

## School



### Tags

Location, Economy, Society, Environment, Structure, ImageryBaseMapsEarthCover, InlandWaters, Transportation, UtilitiesCommunication, Feature Identification, Geographic Feature, Geographical Feature, Geographic Name, Geographical Name, Feature Name, Official Feature Name, Place Name, Variant Name, Feature Coordinates, Feature State, Feature County, Feature Class, Feature History, Feature Description, Feature Designation

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#### Identification

##### CITATION

###### CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR U.S. Geological Survey

PUBLICATION DATE 1981-05-01

###### TITLE

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GEOSPATIAL DATA PRESENTATION FORM vector digital data

###### PUBLICATION INFORMATION

PUBLICATION PLACE Reston, VA

PUBLISHER U.S. Geological Survey

ONLINE LINKAGE <http://geonames.usgs.gov/>

##### DESCRIPTION

###### ABSTRACT

The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) actively seeks data from and partnerships with Government agencies at all levels and other interested organizations. The GNIS is the Federal standard for geographic nomenclature. The U.S. Geological Survey developed the GNIS for the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, a Federal inter-agency body chartered by public law to maintain uniform feature name usage throughout the Government and to promulgate standard names to the public. The GNIS is the official repository of domestic geographic names data; the official vehicle for geographic names use by all departments of the Federal Government; and the source for applying geographic names to Federal electronic and printed products of all types. See <http://geonames.usgs.gov> for additional information.

###### PURPOSE

The Geographic Names Information System contains information about physical and cultural geographic features of all types in the United States, associated areas, and Antarctica, current and historical, but not including roads and highways. The database holds the Federally recognized name of each feature and defines the feature location by state, county, USGS topographic map, and geographic coordinates. Other attributes include names or spellings other than the official name, feature designations, feature classification, historical and descriptive information, and for some categories the geometric boundaries. The database assigns a unique, permanent feature identifier, the Feature ID, as a standard Federal key for accessing, integrating, or reconciling feature data from multiple data sets. The GNIS collects data from a broad program of partnerships with Federal, State, and local government agencies and other authorized contributors. The GNIS provides data to all levels of government and to the public, as well as to numerous applications through a web query

site, web map and feature services, file download services, and customized files upon request.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names was created in 1890 and established in its present form by Public Law in 1947 to establish and maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. The Board serves all government agencies and the public as the central authority to which name inquiries, name issues, and new name proposals can be directed. It is comprised of representatives of Federal agencies associated with land management and cartography. Sharing its responsibilities with the Secretary of the Interior, the Board develops principles, policies, and procedures governing the use of both domestic and foreign geographic names as well as undersea and Antarctic feature names.

#### TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT

##### TIME PERIOD INFORMATION

###### SINGLE DATE/TIME

CALENDAR DATE

###### RANGE OF DATES/TIMES

BEGINNING DATE 1974

ENDING DATE Present

##### CURRENTNESS REFERENCE

Ground Condition

#### STATUS

PROGRESS In work

MAINTENANCE AND UPDATE FREQUENCY As needed

#### SPATIAL DOMAIN

##### BOUNDING COORDINATES

WEST BOUNDING COORDINATE -170.834167

EAST BOUNDING COORDINATE 167.737222

NORTH BOUNDING COORDINATE 64.872222

SOUTH BOUNDING COORDINATE -14.363056

#### KEYWORDS

##### THEME

THEME KEYWORD THESAURUS None

THEME KEYWORD location

THEME KEYWORD economy

THEME KEYWORD society

THEME KEYWORD environment

THEME KEYWORD structure

THEME KEYWORD imageryBaseMapsEarthCover

THEME KEYWORD inlandWaters

THEME KEYWORD transportation

THEME KEYWORD utilitiesCommunication

THEME KEYWORD Feature identification

THEME KEYWORD Geographic feature

THEME KEYWORD Geographical feature

THEME KEYWORD Geographic name

THEME KEYWORD Geographical name

THEME KEYWORD Feature name

THEME KEYWORD Official feature name

THEME KEYWORD Place name

THEME KEYWORD Variant name

THEME KEYWORD Feature coordinates

THEME KEYWORD Feature state

THEME KEYWORD Feature county

THEME KEYWORD Feature class

THEME KEYWORD Feature history

THEME KEYWORD Feature description

THEME KEYWORD Feature designation

## PLACE

PLACE KEYWORD THESAURUS Geographic Names Information System, USGS, Reston, VA  
PLACE KEYWORD United States  
PLACE KEYWORD State  
PLACE KEYWORD County  
PLACE KEYWORD Territory  
PLACE KEYWORD Outlying Area  
PLACE KEYWORD Topographic Map  
PLACE KEYWORD Commonwealth  
PLACE KEYWORD Parish  
PLACE KEYWORD Borough  
PLACE KEYWORD Census Area  
PLACE KEYWORD Municipio  
PLACE KEYWORD District  
PLACE KEYWORD Populated Place  
PLACE KEYWORD Antarctica

## TEMPORAL

TEMPORAL KEYWORD THESAURUS None  
TEMPORAL KEYWORD Current  
TEMPORAL KEYWORD Historical

## ACCESS CONSTRAINTS

None

## USE CONSTRAINTS

None. Acknowledgement of the U.S. Geological Survey would be appreciated in products derived from these data.

## POINT OF CONTACT

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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STATE OR PROVINCE Virginia  
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## DATA SET CREDIT

The Geographic Names Information System was developed by the U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

## NATIVE DATA SET ENVIRONMENT

Microsoft Windows Vista Version 6.1 (Build 7601) Service Pack 1; ESRI ArcCatalog 9.3.1.3000

## CROSS REFERENCE

### CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR U.S. Geological Survey  
PUBLICATION DATE Unknown  
TITLE

Geodata.gov, Geospatial One-Stop

### OTHER CITATION DETAILS

Geodata.gov is a geographic information system (GIS) portal, also known as the Geospatial One-Stop (GOS) that serves as a public gateway for improving access to geospatial information and data under the Geospatial One-Stop E-Government initiative. Geospatial One-Stop is one of 24 E-Government initiatives sponsored by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to

enhance government efficiency and to improve citizen services. See the Geographic Names community in [geodata.gov](http://geodata.gov).

ONLINE LINKAGE <http://gos2.geodata.gov/>

#### CROSS REFERENCE

##### CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR U.S. Geological Survey

PUBLICATION DATE Unknown

##### TITLE

The National Map

##### OTHER CITATION DETAILS

The National Map, is a seamless, continuously maintained set of public domain geographic base information that serves as a foundation for integrating, sharing, and using other data easily and consistently. The National Map viewer is a Web-enabled portal to all of the geospatial information contained in The National Map. This portal not only supports on-line access to the geospatial information, but also allows the download of digital data and creation of cartographic products.

The GNIS supports The National Map as the source for the gazetteer search in Find Place function of The National Map viewer and as active names layers.

ONLINE LINKAGE <http://nationalmap.gov/>

#### CROSS REFERENCE

##### CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR U.S. Geological Survey

PUBLICATION DATE Unknown

##### TITLE

The National Atlas

##### OTHER CITATION DETAILS

The National Atlas summarizes national-scale geographical information and delivers easy to use, map-like views of America's natural and sociocultural landscapes. This digital version revises a large bound collection of paper maps that was published in 1970. The Atlas serves a diverse populace as an essential reference, a framework for information discovery, an instrument of education, an aid in research, and a reliable source of government information. It includes stimulating products and services for children and adults to understand complex relationships among environments, places, and people. It contributes to our knowledge of the environmental, resource, demographic, economic, social, political, and historical dimensions of American life. Though it cannot display detailed map information, the Atlas directs users to other sources for this information. The GNIS provides geographic feature, location, and attribute data to the National Atlas.

