115th Congressional and New State Legislative District Plans

These files represent the boundaries of the 115th Congressional and year 2016 state legislative district plans as collected by the U.S. Census Bureau in Phase 4 of the Redistricting Data Program (RDP). These plans are those understood to be in effect for the November 2016 elections as of their production date. The plans were submitted to the Census Bureau by non-partisan state liaisons, identified by the governor and legislative leadership of each state during Phase 1 of the RDP. Once these plans were processed and inserted into the MAF/TIGER database, the Census Bureau generated verification materials for each state to review and certify as accurate. Any reported changes to the verification materials were incorporated into these final products.

Shapefiles
TIGERLine Shapefiles for this districts represent the official boundaries as represented by the state liaisons including split 2010 census tabulation blocks.

Block Equivalency Files (BEFs)
BEFs for these districts represent the whole 2010 census tabulation block representations of the plans as submitted to the U.S. Census Bureau. In instances where plans included split blocks, it was requested that the state liaison identify a single district to assign the split block for use by the U.S. Census Bureau for data tabulation purposes. The fields in these files should be imported as text to preserve leading zeros.

NOTES

Congressional:

- Congressional districts are identified by a 2-character numeric FIPS code. Congressional districts are numbered uniquely within state. The District of Columbia and Puerto have the code of 98, which identifies their status with respect to representation in Congress:
    - 01 to 53—Congressional district codes
    - 00—At large (single district for state)
    - 98—Nonvoting delegate

- In Connecticut, Illinois, and Michigan the state participant did not assign the most recently changed (113th) congressional districts to cover all of the state or equivalent area. The code "ZZ" has been assigned to areas with no congressional district defined (usually large water bodies). These unassigned areas are treated within state as a single congressional district for purposes of data presentation.

- The state of Maryland adjusted the 2010 Census P.L [94-171] redistricting data by reallocating state prisoner populations to their last known residence. Information on this adjustment is available by visiting their website:
  MD http://www.planning.maryland.gov/redistricting/home.shtml

- The state of Hawaii adjusted the 2010 Census P.L [94-171] redistricting data to remove non-resident military personnel and non-resident students. Information on this adjustment is available at http://hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment/ .

State Legislative:

- A unique 3-character census code, identified by state participants, is assigned to each state's legislative district upper (senate) and lower (house) within a state. In Connecticut, , Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, , Ohio, and Puerto Rico, the state participant did not assign the current state legislative districts to cover all of the state or equivalent area. The code "ZZZ" has been assigned to areas with no state legislative districts defined (usually large water bodies). These unassigned areas are treated within state as a single state legislative district for purposes of data presentation.

- The state of Ohio generated their state legislative plans using custom geography from the state's *Ohio Common and Unified Redistricting Database* produced by Cleveland State University. These files approximate those plans using Census Bureau geography.

- The states of Maryland and New York adjusted the 2010 Census P.L [94-171] redistricting data for their respective states by reallocating state prisoner populations to their last known residence. Information on these adjustments is available by visiting each state's website:
  MD http://planning.maryland.gov/redistricting/ ;
  NY http://www.latfor.state.ny.us/

- The state of Hawaii adjusted the 2010 Census P.L [94-171] redistricting data to remove non-resident military personnel and non-resident students. Information on this adjustment is available at http://elections.hawaii.gov/about-us/boards-and-commissions/reapportionment/ .
- The state of Kansas adjusted the 2010 Census P.L [94-171] redistricting data to exclude non-resident students and non-resident military personnel and to include resident students and members of the military at the place of their permanent residence for state legislative redistricting. Information on this adjustment is available at http://redistricting.ks.gov/index.html .

- Nebraska has a unicameral legislature and the District of Columbia has a single council, both of which the Census Bureau treats as upper-chamber legislative areas for the purpose of data presentation. Therefore, there are no data by the lower house of the state legislative districts for either Nebraska or the District of Columbia.

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