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## City Center Points Documentation

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### Introduction:

The City Center Points (CCP) file consists of one record for each city name used in our Pro-ZIPCode Deluxe data. This file is to be used primarily for developing a locator product which allows lookups by city name. This file will give you a central point for each city, rather than a central point of a Zip Code that covers part of a city. It will make city lookups more precise.

This data requires a programmer to load it into a database and develop the program to access the data. **Note:** the data should be used in conjunction with our Pro-ZIPCode Deluxe with Latitude & Longitude add-on, plus the Multi-City Spellings data. This will handle situations such as misspelled or abbreviated city names. See the locator PDF file which is also included in this product for more details.

### Files:

Besides this documentation file, we provide another documentation file about locators, plus one data file. The demo version of this file, which has 100 records from the beginning of the file, is called, '**ccp-demo.csv**,' the full version of the data is called, '**ccp.csv**.'

**Note:** on 1/20/14 we added a new file, '**ccp-exclusive.csv**' which has only one city with the same name per state. What happens is there can be the same city name in multiple counties in a state. For instance, there's a Dallas, TX in our regular file listed in Collin County and another in Dallas County. The city that everyone would think of is in Dallas County, so our exclusive file would just include that record and not the one for Collin County. We include the place with the greatest population and exclude all other places with the same name for that state. We believe most of our clients will prefer the exclusive version.

### Data File Layout:

The data file is in a standard, comma-delimited format which makes it easy to load into databases. The first row contains field descriptions. The data fields are:

- State Abbreviation: the standard 2-character state abbreviation.
- County Name: this can be up to 30 characters long.



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- Place Name: this is the name for the city or town. It can also be up to 30 characters long.
- Latitude & Longitude: these are the coordinates for the place name. The longitude coordinates are negative, which is the proper way to denote locations west of the Grand Meridian.

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