

2017 Cartographic Boundary Files Naming Convention

The 2017 cartographic boundary shapefiles and kmles are named this way:

cb_2017_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 (GENZ2017) 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
CD115	Congressional District (115 th Congress)
CNECTA	Combined New England City and Town Area
CONCITY	Consolidated City
COUNTY	County
COUNTY_within_CD115	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)
ELSD	Elementary School District
NATION	National outline
NECTA	New England City and Town Area
PLACE	Place
PUMA10	Public Use Microdata Area
REGION	National Region (Northeast, Southeast, Midwest and West)
SCSD	Secondary School District
SLDL	State Legislative District – Lower Chamber
SLDU	State Legislative District – Upper Chamber
STATE	State and Equivalent
SUBBARRIO	Subbarrio – Legally defined subdivisions of county subdivisions in Puerto Rico
TRACT	Census Tract
UA10	Urban Area/Urban Cluster (Census 2010)
UNSD	Unified School District
ZCTA510	5-Digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area (Census 2010)