

# Geocode Types

**Geocodes** are identifiers for a place. This table lists each geocode available for Places. If you need a type that isn't on this list, contact [mandala@virginia.edu](mailto:mandala@virginia.edu) so we can add the code type you need.

You can find codes for your area by sorting the table by **Region**.

Value	Definition	Region
Postal Code	A postal code (as assigned by a government) for an area. Use this regardless of the terminology used by the government. Use the specific "zip code" geocode type for US postal codes.	Global
Zip Code	The official postal code assigned to districts by the US government. Zip Codes are included in addresses for mail delivery. They are all numerical and five digits in length.	United States
ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2	Two-letter country codes published by the International Organization of Standardization. <a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a>  <a href="#">Find a code.</a>	Global
ISO 3166-1 Alpha-3	Three-letter country codes published by the International Organization of Standardization. <a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a>  <a href="#">Find a code.</a>	Global
ISO 3166-1 Numeric	Three-digit country codes published by the International Organization of Standardization. <a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a>  <a href="#">Find a code.</a>	Global
GB Code	Guobiao codes are official geocodes assigned to administrative units in contemporary China by the Chinese government. <a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a>  <a href="#">Find a code.</a>	China
TBRC Geocode	Codes used by the <a href="#">Buddhist Digital Resource Center</a> (formerly Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center) for places.	Global
Bellezza Site ID	The <a href="#">Tibetan and Himalayan Library</a> (THL) uses this code.	
Royal Government Of Bhutan Code	The <a href="#">Tibetan and Himalayan Library</a> (THL) uses this code.	Bhutan
THL Extended GB Code	The <a href="#">Tibetan and Himalayan Library</a> (THL) uses these codes. They are based upon the Chinese government GB codes, but have four additional digits at the end, for ten digits total. THL has added these additional digits.	China

GB Code - Ryavec	<p>The <a href="#">Tibetan and Himalayan Library</a> (THL) uses this code. There are two types, both developed by Karl Ryavec:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8-digit extended IDs for townships. These are made up of the 6-digit Guobiao county code, followed by a 2-digit code for townships in that county. (Karl Ryavec assigned numbers from 01-99 to township-level features in counties. These apply to the GIS coverages he provided to THL in September 2000).</li> <li>• 9-digit extended ID for monasteries. These are made up of a 6-digit GB county code, followed by a 3-digit code for each monastery in that county. (Karl Ryavec assigned a number from 001-999 to monasteries in each county. These were in data he provided to THL in 2009.)</li> </ul>	China (Tibet)
Aufschnaiter Lhasa Map ID	The <a href="#">Tibetan and Himalayan Library</a> (THL) uses this code.	Lhasa
Tibet Heritage Fund Lhasa Building ID	Codes used by the <a href="#">Tibetan Heritage Fund</a> to identify important buildings in Lhasa. <a href="#">Learn more about the code.</a> <a href="#">Find a code.</a>	Lhasa
Lhasa Atlas ID	The <a href="#">Tibetan and Himalayan Library</a> (THL) uses this code.	Lhasa
FlashMap ID	Project-specific geocode. This code stores the FlashMap ID from Sera, Drepung, Meru Nyingpa, Barkhor, Lhasa Neighborhoods, TU map, and UVa map (and any other FlashMaps). This data doesn't show up in public view.	-
US 2-Character State FIPS Code	Two-letter alphabetical and numerical codes to identify US states. The US government no longer uses it. <a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a> <a href="#">Find a code.</a>	United States
US 8-Character National Standard ANSI Code	<a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a>	United States
Official United States Postal Service State Abbreviations	Abbreviations used by USPS for states. These codes are used in mailing addresses. <a href="#">Find a code.</a>	United States
US 2-Character 113th Congressional District FIPS Code	<a href="#">Find a code.</a>	United States
US Geographic ID	<a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a>	United States
US AFF Summary Level Code	Codes used by American FactFinder, the United States Census Bureau website for data distribution. <a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a>	United States

US 3- Character County FIPS Code	<a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a>	United States
US 8- Character National Standard ANSI Code	<a href="#">Learn more about this code.</a>	United States