

County Geography Changes: 1990-2014

County geography changes over time – new counties are created and old counties are deleted or their boundaries altered (1). Details of these changes are documented on the Census Bureau web site at: <http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/county-changes.html>. As a result of the changes, the counties/county equivalents for which estimates are available in each of the bridged-race population series varies somewhat. For example, the Vintage 2009 files have population estimates for three new Alaskan county equivalents (Wrangell Borough, Petersburg Census Area, and Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area) and do not have estimates for two former Alaskan county equivalents (Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area and Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area). Changes in county geography tend to be implemented in the NCHS vital statistics files later than they are implemented in the Census population files, thus necessitating recoding of FIPS codes for county-level files.

The tables below summarize differences in county geography across the various population estimates series.

New counties and county equivalents on the bridged-race population files: 1990-2012

Estimates series	Number of counties	New county or county equivalent					
		Broomfield County, CO (08014)	Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, AK (02105)	Skagway Municipality, AK (02230)	Petersburg Borough/ ¹ Census Area, AK (02195)	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area, AK (02198)	Wrangell City and Borough, AK (02275)
2010-2014 postcensal estimates (based on 2010 census) ¹							
Vintage 2014	3,142	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vintage 2011-Vintage 2013	3,143	X	X	X	X	X	X
2010 census							
April 1, 2010	3,143	X	X	X	X	X	X
2000-2010 intercensal estimates							
July 1, 2000-July 1, 2010	3,143	X	X	X	X	X	X
2000-2010 postcensal estimates (based on 2000 census)							
Vintage 2009-Vintage 2010	3,143	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vintage 2008	3,142	X	X	X-	--*--	-*-	-*-
Vintage 2005-Vintage 2007 ²	3,141	X	--*--	-*-	--*--	-*-	-*-

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Vintage 2003 - Vintage 2004	3,140	--*--	--*--	-*	--*--	-*	-*
Vintage 2002 ²	3,141	X	--*--	-*	-*	-*	-*
Vintage 2001	No county estimates on file, only national estimates						
2000 census							
April 1, 2000	3,141	--*--	--*--	-*	--*--	-*	-*
1990-1999 intercensal estimates							
July 1, 1990- July 1, 1999	3,141	--*--	--*--	-*	--*--	-*	-*

--*-- County or county equivalent is not on the file.

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¹Petersburg Borough was created from part of Petersburg Census Area and part of Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (02105) in 2013. It retained the FIPS code (02195) of Petersburg Census Area.

²Vintage 2002 and Vintage 2005-Vintage 2007 have estimates for the same 3,141 counties and county equivalents.

Specific details:

Broomfield County, Colorado (FIPS code=08014) was created effective November 15, 2001 from parts of four Colorado counties: Adams, Boulder, Jefferson, and Weld. There are estimates for this county on some, but not all, of the bridged-race files. Note that data for Broomfield County do not appear on NCHS birth or mortality files until data year 2003.

Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, AK (FIPS code = 02105). The Hoonah-Angoon Census Area was created from the remainder of the former Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code = 02232) when Skagway Municipality (FIPS code = 02230) was created effective June 20, 2007. Estimates for this area are on Vintage 2008 and later bridged-race population files. Effective January 3, 2013, part of this area was removed and merged with the new Petersburg Borough (02280). Note that no data for Hoonah-Angoon Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files until 2014. \

Petersburg Borough/Census Area (FIPS code=02195). Petersburg Census Area was created from part of the former Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code = 02280) effective June 1, 2008. Effective January 3, 2013, Petersburg Census Area ceased to exist; Petersburg Borough (same FIPS code of 02-195) was formed from part of Petersburg Census Area and part of Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (02105). Estimates for Petersburg Census Area are on Vintage 2009-Vintage 2012;

estimates for Petersburg Borough are on Vintage 2014 and later bridged-race population files. Note that no data for this Census Area or Borough appear on NCHS birth and mortality files until 2014.

Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area (FIPS code = 02198). Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area was created from the remainder of the former Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area (FIPS code = 02201) after part (Outer Ketchikan) was annexed by Ketchikan Gateway Borough (FIPS code = 02130) effective May 19, 2008 and another part was included in the new Wrangell Borough (effective June 1, 2008). Estimates for this area are on Vintage 2009 and later bridged-race population files. Note that no data for this Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files until 2014.

