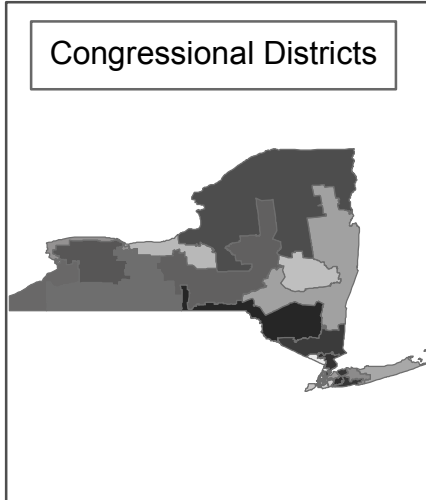


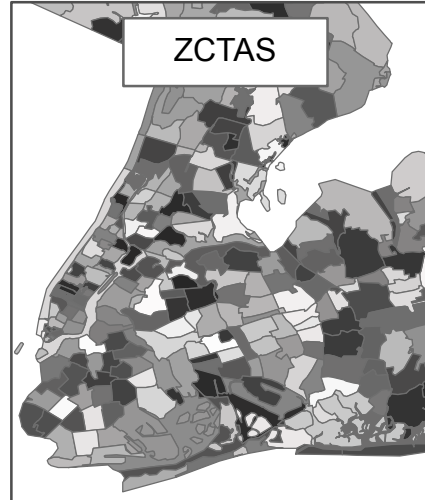
Census Bureau Geographies Part 2

These geographies are not as commonly used for mapping census data. They may or may not cover the entire area of the US and do not always nest with other layers, meaning that their boundaries may overlap with other boundaries.



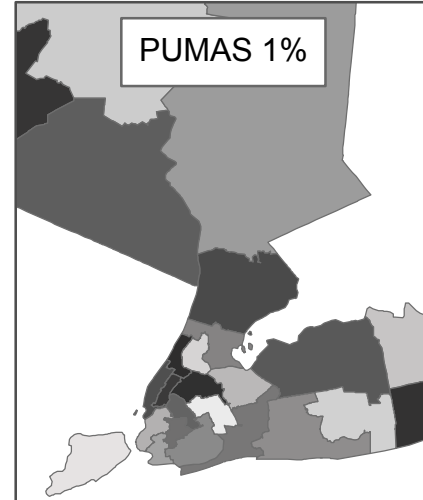
Congressional Districts

435 areas from which legislators are elected to the US House of Representatives; the boundaries are updated every two years. Generally not practical for thematic mapping.



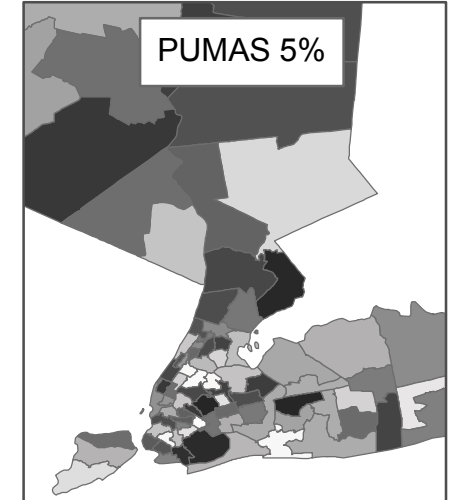
ZCTAS

Zip Code Tabulation Areas were created by the Census Bureau to approximate USPS Zip Codes, which are difficult to map. Commonly used for mapping marketing data.



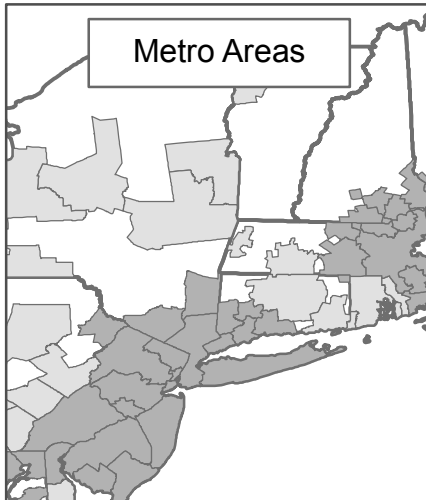
PUMAS 1%

Statistical entities created for mapping microdata (individual census records). 1% PUMAS have at least 400,000 people and are aggregations of the smaller 5% PUMAS.



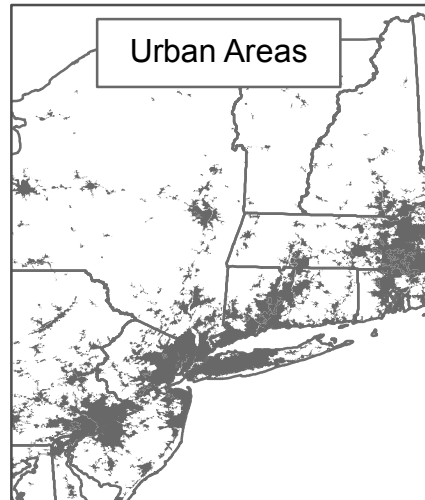
PUMAS 5%

Statistical entities for mapping microdata. They contain at least 100,000 people and are aggregations of census tracts.



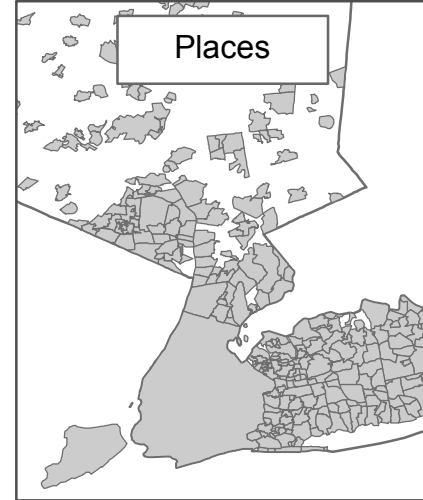
Metro Areas

Aggregations of urban counties. Metro Statistical Areas (MSAs) contain places with a minimum population of 50,000. Consolidated Metro Areas (CMSAs) have over 1 million people. Primary Metro Areas are subdivisions of CMSAs.



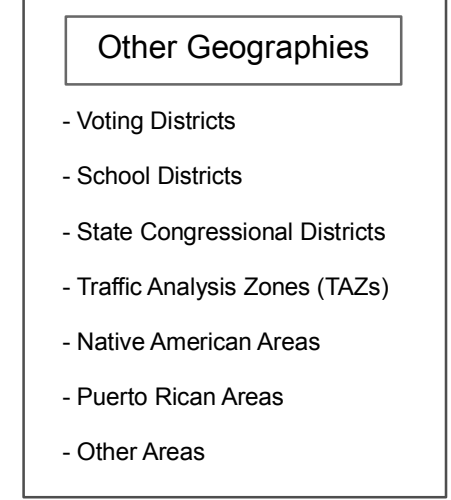
Urban Areas

A central place and adjacent areas with a density of at least 1,000 people per square mile that together have a minimum population of at least 50,000.



Places

Discrete areas that include incorporated places, consolidated cities, and census designated places (CDPs). The first two are legal entities, while CDPs are statistical areas that provide data for concentrated areas of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated.



Other Geographies

- Voting Districts
- School Districts
- State Congressional Districts
- Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs)
- Native American Areas
- Puerto Rican Areas
- Other Areas

There are several other areas that the Census Bureau tabulates data for. Some span the entire country while others exist in specific parts of the country.