

Michigan Census Designated Place 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 Designated Places. Census designated places (CDPs) are closely settled, named, unincorporated communities that generally contain a mixture of residential, commercial, and retail areas similar to those found in incorporated places of similar sizes.

The attribute table can be found in the file Cdp_MI_v3b.DBF.

Field Name	Type	Size	Description	Comments
PLACE	C	5	Federal Number Identifying a Census Designated Place (CDP)	This Census Designated Place layer is being distributed by county. If a Census Designated Place is split by a county boundary, the entire Census Designated Place will not be provided with a single county's shapefile. Both county's Census Designated Place layers that contain part of the Census Designated Place boundary would be needed to obtain the entire Census Designated Place boundary.
NAME	C	37	Census Designated Place Name	Census Designated Place names are provided with a suffix. For example, the Census Designated Place Haslett will be provided as Haslett CDP.
LINK	C	8	Link Number.	Concatenating the Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) county code with the Place number creates the Link number. The LINK number accounts for CDPs that are split by a county line. The LINK numbers also 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