

118th Congressional and New State Legislative District Plans

These files represent the boundaries of the post-2020 census state legislative and 118th Congressional 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 2022 elections as of their production date. The plans were submitted to the Census Bureau by non-partisan liaisons who were previously 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 (planned publication December 2022/January 2023)

The shapefiles are the official boundaries as represented by the state liaisons and include 2020 census tabulation block splits, if any were provided.

Block Equivalency Files (BEFs)

The BEFs are the whole 2020 census tabulation block representations of the plans as submitted to the U.S. Census Bureau. In instances where plans included split blocks, the Census Bureau requested that the state assign the whole block to one district for the purpose of tabulating data. Each .ZIP file contains a national block equivalency file and individual state files. 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 New Hampshire the state participant did not assign the current (118th) 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.

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, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, 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.
- 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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