

ZIP Code Tabulation Areas For Census 2000

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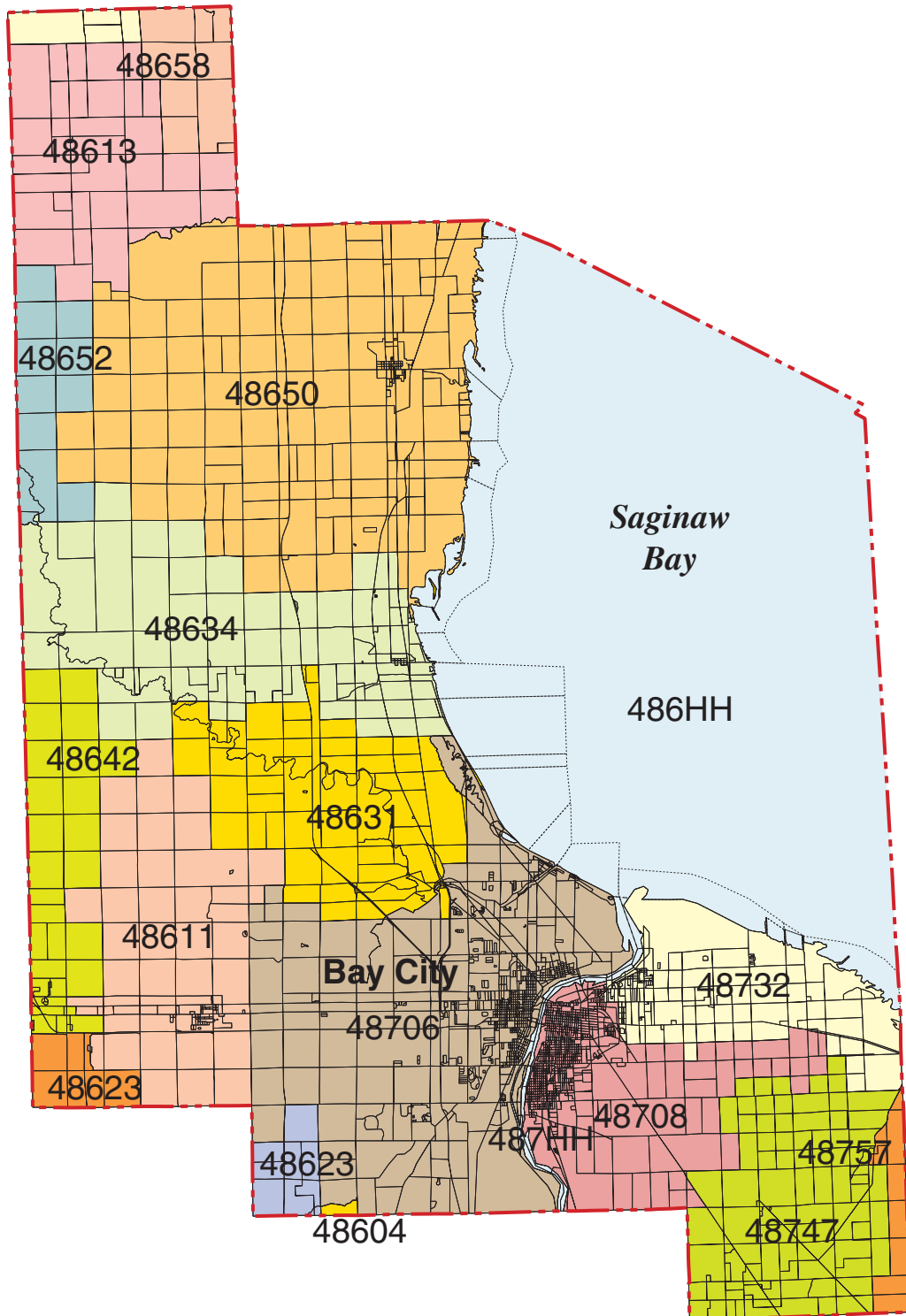
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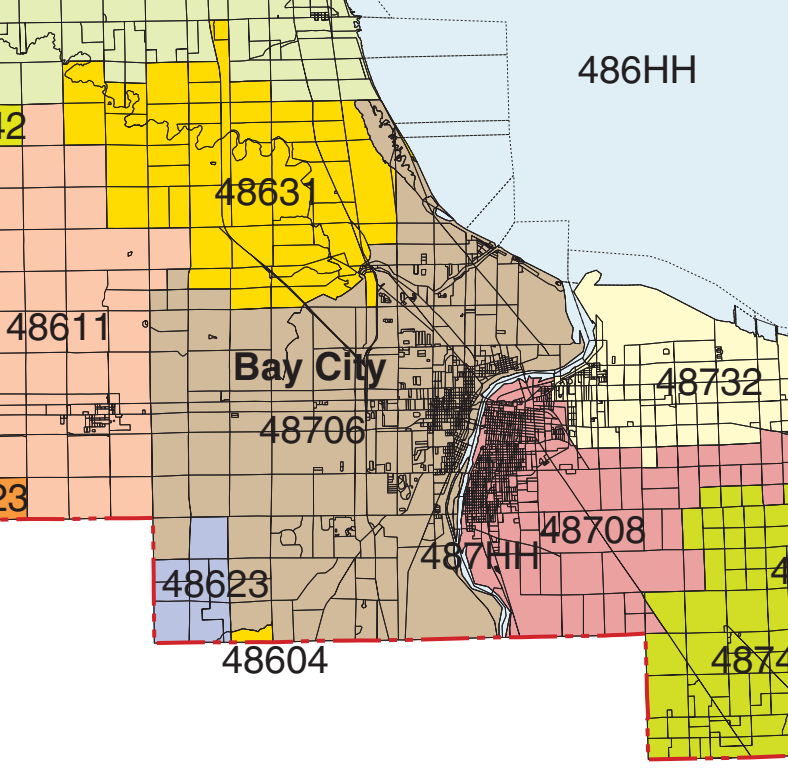
ZIP Code Tabulations Areas (ZCTAsTM)

