/MCD/place name.		Northeast Kansas; Mecklenburg County (South)--Matthews Town (South)
	Greater	16	Use the term "Greater" where the PUMA is focused on a city or other entity and contains significant amount of population outside the city/entity. Core or main should <u>not</u> be used instead. "Greater" can be used before the entity, e.g., Greater X City, or after, e.g., X City (Greater).		Orange County (Northeast)--Greater Newburgh City
	Outer	17	Use the term "Outer" where the PUMA encompasses outskirts of a place and possibly a little area outside the place. Balance, environs, fringes, remainder, surrounding, vicinity, suburbs, or suburban should <u>not</u> be used instead. "Outer" can be used before the entity, e.g., Outer X City, or after, e.g., X City (Outer).		Outer Manchester City; Barnstable (East), Dukes & Nantucket Counties--Outer Cape Cod Towns; Onondaga County (Central)--Syracuse City (Outer); Leon County (Outer)
	Outside	18	Use the term "Outside" where the PUMA encompasses a remainder of an entity, e.g., there are two PUMAs nesting within a county – one encompasses the major city which is in the south central part of the county, and the other encompasses the remainder of the county (the majority of area, and not able to be easily described as north, central, etc.). "Outside" can be used before the entity, e.g., County (Outside X City), or after, e.g., County (Directional & Outside X City).		Mesa (Outside Grand Junction City), Montrose, Delta, San Miguel & Ouray Counties; Middle Georgia Regional Commission (North & Outside Bibb County)
Punctuation		19	Parenthesis should be used to provide directionals, when modifying a entity with "Outside...", etc.		Erie County (Northwest); Apalachee Region (Outside Leon County); Broward County (Southeast)--Hollywood (North) & Dania Beach (South) Cities
		20	Double dashes should be used to separate entities of different types in a name.		Macon County--Decatur City; Central New Hampshire--Merrimack County (Central)--Concord City

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		21	"&" should be used when connecting two or more entities of the same type or in a directional (e.g., West & South).		Manitowoc & Kewaunee Counties; Chesapeake City (South & West)
		22	Commas should be used when more than two entities of the same type (or within a directional) are listed in the name. Serial commas should not be used.		Gurabo, San Lorenzo, Juncos & Las Piedras Municipios--Carr 30
		23	Slashes can be used to connect directionals and neighborhoods when they're describing the same area.		San Diego County (South Central)--San Diego City (Central/Centre City & Balboa Park)
Words that may <u>not</u> be used		24	Remainder, balance, urban, suburban, suburbs, census tracts may <u>not</u> be used.		
Words that are definitely less preferred		25	Rural and "city city" should <u>not</u> be used.		
Permitted abbreviations	St., Ste., AFB, and ARB	26	Saint and Sainte (abbreviated as St. and Ste., respectively), Air Force Base (AFB), and Air Reserve Base (ARB) must be abbreviated.		St. Clair & Blount Counties; St. Francois, Washington, Perry & Ste. Genevieve Counties; Clark County (East)--Mesquite City, Sunrise Manor (North), Moapa Valley & Nellis AFB
	COG	27	COG is used only in Texas for Council of Governments.		East Texas COG (Central)--Smith County (West)--Tyler City
	NYC and LA	28	NYC is used for New York City and LA is used for Los Angeles.		NYC-Bronx Community District 8--Riverdale, Fieldston & Kingsbridge; Los Angeles County (Central)--LA City (Central/Pacific Palisades)
Anomalies	Alaska	29	"Subsistence" Alaska		Subsistence Alaska
	California	30	Adding neighborhood names to the city (directional) with "/" - e.g., city (directional/neighborhood/neighborhood)...		Santa Clara County (Central)--San Jose City (Southwest/Almaden Valley)
	Hawaii	31	"Rural" is used in the name.		Honolulu County--Rural Oahu
	Illinois	32	Names listed in geographical, not descending population order		Henry, Mercer, Henderson, Warren, Hancock, McDonough & Fulton Counties
	Nevada	33	"Rural" is used in the name.		Rural Nevada
	Texas	34	COG usage, and use of state highways		Coastal Bend COG (Southeast) & Willacy County; San Antonio City (Northeast)--Between Loop TX-1604 & Loop I-410
	Puerto Rico	35	Usage of major roads ("carr")		Cabo Rojo, San Germán, Lajas & Sabana Grande Municipios--Carr 2-Carr 100

**City Approach**

Situation	and...	#	Naming order	Examples
Major city contains (roughly) 40% or more of the PUMA population	... is the only place feature (over 10,000 population) in the PUMA	36	Major city (Note: Some SDCs requested that the PUMA name list the county and then the city for naming consistency within the state.)	Billings City; Raleigh City (South & Central)
	...there are other less populous places within the PUMA.	37	Major city, followed by other places in descending population order - incorporated places first, then CDPs (Note: Some SDCs requested that the PUMA name list the county and then the city for naming consistency within the state.)	Columbus (East), Whitehall & Bexley Cities

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	...there are one or more incorporated places with greater population than the major city	38	County, cities in descending population order	Orange County (Northwest)--Westminster, Stanton & Garden Grove (West) Cities
	...there is significant area or population outside the major city	39	County then major city	Clark County (West)--Las Vegas City (Southwest)
Major city contains (roughly) less than 40% of the PUMA population, but more than (roughly) 10,000 population	...is the only place feature (over 10,000 population) in the PUMA	40	County then major city	Lancaster County--Lincoln City (South)
	...and there are other less populous places within the PUMA	41	County, cities in descending population order	Harris County (North)--Houston (North), Humble Cities & Atascocita
	... one or more incorporated places have higher population than the major city (Note: CDPs always follow the incorporated place names)	42	County, cities in descending population order followed by CDPs	Dallas County (West)--Grand Prairie (Central) & Dallas (Southwest) Cities
Major city contains less than (roughly) 10,000 population	... one or more incorporated places have higher population than the major city	43	County, cities in descending population order -- major city only if it makes the descending population "cut" or is listed by the SDC delineating the PUMA	Tarrant County (East)--Euless (South & West) & Arlington (North) Cities
	...and is the only place feature in the PUMA	44	County (or other area description), do not include place	Harris County (North)--North of FM-1960, West of I-45 & East of TX-249
Where a city lists a constituent neighborhood, and there are other places listed within the name		45	County (if appropriate), cities in descending population order, directional(s) and/or neighborhood(s) in parenthesis connected with a slash	Alameda County (Northeast/Oakland Hills)--Oakland (East) & Piedmont Cities