

COMMON LANGUAGE® U.S. Counties and County Equivalents

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1. Purpose

- 1.0.1 This practice describes the COMMON LANGUAGE standard for counties or county equivalent codes of the 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia.
- 1.0.2 This practice directs users of these codes to ANSI Standard ANS X3.31, "Counties and County Equivalents of the States of the United States and the District of Columbia." This standard is also published concurrently by the U. S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards, as Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 6.3 and FIPS PUB 55-2.

2. Scope

- 2.0.1 This practice applies to systems applications that need to represent counties and county equivalents in a standard manner.
- 2.0.2 This practice applies primarily to organizations with the following responsibilities:
- Distribution Service
 - Switching Operations
 - Network Facilities.

The codes are particularly applicable, but not limited, to the following functions:

- Engineering of Distribution Services
 - Engineering of Central Office
 - Engineering of Network Facilities.
- 2.0.3 Unless specified as a COMMON LANGUAGE standard, do not combine COMMON LANGUAGE U. S. Counties and County Equivalents representation with other coded representations or with each other. Only combinations or

sequences specified in this, or other COMMON LANGUAGE practices, are standard.

3. Reason for Issue

- 3.0.1 This practice is re-issued to conform to the current format standard for Bellcore practices.

4. General

- 4.0.1 Questions concerning these codes should be directed through the appropriate Bellcore customer COMMON LANGUAGE Contact to: Executive Director, Language Standards Department, Bellcore.
- 4.0.2 The Bellcore Language Standards Department maintains the General Code Sets. Input is provided by the General Codes Technical Advisory Group, in accordance with the procedure outlined in BR 751-000-102, "COMMON LANGUAGE® Abbreviation And Code Set Procedures."

5. U. S. Counties and County Equivalent Codes

- 5.0.1 These codes are used to identify the counties of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, or the county equivalents thereof. Counties are considered to be the "first order subdivisions" of each state. Parishes, boroughs, census divisions, and independent cities are identified as county equivalents.
- 5.0.2 County and county equivalent codes consist of a three-character numeric code assigned uniquely within each state. Counties in different states may have the same code; Autauga County, Alabama and Albany County, New York are both coded as 001. Therefore, in systems concerned with the identification of counties in more than one state, the standard county code should be used in conjunction with the codes contained in Bellcore Practice BR 751-100-055, "COMMON LANGUAGE® States, Provinces and Territories of Canada, and Country Codes."
- 5.0.3 The list of counties and county equivalents, with their associated codes, is maintained by the National Bureau of Standards as Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 6-3 (FIPS PUB 6-3), "Counties and County

Equivalents of the States of the U. S. and the District of Columbia." It is available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, VA 22161.

- 5.0.4 A copy of the ANSI standard is maintained by the Bellcore Language Standards Department and is available for reference.

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