

# Plans for the 2020 Census: Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP)

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# Census Geographic Entities

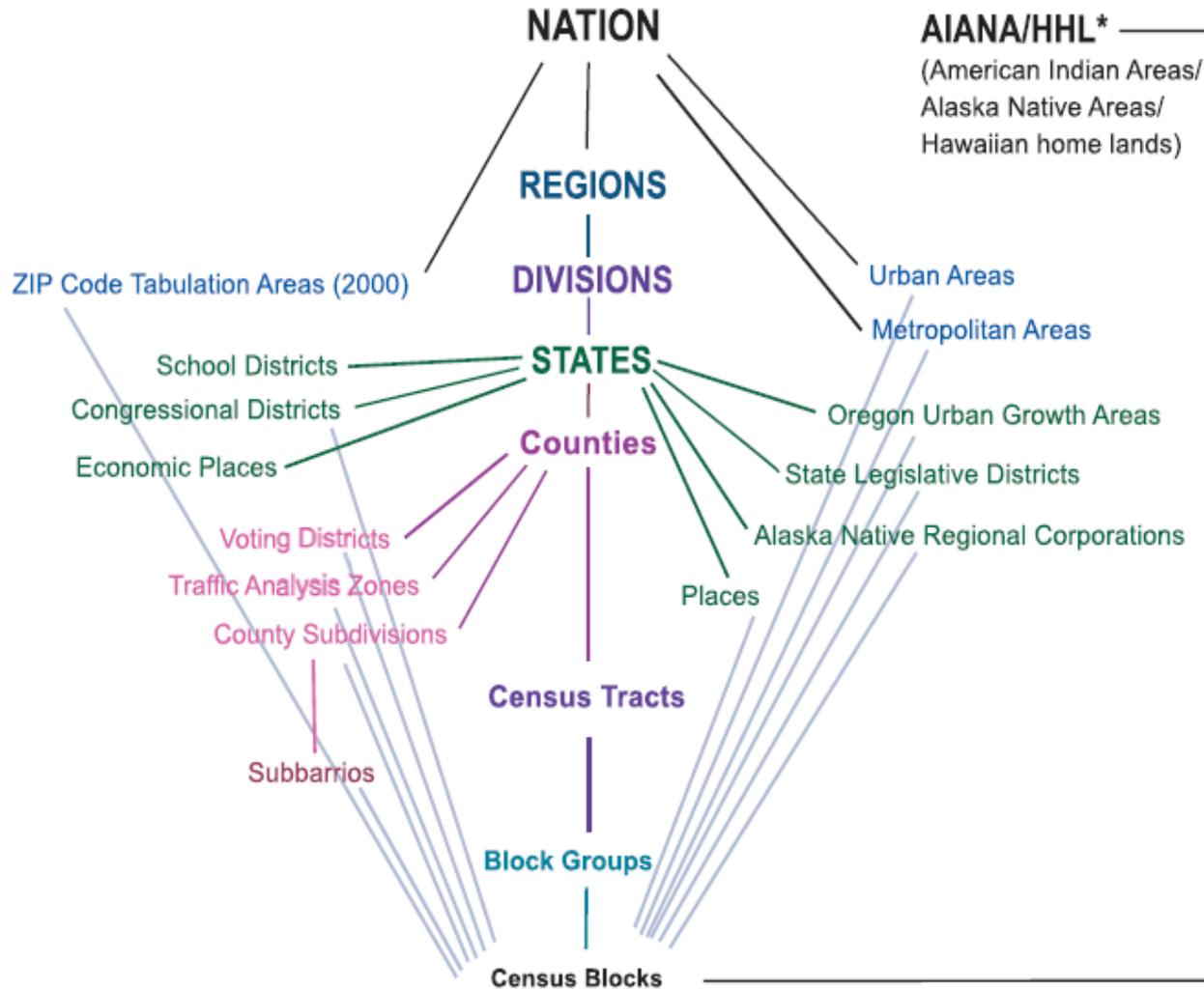
## Legal

- States
- Counties
- Minor civil divisions
- Incorporated places
- Congressional districts
- State legislative districts
- School districts
- Alaska Native Regional Corporations

## Statistical

- Census tracts
- Census block groups
- Census county divisions
- Census designated places
- Metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas
- Urban areas
- Public Use Microdata Areas
- Traffic Analysis Zones

# Hierarchy of Census Geographic Entities



# Participant Statistical Areas

- Census Tracts
- Block Groups
- Census County Divisions
- Census Designated Places

# General Characteristics of PSAP Entities

	<b>Primary Purpose</b>	<b>Nationwide wall-to-wall coverage</b>	<b>Geography Nest Within</b>
<b>Census Tracts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Boundary continuity</li> <li>- Data Comparability</li> </ul>	Yes	County
<b>Block Groups (BGs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accurate sample, characteristics data</li> </ul>	Yes	Census Tract
<b>Census County Divisions (CCDs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set of subcounty units that have stable boundaries and recognizable names</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCDs and MCDs together</li> <li>- CCDs exist in 22 states</li> </ul>	County
<b>Census Designated Places (CDPs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Place-level statistics for well-known, closely settled localities</li> <li>- Mix of residential, commercial, and retail areas</li> </ul>	No, CDPs represent distinct communities	State

# Tribal Statistical Geographies

- PSAP will include all tribal statistical entities and state reservations for 2020
  - Tribal Designated Statistical Areas (TDSAs)
  - State Designated Tribal Statistical Areas (SDTSAs)
  - Alaska Native Village Statistical Areas (ANVSAs)
  - Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas (OTSA) and their associated tribal subdivisions
  - Tribal census tracts and block groups
  - State Reservations (legal entities)



# Topic Review for 2020

- Current relevance and use of these geographies
- Needs of the data user community
- Validity of existing thresholds
- Accommodating ACS data
  - Minimum thresholds for data reporting
  - Population vs. housing unit counts

## Through:

- Geography Division research
- Consultation with Census Bureau stakeholders (ACS team leaders, statisticians, and others)
- Consultation with non-Census Bureau stakeholders



# No Substantial Changes to Criteria

- All PSAP geographies are recognizable in:
  - Concept and purpose
  - Coding and naming conventions
  - Boundary features permitted
- Things done informally in operational guidelines in the past are made clear and consistent in the criteria



# Substantial Changes to Operations/Delineation

- All PSAP geographies will be reviewed in-house for adherence to:
  - Published criteria and guidelines
  - Coding and naming conventions
  - Optimal boundary feature use
- Users will have the choice to update:
  - Census updated boundaries (“current”)
  - 2010 boundaries

# Questions? Comments?

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