

# NWCG Data Standard Meta-data Definition

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Name		
Data Attribute Name	COUNTY CODE	
Abbreviation		
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Source Reference	Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 6-4	
System of Record	FIPS 6-4 ( <a href="http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/fip6-4.htm">http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/fip6-4.htm</a> )	
Custodian	National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) & U.S. Census Bureau	
Definition		
Description	A code for identifying the counties and equivalent entities of the United States, its possessions, and associated areas.	
	Data Exchange Standards	Data Entry Guidelines
Length	Maximum: 3      Minimum: 3	Maximum: 3      Minimum: 3
Data Type	Numeric, integer with leading zeros	Integer with leading zeros
Case Sensitivity	N/A	N/A
Format	999	999
Example	001 (state: ID) = Ada County, Idaho 001 (state: LA) = Acadia Parish, Louisiana	001 (state: ID) = Ada County, Idaho 001 (state: LA) = Acadia Parish, Louisiana
Business Rules		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Every instance of a County Code shall have an associated State Code identifying the state within which to county is located.</li> </ol>		

This standard adopts the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) publications 6-4, Counties and Equivalent Entities of the United States, Its Possessions, and Associated Areas. This FIPS standard was approved on August 31, 1990, and is published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Computer Systems Laboratory, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

FIPS PUB 6-4 implements the American National Standard ANSI X3.31-1988, Information Systems - Codes - Structure for the Identification of the Counties and County Equivalents of the United States and Its Outlying and Associated Areas for Information Interchange. ANSI X3.31 is published by the American National Standards Institute, 11 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 1003.

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