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GEOGRAPHIC NAMES INFORMATION SYSTEM  
DATA USERS GUIDE

SUMMARY

The National Cartographic Information Center (NCIC) distributes digital cartographic/geographic data files produced by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) as part of the National Mapping Program. Digital cartographic data files may be grouped into four basic types. The Data Users Guide is designed to provide a description of the data in each of the data elements of the four data bases of the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). The Data Users Guide which is available for review in the display area is the result of the efforts of several people who contributed to the research, development and implementation of the GNIS.

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