ONLINE LINKAGE <http://nationalatlas.gov/>

#### CROSS REFERENCE

##### CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR U.S. Geological Survey

PUBLICATION DATE Unknown

##### TITLE

The National Hydrography Dataset

##### OTHER CITATION DETAILS

The National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) is a comprehensive set of digital spatial data that contains information about surface water features such as lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, springs and wells. Within the NHD, surface water features are combined to form "reaches," which provide the framework for linking water-related data to the NHD surface water drainage network. These linkages enable the analysis and display of these water-related data in upstream and downstream order. The GNIS provides geographic feature name data to the National Hydrography Dataset.

ONLINE LINKAGE <http://nhd.usgs.gov/>

#### CROSS REFERENCE

##### CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR National Geospatial Agency (NGA)

PUBLICATION DATE Unknown

##### TITLE

GEOnet Names Server

##### OTHER CITATION DETAILS

The GEOnet Names Server (GNS) provides access to the National Geospatial Agency (NGA)

database of foreign geographic feature names. The database is the official repository of foreign place-name decisions approved by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (US BGN). Approximately 20,000 of the database's features are updated monthly.

ONLINE LINKAGE <http://earth-info.nga.mil/gns/html/>

## CROSS REFERENCE

### CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR U.S. Census Bureau

PUBLICATION DATE Unknown

TITLE

LandView

### OTHER CITATION DETAILS

LandView is a desktop mapping system that searches and maps selected information from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Census Bureau, and the U.S. Geological Survey. LandView contains a large subset of GNIS feature, location, and attribute data for the United States. It is available on DVD. See the LandView web site for information concerning the latest edition and ordering.

ONLINE LINKAGE <http://landview.census.gov/>

## Data Quality

### ATTRIBUTE ACCURACY

#### ATTRIBUTE ACCURACY REPORT

During Phase I data compilation, a random sample of 10% of the entries in the system were visually verified against the compilation source data (large-scale USGS topographic maps) to ensure an accuracy rate of at least 95%. Subsequent data compilation and input processes ensure accuracy with programmed validation checks for format and content, visual examination, and spot checks of data.

### LOGICAL CONSISTENCY REPORT

During Phase I data compilation, a random sample of 10% of the entries in the system were visually verified against the compilation source data (large-scale USGS topographic maps) to ensure logical consistency of locative references (geographic coordinates, topographic map, and county). Subsequent data compilation and input processes include programmed validation checks for logical consistency, visual examination, and spot checks of data.

### COMPLETENESS REPORT

This dataset contains information about United States physical and cultural geographic features of all types and classes, with the exception of most roads and highways. Subsequent to the original data compilation process, which was taken primarily from Federal maps, the GNIS has become dependent on input from Federal, State, county, and local government agencies and other approved sources. The completeness, currency, and accuracy of the data varies by area depending on the quality and timeliness of that input. Accordingly, the Geographic Names Project actively seeks to expand partnerships with Government agencies at all levels and other interested organizations. The latest tools and methodologies are being applied, including web map and feature services, and joint or linked web applications, to ensure that local data are properly represented in the GNIS and through the GNIS to all Federal agencies and to the public. Feature additions or corrections are accepted for consideration from any source, and when validated by appropriate agencies, will be entered into the database. Local and State agencies are encouraged to submit data and to participate in the GNIS partnership program. Non-government organizations with valuable data are considered on a case basis. Authorized partners have access to web based transaction entry and edit forms, which submit data directly to the GNIS for review and inclusion in the database. Partners also submit batch files in most standard formats, and coordinate with the Geographic Names Project to develop joint services, processes, and applications for greatest efficiency. Data entered into the GNIS immediately is available to all web services and applications dependent on it. For additional information or to request user accounts for entry and edit of production data and web seminar training, contact [gnis\\_manager@usgs.gov](mailto:gnis_manager@usgs.gov).

