

REGIONAL CENSUS GEOGRAPHY PRIORITY BUSINESS INFORMATION NEED POLICY SUMMARY

Census Geography – Regional Data Specifications

DESIRED REGIONAL CENSUS GEOGRAPHY DATASET SPECIFICATIONS

1. Create a unique 1990 and 2000 Census Bureau block polygon coverage. Data will be exchanged/distributed in ESRI ArcInfo Coverage and ArcView Shape File format.
2. Dataset will be distributed in NAD 83, UTM coordinate system.
3. The 1990 and 2000 Census geography polygon coverage will include the County FIPS code (3 digits), the 1990 Census Tract code (6 digits), and the 1990 Census Block code (4 digits).
4. The Census Geography coverages will account for all seven-county metropolitan areas comprising Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties.
5. Access to the dataset will be made freely available to MetroGIS participants through the DataFinder website (www.datafinder.org). (Note: The 1990 Census Geography dataset was available January 2000 and the 2000 Census Geography dataset was available July 2002).

Census Geography -- Roles and Responsibilities

A. REGIONAL CUSTODIAN

The Metropolitan Council accepted the custodian role for both the 1990 and 2000 Census Geography. The Council contracted with The Lawrence Group (TLG) to create 1990 Census Geography 2000 Census Geography datasets that align with parcel and street centerline data where intended to be coterminous.

B. REGIONAL CUSTODIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Compile a regional dataset coverage of the 1990 and 2000 census geography boundaries.
2. Provide metadata for the 1990 and 2000 Census Geography.
3. Provide the 2000 Census Geography dataset when completed.
4. Identify and use Census Bureau standards when they apply.
5. Provide for data archive, backup, retrieval and disaster recovery.
6. Post the data on DataFinder for distribution.
7. Test data integrity.