

README for “Urbanized Area (FHWA) 1996-2005” dataset.

Federal Highways Administration (FHWA); U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Bureau of
Transportation Statistics (BTS)
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LINKS TO DATASET

A. ROSA-P archive dataset link (1996-2005):

<https://doi.org/10.21949/1520801>

SUMMARY OF DATASET

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

0. Title of Dataset:

Urbanized Area (FHWA) 1996-2005 [datasets]

1. Description of Dataset:

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2. Dataset archive link:

<https://doi.org/10.21949/1520801>

3. Authorship Information:

Principal Data Creator or Data Manager Contact Information
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Data Distributor Contact Information

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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

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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 Highways Administration (FHWA)

B. SHARING/ACCESS & POLICIES INFORMATION

0. Recommended citation for the data:

Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics [distributor]. (2021). Urbanized Area (FHWA) 1996-2005 [datasets].

<https://doi.org/10.21949/1520801>.

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.

C. DATA & RELATED FILE OVERVIEW

1. File List for the bts_NTAD_FHWA_UZA_Data_Package.zip collection

A. Filename:

bts_Urbanized Area (FHWA)_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.

B. Filename:

bts_Urbanized Area (FHWA)_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 fhwa_uza_XXXX.zip collection. Posted are the archived shapefiles, classified by vintage year (_XXXX). Datasets will be archived as they become available.

A. Filename:

fhwa_uza.shp

Short description:

A shapefile containing the geospatial data for Urbanized Area (FHWA) 1996-2005 dataset. This includes associated files with extensions .prj, .dbf, .sbn, .sbx, .shx.

B. Filename:

fhwa_uza.txt (or .met)

Short description:

A text file containing key metadata and documentation information such as methodology, procedures, data dictionary, etc.

D. METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

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 the original metadata (fhwa_uza.txt, fhwa_uza.met) provides definitions for the attributes.

B. Data Dictionary/Variable List:

Because of the large number of variables, please refer to the Data Dictionary found within the file Urbanized Area (FHWA).txt (or .met) for names, definitions, and formats of variables.

C. Missing data codes:

None

F. UPDATE LOG

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2023-09-15: Review and updates as needed

2023-10-16: Updating end year