Vital Statistics Geographic Code Outline for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and Northern Marianas

The following pages show in detail the geographic codes used by the Division of Vital Statistics in the processing of vital event data occurring in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, or Guam. When an event occurs to a nonresident of these areas, residence data are coded only to the "State" level; each U.S. state, several western hemisphere countries or the remainder of the world are uniquely identified. Along with the Division of Vital Statistics codes, the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) codes are shown for several items. Both sets of codes appear on the vital event public-use files. Codes are effective with the 1994 data year and are based on results of the 1990 Census.

To aid the user in interpreting the geographic codes, a brief explanation of the codes and of the column headings/abbreviations shown on the following pages are:

<u>Puerto Rico</u>:

State (St): Puerto Rico has its own unique code. In addition, several unique codes are used to identify nonresidents of Puerto Rico.

County (Cnty): Each municipio (county equivalent) is numbered alphabetically.

P/MSA: Primary metropolitan statistical areas and metropolitan statistical areas are those established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) using 1990 Census population counts.

M/NM: Metropolitan counties (code 1) are component counties of P/MSA's. Nonmetropolitan counties (code 2) are not part of any P/MSA.

City or Place: No city/places in Puerto Rico are identified.

Name: Puerto Rico and each municipo are listed along with their respective codes. In addition, places used to identify nonresidents of Puerto Rico are also listed along with their codes.

FIPS: For an explanation of FIPS codes, reference should be made to various National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) publications.

<u>Virgin Islands</u>:

State (St): The Virgin Islands has its own unique code. In addition, several unique codes are used to identify nonresidents of the Virgin Islands.

County (Cnty): Several Islands (county equivalent) are numbered alphabetically.

P/MSA: None are identified in the Virgin Islands.

M/NM: No metropolitan areas are identified for the Virgin Islands.

City or Place: City/places are numbered alphabetically within each State and identify each city with a population of 10,000 or more in 1990.

P/S: Population size code for city of residence based on the 1990 Census. Refer to the code outline given earlier in this document for specific codes and meanings.

Name: The Virgin Islands as a whole and several islands are listed along with their respective codes. In addition, places used to identify nonresidents of the Virgin Islands are also listed along with their codes.

Guam:

State (St): Guam has its own unique code. In addition, several unique codes are used to identify nonresidents of Guam.

County (Cnty): None are identified in Guam

P/MSA: None are identified in Guam.

M/NM: No metropolitan areas are identified for Guam.

City or Place: None are identified in Guam.

P/S: No population size groups are identified for Guam.

Name: Guam as a whole is listed along with its respective code. In addition, places used to identify nonresidents of Guam are also listed along with their codes.

American Samoa:

State (St): American Samoa has its own unique code. In addition, several unique codes are used to identify nonresidents of American Samoa.

County (Cnty): None are identified in American Samoa

P/MSA: None are identified in American Samoa.

M/NM: No metropolitan areas are identified for American Samoa.

City or Place: None are identified in American Samoa.

P/S: No population size groups are identified for American Samoa.

Name: American Samoa as a whole is listed along with its respective code. In addition, places used to identify nonresidents of American Samoa are also listed along with their codes.

Northern Marianas:

State (St): Northern Marianas has its own unique code. In addition, several unique codes are used to identify nonresidents of Northern Marianas.

County (Cnty): None are identified in Northern Marianas.

P/MSA: None are identified in Northern Marianas.

M/NM: No metropolitan areas are identified for Northern Marianas.

City or Place: None are identified in Northern Marianas.

P/S: No population size groups are identified for Northern Marianas.
Name: Northern Marianas as a whole is listed along with its respective code. In addition, places used to identify nonresidents of Northern Marianas are also listed along with their codes.