Skagway Municipality, AK (FIPS code = 02230). Skagway Municipality was created from part of the former Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code = 02232) effective June 20, 2007; boundaries are identical to the Skagway census subarea. The remainder of the former Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area was established as the new Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code = 02105). Estimates for this area appear on Vintage 2008 and later bridged-race population files. Note that no data for Skagway Municipality appear on NCHS birth and mortality files until 2014.

Wrangell City and Borough (FIPS code = 02275). Effective June 1, 2008, Wrangell City and Borough was created from part of Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code = 02280) and part of Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area (FIPS code = 02201). Estimates for this area appear on Vintage 2009 and later bridged-race population files. Note that no data for Wrangell Borough appear on NCHS birth and mortality files until 2014.

Deleted counties and county equivalents: bridged-race population files for 1990-2014

Estimates series	Number of counties	Deleted county or county equivalent				
		Bedford city, VA (51515)	Clifton Forge city, VA (51560)	Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area, AK (02201)	Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, AK (02232)	Wrangell – Petersburg Census Area, AK (02280)
2010-2014 postcensal estimates (based on 2010 census)						
Vintage 2014	3,142	-*-	-*-	-*-	-*-	-*-
Vintage 2011- Vintage 2013	3,143	X	-*-	-*-	-*-	-*-
2010 census						
April 1, 2010	3,143	X	-*-	-*-	-*-	-*-
2000-2010 intercensal estimates						
July 1, 2000- July 1, 2010	3,143	X	-*-	-*-	-*-	-*-
2000-2010 postcensal estimates (based on 2000 census)						
Vintage 2009- Vintage 2010	3,143	X	-*-	-*-	-*-	-*-
Vintage 2008	3,142	X	-*-	X	--*--	X
Vintage 2005 - Vintage 2007 ¹	3,141	X	-*-	X	X	X
Vintage 2003 - Vintage 2004	3,140	X	-*-	X	X	X
Vintage 2002 ¹	3,141	X	-*-	X	X	X
Vintage 2001	No county estimates on file, only national estimates					
2000 census						
April 1, 2000	3,141	X	X	X--	X	X
1990-1999 intercensal estimates						
July 1, 2000- July 1, 2009	3,141	X	X	X	X	X

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Specific details:

Bedford City, Virginia (FIPS code = 51515). Effective July 1, 2013, Bedford city, Virginia (51515), formerly an independent city, was added to Bedford County (51019). Beginning with the Vintage 2014 postcensal series, estimates for this county equivalent no longer appear on the bridged-race population files. Note that data for Bedford city still appear on NCHS birth and mortality files.

Clifton Forge County, Virginia (FIPS code = 51560). On July 1, 2001, Clifton Forge city, Virginia, formerly an independent city, merged with Alleghany county (FIPS code=51005). Estimates for this county equivalent only appear on the 1990-1999 intercensal bridged-race population files and the April 1, 2000 bridged-race files. Note that data for Clifton Forge city appear on NCHS birth and mortality files prior to data year 2003; beginning with the 2003 data year, no data for Clifton Forge city appear on the birth and death files.

Prince of Wales-Outer-Ketchikan Census Area (FIPS code = 02201). Part of this area (Outer Ketchikan) was annexed by Ketchikan Gateway Borough (FIPS code = 02130), part was included in the new Wrangell City and borough (FIPS code = 02275), and the remainder was renamed Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area (FIPS code = 02198). Estimates for Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan do not appear on bridged-race population files for Vintage 2009 and later. Note that data for this area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files for 1994 – 2013.

Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, AK (FIPS code = 02232). Effective June 20, 2007, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census area was split to create Skagway Municipality (FIPS = 02230) and Hoonah-Angoon Census Area (FIPS code = 02105), Estimates for Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon do not appear on bridged-race population files for Vintage 2008 and later. Note that data for Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files for 1994 – 2013.

Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code = 02280). Effective June 1, 2008, Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area was split to create part of Wrangell City and Borough (FIPS code = 02275) and all of Petersburg Census Area (FIPS code = 02195). Estimates for Wrangell-Petersburg do not appear on bridged-race population files for Vintage 2009 and later. Note that data for Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area appear on NCHS birth and mortality files for 1994 – 2013.

References

1. U.S. Census Bureau. Substantial changes to counties and county equivalent entities: 1970-present. Available from: <http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/county-changes.html>