### POSITIONAL ACCURACY

#### HORIZONTAL POSITIONAL ACCURACY

##### HORIZONTAL POSITIONAL ACCURACY REPORT

Accuracy of these digital data is based upon the use of printed or electronic source graphics which are compiled to meet National Map Accuracy Standards. Comparison to the graphic source is used

as control to assess digital positional accuracy.

LINEAGE

SOURCE INFORMATION

SOURCE CITATION

CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR U.S. Geological Survey

PUBLICATION DATE Unknown

TITLE

1:24,000-scale topographic maps

GEOSPATIAL DATA PRESENTATION FORM Map

PUBLICATION INFORMATION

PUBLICATION PLACE Reston, VA

PUBLISHER U.S. Geological Survey

SOURCE SCALE DENOMINATOR 24000

TYPE OF SOURCE MEDIA paper

SOURCE TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT

TIME PERIOD INFORMATION

RANGE OF DATES/TIMES

BEGINNING DATE Unknown

ENDING DATE present

SOURCE CURRENTNESS REFERENCE

Publication date

SOURCE CITATION ABBREVIATION

USGS

SOURCE CONTRIBUTION

Feature names and attribute data.

SOURCE INFORMATION

SOURCE CITATION

CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR U.S. Geological Survey

PUBLICATION DATE Unpublished material

TITLE

Records of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names

TYPE OF SOURCE MEDIA card, paper, and electronic files

SOURCE TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT

TIME PERIOD INFORMATION

RANGE OF DATES/TIMES

BEGINNING DATE 1890

ENDING DATE present

SOURCE CURRENTNESS REFERENCE

Creation date

SOURCE CITATION ABBREVIATION

USBGN

SOURCE CONTRIBUTION

Feature names and attribute information

SOURCE INFORMATION

SOURCE CITATION

CITATION INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR U.S. Forest Service

PUBLICATION DATE Unknown

TITLE

U.S. Forest Service 1:24,000-scale topographic maps and visitor maps

SOURCE SCALE DENOMINATOR 24000

TYPE OF SOURCE MEDIA paper

SOURCE TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT

TIME PERIOD INFORMATION  
RANGE OF DATES/TIMES  
BEGINNING DATE Unknown  
ENDING DATE Present  
SOURCE CURRENTNESS REFERENCE  
Publication date  
SOURCE CITATION ABBREVIATION  
USFS  
SOURCE CONTRIBUTION  
Feature names and attribute information

SOURCE INFORMATION  
SOURCE CITATION  
CITATION INFORMATION  
ORIGINATOR National Ocean Service (NOS)  
PUBLICATION DATE Unknown  
TITLE  
National Ocean Service charts

TYPE OF SOURCE MEDIA paper  
SOURCE TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT  
TIME PERIOD INFORMATION  
RANGE OF DATES/TIMES  
BEGINNING DATE Unknown  
ENDING DATE Present  
SOURCE CURRENTNESS REFERENCE  
Publication date  
SOURCE CITATION ABBREVIATION  
NOAA/NOS  
SOURCE CONTRIBUTION  
Feature names and attribute information

SOURCE INFORMATION  
SOURCE CITATION  
CITATION INFORMATION  
ORIGINATOR The State Names Authorities  
ORIGINATOR Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA)  
ORIGINATOR U.S. Forest Service  
ORIGINATOR National Ocean Service (NOS)  
ORIGINATOR National Park Service (NPS)  
ORIGINATOR Other Federal, state and local agencies  
ORIGINATOR Public  
PUBLICATION DATE Unknown  
TITLE  
Unknown  
OTHER CITATION DETAILS

Since the original data compilation was completed from the original sources, GNIS accepts data or data changes for consideration from any source, and upon validation by the Board on Geographic Names or the appropriate Federal or state agency, will enter the data into the database. The GNIS has an active data gathering and maintenance program. A web-based data entry and edit application allows authorized users to submit transaction data directly for validation and entry into the database, where it immediately becomes available to all web services and applications. A test and demonstration site with no connection to production data is available for review, training, and familiarization. Batch files will be accepted in most standard formats. Government agencies at all levels are encouraged to join this program. Other organizations and individuals will be considered on a case basis. For additional information or to request user accounts for entry and edit of production data and web seminar training, contact [gnis\\_manager@usgs.gov](mailto:gnis_manager@usgs.gov).

