

# County Data File Format

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The first record/line in a county data file contains a comma-delimited list of field descriptors. (The associated data dictionary provides information about these descriptors.) Since all field descriptors are character strings, each is enclosed in double quotes.

Each subsequent record/line in a county data file corresponds to a single county.

The fields in each record are comma-delimited. Missing values are simply omitted (leading to multiple consecutive delimiters, except at the end of a line). Character strings are enclosed in double quotes. The number of fields in each record/line (including the first) is the same.