

Common Definitions and Uses of Addresses

Census Bureau Perspective

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Noncity-Style Addresses

- The Census Bureau classifies addresses that do not include a house number and/or a street name as noncity-style addresses. Noncity-style addresses also may not include a complete house number and street name address. Frequently used noncity-style mailing addresses include:
 - General delivery
 - Rural route and box number
 - Highway contract route and box number
 - Post Office box



Other Types of Census “Addresses”

- Location descriptions (BRICK HSE w/ATTACHED GARAGE ON RIGHT)
- Structure points (geographic coordinates)
- Census block geocodes
- Targeted Non-sheltered Outdoor Locations (for example, homeless encampment under a bridge)
- Transient Locations (carnivals, marinas, RV parks, etc.)
- Crews of Maritime Vessels



Census Minimum Address Guidelines

Minimum Address Information	
Complete City-Style Addresses	
1	Address Number, Street Name, Block
2	Address Number, Street Name, (ZIP Code or City, State)
3	Apartment Complex Name/ Building Name and Within Structure Identifier and (ZIP or City/State, or block)
Complete Non-City-Style Mailing Addresses	
4	Rural Route Descriptor, RR ID, Box Number, ZIP
5	Rural Route Descriptor, RR ID, Box Number, City, State
6	Post Office Box Addresses
Other Addresses	
7	Location Description, Street Name, Block
8	Lat/Long Coordinate



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