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**Announcing the Standard for**

**CODES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE  
STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE  
OUTLYING AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND  
ASSOCIATED AREAS**

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1. **Name of Standard.** Codes for the Identification of the States, the District of Columbia and the Outlying Areas of the United States, and Associated Areas.
2. **Category of Standard.** Data Standards and Guidelines; Representations and Codes.
3. **Explanation.** This standard provides a set of two-digit numeric codes and a set of two-letter alphabetic codes for representing the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the outlying areas of the United States, and associated areas. The standard covers all land areas under the sovereignty of the United States, the freely associated states of Federated States of Micronesia and Marshall Islands, and the trust territory of Palau. This revision supersedes FIPS PUB 5-1 in its entirety.
4. **Approving Authority.** The Secretary of Commerce.
5. **Maintenance Agency.** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (Geography Division). Inquiries concerning the technical content of this standard should be addressed to:

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7. *Office of the Chief*
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#### 10. **Cross Index.**

- a. American National Standard ANSI X3.38-1972, Identification of States of the United States (including the District of Columbia) for Information Interchange.
- b. American National Standard ANSI Z39.27-1984, Structure for the Representation of Names of Countries, Dependencies, and Areas of Special-Sovereignty for Information Interchange.
- c. International Standard ISO 3166-1981, Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries, a standard of the International Organization for Standardization.
- d. Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS PUB) 104-1, American National Standard Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries, Dependencies, and Areas of Special Sovereignty.
- e. U.S. Postal Service Publication 65, National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory, 1987 Edition.

11. **Objectives.** The objectives of this standard are to improve the utilization of data resources of the Federal Government and avoid unnecessary duplications and incompatibilities in the collection, processing, and dissemination of data.
12. **Applicability.** This Federal general data element and representation standard is made available for data interchange among departments and independent agencies, and for Federal data interchange with the non-Federal sector, including industry, State, local and other governments, and the public at large.
13. **Implementation Schedule.** The specifications herein may be used upon publication. Use by Federal agencies is encouraged when such use contributes to operational benefits, efficiency or economy.
14. **Specifications.** Federal Information Processing Standard 5-2 (FIPS PUB 5-2), Codes for the Identification of the States, the District of Columbia and the Outlying Areas of the United States, and Associated Areas (affixed).
15. **Where to Obtain Copies.** Copies of this publication are available for sale by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161. When ordering, please refer to Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 5-2 (FIPSPUB5-2) and title. When microfiche is desired, this should be specified. Copies of ANSI X3.38-1972, ANSI Z39.27-

1984, and ISO 3166-1981 may be obtained from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

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**Specifications for**

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**Table 1: FIPS State Codes for the States and the District of Columbia** This table provides the two-digit FIPS State Numeric Code and the two-letter FIPS State Alpha Code for each State and the District of Columbia. Both code sets are unchanged from the representations of Table 1 of FIPS PUB 5-1. The FIPS State Alpha Code is identical to the two-letter U.S. Postal Service (USPS) abbreviation for each entity listed in this table.

**Table 2: FIPS State Codes for the Outlying Areas of the United States, the Freely Associated States, and Trust Territory** This table provides the two-digit FIPS State Numeric Code and the two-letter FIPS State Alpha Code for each outlying area, for the freely associated states of Federated States of Micronesia and Marshall Islands, and or the trust territory of Palau. The latter three entities replace the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Northern Mariana Islands is now under U.S. sovereignty. FIPS State Numeric Codes for American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands of the United States are identical to those shown in FIPS PUB 5-1 for those areas. New FIPS State Numeric Codes have been assigned to Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Palau, and U.S. Minor Outlying Islands.

The areas listed in Table 2 and their assigned FIPS State Alpha Codes are identical to the U.S. outlying and associated areas and corresponding two-letter codes specified in ISO 3166-1981, as updated. This international standard has

been adopted as a national voluntary standard in the United States under ANSI Z39.27-1984, and has been implemented through FIPS PUB 104-1.

