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Geography

Cartographic Boundary Shapefiles - Block Groups

The cartographic boundary files are simplified representations of selected geographic areas from the Census Bureau's MAF/TIGER geographic database. These boundary files are specifically designed for small scale thematic mapping.

Generalized boundary files are clipped to a simplified version of the U.S. outline. As a result, some off-shore areas may be excluded from the generalized files. For more details about these files, please see our [Cartographic Boundary File Description page \(/geo/maps-data/data/cbf/cbf_description.html\)](http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/cbf/cbf_description.html).

The 2013 Alabama block group zip file (cb_2013_01_bg_500k.zip) is missing the FGDC metadata file but includes metadata in the ISO format.

2015	2014	2013	2010 Census	Census 2000	1990 Census
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2015

File Naming Convention:

cb_2015_ss_bg_rr.zip, where ss is the 2 digit state FIPS code and rr is the resolution level:

- 500k = 1:500,000
- 5m = 1:5,000,000
- 20m = 1:20,000,000

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