

Appendix T. Glossary

Acronym or Term	Definition
ACS	American Community Survey
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ANSI codes	Standardized set of numeric or alphabetic codes issued by the ANSI to ensure uniform identification of geographic entities through all federal government agencies.
Address Range	Collection of all possible structure house numbers, from the first structure house number to the last structure house number of a specified parity along an edge side relative to the direction of the edge.
AIANNH	American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian
AIR	American Indian Reservations
AITs	American Indian Tribal Subdivisions are legally defined administrative subdivisions of federally recognized American Indian Reservations and/or Off-Reservation Trust Lands or Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas (OTSA's).
ANRC	Alaska Native Regional Corporation
ANV	Alaska Native village
ANVSA	Alaska Native village Statistical Areas
AREAID	Area Landmark Identifier
ARID	Address Range Identifier
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
BAS	Boundary and Annexation Survey
BG	Block Group
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
CBSA	Core-based Statistical Area
CCD	Census County Divisions
CDP	Census Designated Places
CE	Census
CNECTA	Combined New England City and Town Areas
CPG	Identify character encoding
CQR	Count Question Resolution
CSA	Combined Statistical Areas
DATUM	The horizontal datum, which corresponds to the procedure used to measure positions on the surface of the Earth.
DBF	Tabular attribute information Database
DIME	Dual Independent Map Encoding
DLG	Digital Line Graph
Elementary School Districts	Provide education to the lower grade/age levels and secondary school districts provide education to the upper grade/age levels.
Esri	Environmental Systems Research Institute
FP	FIPS Codes
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Series
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
GBF	Geographic Base Files
GEOGCS	A coordinate system based on based on latitude and longitude.
GEOID	Geographic Identifier
GIS	Geographic Information System
GNIS	Geographic Names Information System
HHL	Hawaiian home lands
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
KG	Kindergarten

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KML	Keyhole Markup Language is a file format used to display geographic data in a tool (e.g., Google Earth and Google Maps).
LEA	Local Education Agency codes
Legal Entity	A geographic entity whose boundaries, name, origin, and area description result from charters, laws, treaties, or other administrative or governmental action.
LSAD	Legal/Statistical Area Description
MCD	Minor Civil Division
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organizations
MTDB	MAF/TIGER Database
MTFCC	MAF/TIGER Feature Class Code
NECTA	New England City and Town Area
NAD83	North American Datum of 1983
NHD	USGS National Hydrographic Dataset
NS	National Standard
OMB	U.S. Office of Management and Budget
ORTL	Off-Reservation Trust Lands
OTSA	Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas
PK	Pre-Kindergarten
P.L.	Public Law
P.O. Box	Post Office Box
PRIMEM	The prime meridian used to take longitude measurements (from). The longitude units will match those of the geographic coordinate system.
PRJ	Project File
PSAP	Participant Statistical Areas Program
PUMA	Public Use Microdata Area
School Districts	Single-purpose administrative units within which local officials provide public educational services for the area's residents.
SDC	State Data Centers
SDTSA	State Designated Tribal Statistical Areas
SDAISA	State Designated American Indian Statistical Areas
SDTYP	School District Type
Shapefiles	Digital representations of geographic features (e.g., lakes, landmarks, roads and boundaries) used to create maps.
SLD	State Legislative District
SLDL	State Legislative District Lower Chamber
SLDU	State Legislative District Upper Chamber
SMID	Spatial Metadata Identifier
SPHEROID	An approximation of the Earth's surface as a squashed sphere.
Statistical Entity	Any geographic entity or combination of entities identified and defined solely for the tabulation and presentation of data.
TDSA	Tribal Designated Statistical Areas
TFID	Topological Faces Identifier
TFIDL	Topological Faces Identifier on the left side of the edge
TFIDR	Topological Faces Identifier on the right side of the edge
TIGER	Census Bureau's Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing
TLID	Topological Line Identifier
TSAP	Tribal Statistical Areas Program
UA	Urbanized Area consists of densely developed territory that contains 50,000 or more people. The Census Bureau delineates UAs to provide a better separation of urban and rural territory, population, and housing surrounding large places.
UC	Urban Cluster consists of densely developed territory that has 2,500 but fewer than 50,000 people. The Census Bureau first introduced the UC concept for Census 2000 to provide a more consistent and accurate measure of urban population, housing, and

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	territory throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. The Census Bureau identifies all qualifying urban areas in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands as urban clusters based on agreements with the local governments. Thus, in the Island Areas, urban clusters may exceed 50,000 people.
UNIT	This describes units used for values elsewhere within the parent WKT clause. The physical dimension (i.e. type) of the units determined by context. For example, the type of the units is angular.
U.S.C.	United States Code
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
USPS	U.S. Postal Service
USVI	United States Virgin Islands
UT	Unorganized Territories
WKT	well-known text
XML	Extensible Markup Language
ZCTA	ZIP Code Tabulation Areas are approximate area representations of U.S. Postal Service (USPS) 5-digit ZIP Code service areas that the Census Bureau creates using census blocks to present statistical data from censuses and surveys.
ZCTA5	5-digit Zip Code Tabulation Areas

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