DEATH GEOCODE FILE DATA NOTES

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The following are NEW beginning in the 2015 data file:

* Files are being distributed in EXCEL format
* **Zip code tabulation area (ZCTA)** for 2010 Census year.

The following are NEW beginning in the 2012 data file:

* Files are being distributed in csv format
* The variables **tract**, **blockgrp**, and **block** will contain 2010 Census data for data years 1990-present and 1990 Census data for years 1980-1989.

The following are NEW beginning in the 2010 data file:

* **Geocoded city (city\_geo)** was added

The following are NEW beginning in the 2007 data file:

* **Census 2000 Block (block2000)** was added
* **School district (school)** was added
* **Zip code tabulation area (ZCTA)** was added
* Five new values were added for the variable **source:**
  + 5 DIGIT RURAL ZIP CE
  + 5 DIGIT URBAN ZIP CE
  + CITY OR PLACE CENTRO
  + POST OFFICE ZIP CENT
  + STREET CENTROID
  + ZIP4 CENTROID

The following are NEW beginning in the 2003 data file:

* Three new values were added for the variable **source**:
  + CHS EST. PO BOX
  + CHS EST. RURAL CITY
  + CHS EST. COUNTY

**DEATH GEOCODE FIELDS-FURTHER INFORMATION**

SOURCE

The name of the street data set used to geocode begins with "COUNTY EXCEP" for records processed by counties.

Beginning with data year 2000, 3 new values were added for source:

•CHS EST. PO BOX – If an address reported a PO Box and the centroid of the location of the PO Box was within 3 miles of another tract, then tract for the centroid was assigned. All other geocode fields would remain blank.

•CHS EST. RURAL CITY – If street address could not be geocoded and the centroid of the city was within 3 miles of another tract, then the tract for the centroid of the city was assigned. All other geocode fields would remain blank.

•CHS EST. COUNTY – If street address could not be geocoded, but the reported county of residence was a county with only 1 tract (Columbia and Wahkiakum), then the tract for that county was assigned.

Beginning with data year 2007, new values were added for source. If an address could not be geocoded, then the record was placed in the centroid of the most specific geography possible. For some types of analyses, you may not want to include these cases, so be very careful with how you select records. These cases will all have a Match Score equal to zero, but the county exceptions will also have a Match Score of zero. The following values are new sources:

•5 DIGIT RURAL ZIP CE

•5 DIGIT URBAN ZIP CE

•CITY OR PLACE CENTRO

•POST OFFICE ZIP CENT

•STREET CENTROID

•ZIP4 CENTROID