TYPE OF SOURCE MEDIA Multiple electronic or text media types.  
SOURCE TIME PERIOD OF CONTENT  
TIME PERIOD INFORMATION

RANGE OF DATES/TIMES  
BEGINNING DATE Unknown  
ENDING DATE Unknown  
SOURCE CURRENTNESS REFERENCE  
Unknown  
SOURCE CITATION ABBREVIATION  
Various  
SOURCE CONTRIBUTION  
Feature names and attribute information

PROCESS STEP

PROCESS DESCRIPTION

GNIS Phase I data compilation and edit - Feature name and attribute data were collected from the largest-scale USGS topographic maps available. These data are compared to the records of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

SOURCE USED CITATION ABBREVIATION

USGS

SOURCE USED CITATION ABBREVIATION

USBGN

PROCESS DATE 1981-05

PROCESS CONTACT

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROCESS STEP

PROCESS DESCRIPTION

GNIS Phase II data compilation and edit - Feature name and attribute data are collected from official state and local sources and other approved sources including historical maps and documents.

SOURCE USED CITATION ABBREVIATION

USGS

SOURCE USED CITATION ABBREVIATION

USBGN

PROCESS DATE Not complete

PROCESS CONTACT

CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### PROCESS STEP

##### PROCESS DESCRIPTION

GNIS Maintenance program - Federal and state maintenance cooperators submit new and corrected data in conjunction with their mapping and geographical information system data maintenance programs. The GNIS has an active data gathering and maintenance program. A web-based data entry and edit application allows authorized users to submit transaction data directly for validation and entry into the database, where it immediately becomes available to all web services and applications. A test and demonstration site with no connection to production data is available for review, training, and familiarization. Batch files will be accepted in most standard formats. Government agencies at all levels are encouraged to join this program. Other organizations and individuals will be considered on a case basis. For additional information or to request user accounts for entry and edit of production data and web seminar training, contact [gnis\\_manager@usgs.gov](mailto:gnis_manager@usgs.gov) or the individual below.

##### SOURCE USED CITATION ABBREVIATION

USGS

##### SOURCE USED CITATION ABBREVIATION

USBGN

##### SOURCE USED CITATION ABBREVIATION

USFS

##### SOURCE USED CITATION ABBREVIATION

Various

##### SOURCE USED CITATION ABBREVIATION

NOAA/NOS

PROCESS DATE Not complete

#### PROCESS CONTACT

##### CONTACT INFORMATION

##### CONTACT PERSON PRIMARY

CONTACT PERSON Louis A. Yost

CONTACT ORGANIZATION U.S. Geological Survey

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HOURS OF SERVICE 0900-1700 Eastern time

#### PROCESS STEP

##### PROCESS DESCRIPTION

Partnerships - the Geographic Names Project enters into partnerships with State names authorities and State and local GIS agencies to integrate name, location, and attribute data in the GNIS with State and local datasets. These partnerships utilize GIS and web technology to automate and simplify data maintenance, ensure data consistency, integrity, and accuracy, and meet the requirements of the Board on Geographic Names for national names standardization. Government agencies at all levels are encouraged to join this program. Other organizations and individuals will be considered on a case basis. For additional information contact the individual below.