**.... are generalized area representations
of United States Postal Service ZIP
Codes developed by the U.S. Census
Bureau for tabulating statistical data.**

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Census 2000 ZIP Code Tabulation Areas Bay County Michigan





486HH

2

48631

48611

Bay City

48706

48732

23

48708

48623

487HH

48604

4874

4

ZCTAs

.... are distinct from other area representations of ZIP Codes because they reflect address locations and ZIP Codes collected or verified during Census 2000 field operations.

ZCTAs

.... are distinct from statistical areas such as census tracts because they are not stable over time and they are computer delineated using addresses rather than formally delineated before the census.

Census 2000 ZCTAs!

Reflect the universe of ZIP Codes as of

January 1, 2000.

Requirements for Building ZCTAs

- Assign a ZCTA code to all areas
- Follow census block boundaries
- Assign a single ZCTA code to each block
- Use address ZIP Codes from MAF
- Match true ZIP Codes as closely as possible

ZCTA Codes

- **Represent the majority ZIP Code of the addresses in a census block**
- **Represent a USPS 5- or 3-digit ZIP Code**
- **Exclude unique, single delivery point ZIP Codes for firms and organizations**
- **Include dedicated P.O. Box ZIP Codes
In rural areas**

ZCTA Codes

- **5-digit numeric ZCTA codes**
22301 (land & internal water)
- **Generic 3-digit ZCTA codes**
223XX (land & internal water)
223HH (water along margins of
several land ZCTAs)

Census 2000 ZCTA Statistics

- 5-digit Numeric ZCTAs 32,038
- Water ZCTAs (HH suffix) 809
- Generic (XX suffix) 331

- Total 33,178

ZCTAs by ZIP Code Type

Products

- **Census 2000 TIGER/Line**
- **American FactFinder**
- **Cartographic Boundary Files**
- **ZCTA reference maps**
- **Summary Files 1 - 4**
- **Landview® 5**

<http://www.census.gov/geo/ZCTA/zcta.html>