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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).

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 |

### 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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