

Census 1990 Tracts Layer (County Based)

Michigan Geographic Framework

Field Definitions

(Shapefile Attribute Table)
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The following field definitions make up the county based shapefile attribute table called Census 1990 Tracts. The attribute table can be found in the file tract90_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. The attributes describe the data attached to polygons that represent U.S. Census 1990 tract boundaries as assigned to the Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF).

Field Name	Type	Size	Description	Comments
TRACT90	C	6	US Bureau of the Census 1990 tract number	Census Tracts are small areas created for statistical purposes that usually average about 4000 people.
TRACT_LBL	C	7	Tract Label	This field has been filled with a 4-digit tract number when a TRACT90 number's last two digits are 00. If the last two digits are other than 00 then the TRACT_LBL field will contain a format of 4 numbers, a period, then two more numbers. For example a TRACT90 field containing 930400 would place 9304 in the TRACT_LBL field. A TRACT90 number of 980201 would place 9802.01 in the TRACT_LBL field. This labeling procedure allows Census geography based maps to be more easily read.
LINK	C	9	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 TRACT90 number. The LINK numbers allow the polygons to be linked to census data.

Type: C Character

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Field Name	Type	Size	Description	Comments
SQKM	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	N	16,3	Area in Square Miles	
ACRES	N	16,3	Area in Acres	

Type: N Numeric