



Multi-Area Code per ZIP Code Documentation

Multi-Area Codes

Introduction:

The Multi-Area Codes per ZIP Code file helps you verify possible area codes for a ZIP Code for landline phones. Telephone area codes are assigned to certain geographical areas and we map these to ZIP Codes. It's a very difficult process, since telephone area codes often cross ZIP Code, city and county boundaries.

In this product, we include all known area codes physically assigned to the area that a ZIP Code covers. This includes overlays, which are area codes that are usually assigned to the same geographical area as the primary area code, but sometimes they've covered more than one area code. For instance, 212 is the original area code for New York City, but now 646 also covers the same area.

Overlays were introduced when people started getting fax machines and then later cell phones. There were not enough numbers available for the original area code to handle, so area codes either get an overlay or an area code split (such as when Miami and Fort Lauderdale originally shared the 305 area code, Miami got to keep 305 while Fort Lauderdale had to change to 954).

File Layout:

The file name is mac-full.csv for the full version and mac-demo.csv for the demo file.

The file consists of a ZIP Code and an area code in a one-to-many relationship. There are over 53,400 records in the full version of the file (1,000 in the demo).

Here's some sample records:

ZIP Code	Area Code
01343	413
01344	351
01344	413
01344	978

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