

Census 1990 Block Groups Layer

Michigan Geographic Framework

Field Definitions

(Shapefile Attribute Table)
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The following field definitions make up the shapefile attribute table called Census 1990 Block Groups. This shapefile consists of polygons that represent Michigan Census 1990 block group boundaries as assigned to the Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF).

The attribute table can be found in the file BG1990_999v2a.DBF where 999 equals the FIPS county number contained in the file. The FIPS county numbering system uses odd numbers only. The numbers are assigned in alphabetical order. For example, county 001 is Alcona and county 165 is Wexford.

Field Name	Col.	Type	Size	Description	Comments
BG90	1	C	7	US Bureau of the Census 1990 Block Group number	Block Groups (BG's) are combinations of census blocks within a census tract or BNA that share the same first digit in their identifying numbers. For example, BG 3 within a particular census tract comprises all blocks numbered between 301 and 399. A census tract or BNA contains a maximum of nine BGs. BG90 consists of the 6 digit tract number followed by the 1 digit block group number.
BG_LBL	8	C	4	Block Group Label	This field has been filled with the letters BG, then a space, followed by the block number (1-9). An example would be BG 2.

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LINK	12	C	10	The LINK field is assigned with a unique identifier number	Unique identifier created by concatenating the Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) county code number with the BG90 number. The LINK numbers allow the polygons to be linked to census data.
SQKM	22	N	16,3	Area in Square Kilometers	The values in these three area fields are calculated from the square meter area field in the ArcInfo Polygon Attribute Table (PAT).
SQMILES	38	N	16,3	Area in Square Miles	
ACRES	54	N	16,3	Area in Acres	

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