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NOTES PL2020 GEOGRAPHIC-HEADER.txt

This file was extracted from the text in the Technical Documentation, then converted via some programming code to allow for enhancement. See Figure 2-4. GEOGRAPHIC HEADER RECORD at 2-1 et seq.

All field names for the HEADER RECORD are from the extraction phase.

Fields included in this dictionary file, by the order found in the record:

FIELD_GRP--Breaks into the groups detailed in the documentation [2]
FIELD_DESC--The full name of the Geo Header Field [1]
FIELD_NAME--The database name for the field (10-char maximum) [1]
FIELD_SIZE--Maximum field size
DATA_TYPE--Data type [1]
FIELD_TYPE--N for Numeric, C for Character (A/N) [2]

FIELD_LEN--same as FIELD_SIZE [2]
FIELD DEC--number of digits to the right of the decimal point, N/A [2]

Following the above fields are the summary level fields. These are flagged with an "X" if the database field is included for that Summary Level (SL).

Following all 85 SL fields are:

TF1--Transaction Flag: G for the name of the FIELD_GRP; otherwise Y NUMSL--the number of SLs for which the database field is applicable

Notes:

- [1] Field information is extracted directly from the documentation
- [2] The "FIELD" fields in this file are merely to assist in loading this file into a fixed field database structure.
- [3] All SL fields, e.g., from SL040 to SL970, were from the original text table, converted here for user review. Always check the documentation.
- [4] A handful of the header fields apply only to PR or VI; for example: SUBBARRIO for PR and ESTATE for VI.
- [5] Similarly, a handful of header fields apply only to AIA-ANA-HHL summary levels; for example: AIANHH.
- [6] Some header fields will not be filled in for the PL94 file; for example; Urban/Rural and some District codes.

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