FIPS State Alpha Codes for the outlying and associated areas are not identical in every case to the two-letter USPS abbreviations for the same entities. USPS abbreviations are recommended for use only in connection with addresses for mail to be delivered by the USPS, and may be found in the most recent edition of USPS Publication 65, National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

**Table 3: FIPS State Numeric Codes for the Individual Minor Outlying Island Territories** This table provides the two-digit FIPS State Numeric Codes of FIPS PUB 5-1 for the individual island territories which form the aggregate entity U.S. Minor Outlying Islands. A FIPS State Numeric Code in this table should be used only when an individual territory must be uniquely identified, and a field for the FIPS County Code is not available to be used in combination with the FIPS State Code for U.S. Minor Outlying Islands (74 or UM). A FIPS County Code for each territory is specified in FIPS PUB 6-3.



**Table 1**  
**FIPS State Codes for the States and the District of Columbia**

Name	FIPS State Numeric Code	FIPS State Alpha Code	Name	FIPS State Numeric Code	FIPS State Alpha Code
Alabama	01	AL	Missouri	29	MO
Alaska	02	AK	Montana	30	MT
Arizona	04	AZ	Nebraska	31	NE
Arkansas	05	AR	Nevada	32	NV
California	06	CA	New Hampshire	33	NH
Colorado	08	CO	New Jersey	34	NJ

Connecticut	09	CT	New Mexico	35	NM
Delaware	10	DE	New York	36	NY
District of Columbia	11	DC	North Carolina	37	NC
Florida	12	FL	North Dakota	38	ND
Georgia	13	GA	Ohio	39	OH
Oklahoma	40	OK	Oregon	41	OR
Hawaii	15	HI	Pennsylvania	42	PA
Idaho	16	ID	Rhode Island	44	RI
Illinois	17	IL	South Carolina	45	SC
Indiana	18	IN	South Dakota	46	SD
Iowa	19	IA	Tennessee	47	TN
Kansas	20	KS	Texas	48	TX
Kentucky	21	KY	Utah	49	UT
Louisiana	22	LA	Vermont	50	VT
Maine	23	ME	Virginia	51	VA
Maryland	24	MD	Washington	53	WA
Massachusetts	25	MA	West Virginia	54	WV
Michigan	26	MI	Wisconsin	55	WI
Minnesota	27	MN	Wyoming	56	WY
Mississippi	28	MS			

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**Table 2**  
**FIPS State Codes for the Outlying Areas of the United States,**  
**the Freely Associated States, and Trust Territory**

Area Name	FIPS State Numeric Code	FIPS State Numeric Code	Status
American Samoa	60	AS	1

Federated States of Micronesia	64	FM	3
Guam	66	GU	1
Marshall Islands	68	MH	3
Northern Mariana Islands	69	MP	1
Palau	70	PW	4
Puerto Rico	72	PR	1
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U.S. Minor Outlying Islands	74	UM	2
Virgin Islands of the U.S.	78	VI	1

Status:

1. Under U.S. sovereignty.
2. An aggregation of nine U.S. territories: Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Islands, Navassa Island. Palmyra Atoll. and Wake Island. Each territory is assigned a FIPS County Code in FIPS PUB 6-3, and may be individually identified through a combination of the FIPS State Code (74 or UM) and the appropriate FIPS County Code.
3. A Compact of Free Association with the United States of America is now in full force. It was announced by Presidential proclamation on November 3, 1986.
4. Remains a trust territory.

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**Table 3**  
**FIPS State Numeric Codes for the**  
**Individual**

## Minor Outlying Island Territories

Area Name	FIPS State Numeric Code
Baker Island	81
Howland Island	84
Jarvis Island	86
Johnston Atoll	67
Kingman Reef	89
Midway Islands	71
Navassa Island	76
Palmyra Atoll	95
Wake Island	79

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## Foreword

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## Abstract

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**U.S. Postal Service to Adopt Outlying Area Codes**

The U. S. Postal Service has announced in its Postal Bulletin PB 21635, dated September 3, 1987 that, effective January 1, 1988, it will adopt as official abbreviations the two-letter FIPS State Alpha Codes in Table 2 for Federated States Of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, and Palau. The U.S. Postal Service already uses the corresponding FIPS State Alpha Codes in Table 2 as official abbreviations for American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands of the U.S.

**Specific Changes**

Page 1; paragraph 6e. Change 1987 to 1988.

Page 3; delete last paragraph under Table 2. Replace with the following:

Effective January 1, 1988, the FIPS State Alpha Code for each area in Table 2 except U.S. Minor Outlying Islands is identical to the U. S. Postal Service abbreviation for that area. The U.S. Postal Service does not employ the term U.S. Minor Outlying Islands, as mail for any of these islands is routed indirectly.