README for "Airports 1995-Present" dataset.
Federal Aviation Administration(FAA); U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)[distributor]
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LINKS TO DATASET

A. Dataset archive link:
   https://doi.org/10.21949/1520795

SUMMARY OF DATASET

The Airports dataset is as of June 20, 2019 and is from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)/Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS') National Transportation Atlas Database (NTAD). The Airports dataset includes all official and operational aerodromes and is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)/Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) National Transportation Atlas Database (NTAD). The Airports database is a geographic point database of official operational aerodromes in the United States and U.S. Territories. Attribute data is provided on the physical and operational characteristics of the aerodrome, current usage including enplanements and aircraft operations, congestion levels and usage categories. This geospatial data is derived from the FAA's National Airspace System Resource Aeronautical Data Product.

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION
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0. Title of Dataset:
   Airports 1995-Present [datasets]

1. Description of Dataset:
     National Transportation Atlas Database (NTAD).The Airports dataset includes all official and
     operational aerodromes and is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)/Bureau of
     Transportation Statistics (BTS) National Transportation Atlas Database (NTAD). The Airports database
     is a geographic point database of official operational aerodromes in the United States and U.S.
     Territories. Attribute data is provided on the physical and operational characteristics of the aerodrome,
     current usage including enplanements and aircraft operations, congestion levels and usage categories.
     This geospatial data is derived from the FAA's National Airspace System Resource Aeronautical Data
     Product.

2. Dataset archive link:
     https://doi.org/10.21949/1520795

3. Authorship Information:
   Principal Data Creator or Data Manager Contact Information
        Institution: Federal Aviation Administration(FAA)
        Address: 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20032
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   Data Distributor Contact Information
        Name: National Transportation Atlas Database (NTAD)
        Institution: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), The Office of
        Spatial Analysis and Visualization (OSAV)
        Address: 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington D.C. 20590
        Email: ntad@dot.gov

4. Date of data collection and update interval:
   Annually

5. Geographic location of data collection:
   United States of America.

6. Information about funding sources that supported the collection of the data:
   U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

B. SHARING/ACCESS & POLICIES INFORMATION
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0. Recommended citation for the data:
   Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation
   Statistics [distributor]. (2021). Airports 1995-Present [datasets]. https://doi.org/10.21949/1520795.

1. Licenses/restrictions placed on the data:
   These data are in the Public Domain.

2. Was data derived from another source?:
   No.

3. This dataset and its documentation was created and shared to meet the requirements enumerated in the U.S.
Federally-Funded Scientific Research" Version 1.1 << https://doi.org/10.21949/1520559 >> and guidelines
suggested by the DOT Public Access website << https://doi.org/10.21949/1503647 >>, in effect and current as
of December 03, 2020.

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C. DATA & RELATED FILE OVERVIEW
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1. File List for the bts_NTAD_Airports_Data_Package.zip collection

   A. Filename:
    airport_XXXX.zip
      Short description:
      Compressed file folders containing the geospatial data for Airports 1995-Present dataset.

   B. Filename:
    bts_Airports_DMP_20210311.pdf
      Short description:
      A PDF file containing the Data Management Plan that was created for current and future management of the data and associated files.

   C. Filename:
    bts_Airports_20210311_README.txt
      Short description:
      The README.txt file that includes human-readable information about the data, variable definitions, contact information, and other contextual information. The file you are reading now.

2. File List for the airport_XXXX.zip collection

   A. Filename:
    airport.shp
      Short description:
      A shapefile containing the geospatial data for Airports 1995-Present dataset. This includes associated files with extensions. .prj, .dbf, .sbn, .sbx, .shx.

   B. Filename:
    airport.txt
      Short description:
      A text file containing key metadata and documentation information such as methodology, procedures, data dictionary, etc.

D. METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION
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1. Description of methods used for collection/generation of data:
   N/A

2. Instrument- or software-specific information needed to interpret the data:
   The data and documentation files can be opened with Esri ArcMap and any GIS software package.

E. DATA-SPECIFIC INFORMATION
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1. XXXXXX data table
   Data is updated annually. Dataset Manager is contacted to verify changes to data resulting in NTAD update. The metadata is updated in the same manner. For the most recent data, please visit the NTAD catalog at https://data-usdot.opendata.arcgis.com/

A. Number of variables (columns):
   The data dictionary found in (.txt documentation) provides definitions for the variables

B. Data Dictionary/Variable List:
   Because of the large number of variables, please refer to the Data Dictionary found within the file airports.txt for names, definitions, and formats of variables.

C. Missing data codes:
   None

F. UPDATE LOG

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