PROCESS DATE Not complete

## PROCESS CONTACT

### CONTACT INFORMATION

#### CONTACT PERSON PRIMARY

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## Spatial Reference

### HORIZONTAL COORDINATE SYSTEM DEFINITION

#### GEOGRAPHIC

LATITUDE RESOLUTION 0.000000

LONGITUDE RESOLUTION 0.000000

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATE UNITS Decimal degrees

#### GEODETTIC MODEL

HORIZONTAL DATUM NAME D\_WGS\_1984

ELLIPSOID NAME WGS\_1984

SEMI-MAJOR AXIS 6378137.000000

DENOMINATOR OF FLATTENING RATIO 298.257224

## Entities and Attributes

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

#### ENTITY TYPE

ENTITY TYPE LABEL school\_structure\_site\_GNIS\_20120420

#### ENTITY TYPE DEFINITION

A geographic feature is any relatively permanent part of the natural or manmade landscape or seascape that has recognizable identity within a particular cultural context. The primary attributes of a geographic feature are name and location.

ENTITY TYPE DEFINITION SOURCE Principles, Policies, and Procedures: Domestic Geographic Names, By Donald J. Orth, Executive Secretary, Domestic Geographic Names (emeritus) and Roger L.

Payne, Executive Secretary, United States Board on Geographic Names and Domestic Geographic Names, Third printing (revised) and Preliminary Online Edition, 1997

([http://geonames.usgs.gov/docs/pro\\_pol\\_pro.pdf](http://geonames.usgs.gov/docs/pro_pol_pro.pdf)).

#### ATTRIBUTE

ATTRIBUTE LABEL FID

#### ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION

Internal feature number.

ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE ESRI

#### ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES

UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN

Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

#### ATTRIBUTE

ATTRIBUTE LABEL Shape

#### ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION

Feature geometry.

ATTRIBUTE DEFINITION SOURCE ESRI

#### ATTRIBUTE DOMAIN VALUES

UNREPRESENTABLE DOMAIN  
Coordinates defining the features.

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL OBJECTID

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL FEATURE\_ID

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL FEATURE\_NA

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL FEATURE\_CL

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL STATE\_ALPH

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL STATE\_NUME

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL COUNTY\_NAM

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL COUNTY\_NUM

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL PRIMARY\_LA

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL PRIM\_LONG\_

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL PRIM\_LAT\_D

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL PRIM\_LONG1

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL SOURCE\_LAT

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL SOURCE\_LON

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL SOURCE\_L\_1

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL SOURCE\_L\_2

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL ELEV\_IN\_M

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL ELEV\_IN\_FT

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL MAP\_NAME

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL DATE\_CREAT

ATTRIBUTE  
ATTRIBUTE LABEL DATE\_EDITE

## Distribution Information

### DISTRIBUTOR

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

##### CONTACT ORGANIZATION PRIMARY

CONTACT ORGANIZATION Geographic Names Project, U.S. Geological Survey

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RESOURCE DESCRIPTION Document of Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) Metadata data

### DISTRIBUTION LIABILITY

Although these data have been processed successfully on a computer system at the U.S. Geological Survey, no warranty expressed or implied is made by the USGS regarding the utility of the data on any other system, nor shall the act of distribution constitute any such warranty. The Geological Survey will warrant the delivery of this product in computer-readable format.

### STANDARD ORDER PROCESS

#### DIGITAL FORM

##### DIGITAL TRANSFER INFORMATION

FORMAT NAME HTML.

FORMAT INFORMATION CONTENT

All GNIS data may be queried, displayed, and/or printed from the public web site

TRANSFER SIZE 5.015

##### DIGITAL TRANSFER OPTION

ONLINE OPTION

COMPUTER CONTACT INFORMATION

NETWORK ADDRESS

NETWORK RESOURCE NAME <http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic>

FEES None

### STANDARD ORDER PROCESS

#### DIGITAL FORM

##### DIGITAL TRANSFER INFORMATION

FORMAT NAME ASCII.

