

Rhode Island Geonotes

2007 Economic Census - Geographic Notes and Changes from 2002 to 2007

FIPS State Code	FIPS County Code	FIPS Place Code	Description
44	009	14500	Charlestown town is now tabulated separately due to a change in criteria. This change deletes territory from the Balance of Washington County.
44	009	25300	Exeter town is now tabulated separately due to a change in criteria. This change deletes territory from the Balance of Washington County.
44	009	35380	Hopkinton town is now tabulated separately due to a change in criteria. This change deletes territory from the Balance of Washington County.
44	005	36820	Jamestown town is now tabulated separately due to a change in criteria. This change deletes territory from the Balance of Newport County.
44	009	61160	Richmond town is now tabulated separately due to a change in criteria. This change deletes territory from the Balance of Washington County.
44	003	77720	West Greenwich town is now tabulated separately due to a change in criteria. This change deletes territory from the Balance of Kent County.
			Balance of Kent County is no longer tabulated separately due to a change in criteria.
			Balance of Newport County is no longer tabulated separately due to a change in criteria.
			Balance of Providence County is no longer tabulated separately due to a change in criteria.
			Balance of Washington County is no longer tabulated separately due to a change in criteria and no longer includes Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, and Richmond towns.

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2002 Economic Census - Geographic Notes and Changes from 1997 to 2002

FIPS State Code	FIPS County Code	FIPS Place Code	Description
			Foster does not qualify but should have been reported separately as the only nonqualifying place territory in Providence County.
			Glocester qualified on the basis of population estimates, but was incorrectly not reported separately. It is included in Balance of Providence County.
			West Greenwich incorrectly shown as Balance of Kent County.
			All Balance of Metropolitan Areas (MAs) shown in 1997 have been converted to Balance of County records.
			Balance of Kent County equals West Greenwich, which should have been shown separately.
			Balance of Providence County incorrectly shown. Foster and Glocester should have been shown separately leaving no balance.

Notes on Geography Changes

This file provides information on geographic changes that have occurred between the economic census years that may impact data comparability. Information on other geographic issues that may be useful to data users is provided as well.

This information is provided in 2 worksheets in this MS Excel workbook. The 2007 worksheet identifies the changes that have occurred between the 2002 and 2007 Economic Censuses. The 2002 worksheet identifies the changes that have occurred between the 1997 and 2002 Economic Censuses. The information is provided in alphabetical place order, with Balance of County places listed last.

The following types of changes and notes are provided:

- **Place and County changes due to geographic boundary changes.** (2007 and 2002 worksheets)
- **Place qualification changes due to population change.** (2007 and 2002 worksheets)
- **Changes due to incorporation or other legal changes.** (2007 and 2002 worksheets)
- **Changes to the criteria used to identify the publishable geographies for the 2007 Economic Census.** (2007 worksheet only) These include:
 - **The addition of Census Designated Places (CDPs, also know as unincorporated places).** Up thru the 2002 Economic Census, data were published only for incorporated cities (except in Hawaii, where data for census designated places (CDPs) were provided). Businesses in CDPs were published as part of the "Balance of County". CDPs were added as publishable places for the 2007 Economic Census.
 - **Changes to the population cutoff used to identify the places published.** For the 2002 Economic Census, the data for most states included incorporated places with 2,500 or more inhabitants. (For the six New England states, plus New York, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, a 10,000 or more population cutoff was used.) For the 2007 Economic Census, this threshold was standardized to 5,000 or more inhabitants for all states.
 - **The addition of a jobs cutoff used to identify the places published.** Only a population criterion was used to identify the published places for the 2002 Economic Census, but for the 2007 Economic Census a criterion of 5,000 or more jobs was added. This resulted in 117 places added that qualified using the jobs criteria that did not qualify using the population criteria.

The worksheets also include descriptions of places that cross county boundaries, listing the two or more counties the place crosses into.

For more information on economic census geography, see:

<http://www.census.gov/econ/census07/www/geography/>