

FIPS/CBSA Assignment

Overview

The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) publication is a five-digit code which uniquely identifies counties and county equivalents. The first two digits identify the state while the last 3 digits identify the county.

A core-based statistical area (CBSA) is a U.S. geographic area defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that consists of one or more counties (or equivalents) anchored by an urban center of at least 10,000 people plus adjacent counties that are socioeconomically tied to the urban center by commuting. These standards are used to replace the definitions of metropolitan areas that were defined in 1990. As of 2025, YTS uses the 2023 Definition for all years.

YTS Assembly

YTS (YourEconomy Time Series) lists FIPS codes for all 50 states or 3,144 counties, and 1,915 CBSAs including 387 Metropolitan areas not including Puerto Rico.

Connecticut's FIPS

On June 6, 2022, the U.S. Census Bureau formally recognized Connecticut's nine councils of government as county equivalents instead of the state's eight counties. Connecticut's eight historical counties continue to exist in name only, and are no longer considered for statistical purposes. YTS uses the new nine council's FIPS from 2021.