FORMAT INFORMATION CONTENT

Datasets of under 2000 records may be queried and displayed from the public web site and downloaded

TRANSFER SIZE 5.015

##### DIGITAL TRANSFER OPTION

ONLINE OPTION

COMPUTER CONTACT INFORMATION

NETWORK ADDRESS

NETWORK RESOURCE NAME <http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic>

FEES None

## STANDARD ORDER PROCESS

### DIGITAL FORM

DIGITAL TRANSFER INFORMATION  
FORMAT NAME Arc SDE.

#### FORMAT INFORMATION CONTENT

Primary attributes are available from the names layers served through an ESRI ArcGIS web map service. The following are instructions for access by ESRI ArcMap. For other tools, please adjust accordingly. 1) Click Add Data, 2) expand drop-down to GIS Servers, 3) select Add WMS Server, 4) enter the following full URL, 5) click Get Layers, then click OK, (The service is added to the list of available servers), 6) select service if not already highlighted, 7) click Add, 8) select the service again in pop up box, 9) click Add. The layers should appear in the ArcMap table of contents. No data will appear until you zoom in far enough over continental the US. The layers display at varying resolutions. See these same layers in The National Map viewer under the Names category in the layer list. The names layers do not include all attributes. Customized files of large data sets also can be provided on request in most standard formats including shape files. The data is presented in format Arc SDE.

TRANSFER SIZE 5.015

#### DIGITAL TRANSFER OPTION

##### ONLINE OPTION

##### COMPUTER CONTACT INFORMATION

##### NETWORK ADDRESS

##### NETWORK RESOURCE NAME

<http://services.nationalmap.gov/ArcGIS/services/geonames/MapServer/WMSServer>

FEES None

## STANDARD ORDER PROCESS

### DIGITAL FORM

DIGITAL TRANSFER INFORMATION  
FORMAT NAME XML.

#### FORMAT INFORMATION CONTENT

Primary attributes are available from the GNIS XML service. Instructions: Insert desired parameter value(s) in single quotes following the equals sign. Do not change or delete unused parameters. Parameter definitions: fname = feature name. (Exact match. Not case sensitive.) state = state name. (Exact match. Case sensitive.) cnty = county name. (Exact match. Not case sensitive.) cell = USGS standard topographic map name. (Exact match. Not case sensitive.) ftype = feature type (class). See the GNIS public query page (<http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic/>). The pick list for feature class contains the values. Note that the value (populated place) in the pick list is abbreviated (ppl) in the data. See question 14, How can I acquire GNIS data?, of our FAQ (<http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/faqs.htm>) for more details and sample URLs. As currently implemented, it is for relatively small data set queries not for mass downloads. It does not include all attributes. Customized files of large data sets also can be provided on request in most standard formats. The data is presented in format XML.

TRANSFER SIZE 5.015

#### DIGITAL TRANSFER OPTION

##### ONLINE OPTION

##### COMPUTER CONTACT INFORMATION

##### NETWORK ADDRESS

##### NETWORK RESOURCE NAME

<http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnis/x?fname=&state=&cnty=&cell=&ftype=>

FEES None

## STANDARD ORDER PROCESS

### DIGITAL FORM

DIGITAL TRANSFER INFORMATION  
FORMAT NAME ASCII.

#### FORMAT INFORMATION CONTENT

Data extract files for States and territories are available for download via web browser. Topical extracts of the data base are also available: the U.S. Populated Places File lists information about all communities throughout the United States that are described in the database; the U.S. Concise

File lists information about major physical and cultural features throughout the United States that are described in the database; the Historical Features File lists information about features which are no longer in existence and/or no longer serve their original purpose; the All Names File lists all names, both official and nonofficial (variant), for all features in the nation; and the Antarctica File contains entries throughout the continent of Antarctica as approved for use by the United States Government. The data is presented in format ASCII, UTF-8, or UTF-16.  
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Custom data sets may be requested in most standard formats including ASCII, UTF-8, UTF-16, shape, .xls, and Oracle extract. Contact [gnis\\_manager@usgs.gov](mailto:gnis_manager@usgs.gov)

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