

Statewide Census 2000 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 Michigan Census 2000 Block Groups. This shapefile consists of polygons that represent Michigan Census 2000 block group boundaries as assigned to the Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF).

The attribute table can be found in the file BG2000_MI_v3b.DBF.

Field Name	Col.	Type	Size	Description	Comments
BG00	1	C	7	US Bureau of the Census 2000 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. BG00 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.

Type: C Character

Field Name	Col.	Type	Size	Description	Comments
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 BG00 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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N Numeric