



**FEDERAL INFORMATION  
PROCESSING STANDARDS PUBLICATION  
NOVEMBER 1, 1968**

**STATES OF THE  
UNITED STATES**

**FEDERAL GENERAL  
DATA STANDARD  
REPRESENTATIONS AND CODES**



**U.S. Department of Commerce/National Bureau of Standards**

## Foreword

The Federal Information Processing Standards Publication Series of the National Bureau of Standards is the official publication within the Federal Government for information relating to standards which are adopted and promulgated under the provisions of Public Law 89-306 and Bureau of the Budget Circular A-86 titled, Standardization of data elements and codes in data systems. These publications collectively constitute the FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING STANDARDS REGISTER.

The publications in this series are used to announce and maintain Federal Information Processing Standards. Also, these publications are issued to provide standards information of a general interest and a complete index of relevant standards publications and specifications.

Publications in this series which announce the adoption of standards provide necessary policy, administrative, and guidance information for their effective implementation and utilization. In most cases, a copy of the technical specifications of the standard are affixed to the announcing publication. When this is not possible, the source where copies of the standards specification can be obtained will be cited.

Suggestions for improvement which are gained by the use of Federal Information Processing Standards and Publications are welcomed. These should be addressed to the National Bureau of Standards, Center for Computer Sciences and Technology, Office for Information Processing Standards, Washington, D.C. 20234.

A. V. ASTIN, *Director*

**Federal Information  
Processing Standards Publication 5  
November 1, 1968**



ANNOUNCING THE STANDARD FOR  
**States of the United States**

Federal Information Processing Standards Publications are issued by the National Bureau of Standards under the direction of the Bureau of the Budget in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 89-306 and Bureau of the Budget Circular No. A-86.

**Name of Standard.** States of the United States (FIPS 5).

**Category of Standard.** Federal General Data Standard, Representations and Codes.

**Explanation.** This standard provides identification and codes for representing the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas, all of which are considered to be "first order subdivisions" of the United States.

**Approving Authority.** Bureau of the Budget.

**Maintenance Agency.** General Services Administration (Office of Administration).

**Cross Index.** None.

**Applicability.** This standard will be prescribed for the interchange of formatted machine sensible coded data between and among agencies. Use within agency data systems is encouraged when such use contributes to operational benefits, efficiency, or economy.

**Implementation Schedule.** This standard will become effective on January 1, 1970. Agencies may use this standard prior to that date by mutual agreement.

**Specifications.** Federal Information Processing Standard 5 (FIPS 5), States of the United States, November 1, 1968 (affixed).

**Qualifications.** None.

**Where to Obtain Copies of the Standard.**

a. Copies of this publication are for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Refer to Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 5. (Price 20 cents a copy.)

b. This publication may be copied and locally reproduced to meet agency requirements.

c. In the future, the State Names and Code as contained in the standard will be available in machine sensible form (cards and magnetic tapes). Details concerning this aspect will be announced in a future FIPS Publication.

Page 2 is blank.

**Federal Information  
Processing Standard 5**

November 1, 1968



SPECIFICATIONS FOR

**States of the United States**

**1. Name of Standard.** States of the United States.

**2. Category of Standard.** Federal General Data Standard, Representations and Codes.

**3. Explanation.** This standard provides identification and codes for representing the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas, all of which are considered to be "first order subdivisions" of the United States.

**4. Specifications.**

**TABLE 1. States of the United States (including the District of Columbia) with their assigned codes.**

Name	Code	Name	Code
ALABAMA	01	MISSOURI	29
ALASKA	02	MONTANA	30
ARIZONA	04	NEBRASKA	31
ARKANSAS	05	NEVADA	32
CALIFORNIA	06	NEW HAMPSHIRE	33
COLORADO	08	NEW JERSEY	34
CONNECTICUT	09	NEW MEXICO	35
DELAWARE	10	NEW YORK	36
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	11	NORTH CAROLINA	37
FLORIDA	12	NORTH DAKOTA	38
GEORGIA	13	OHIO	39
HAWAII	15	OKLAHOMA	40
IDAHO	16	OREGON	41
ILLINOIS	17	PENNSYLVANIA	42
INDIANA	18	RHODE ISLAND	44
IOWA	19	SOUTH CAROLINA	45
KANSAS	20	SOUTH DAKOTA	46
KENTUCKY	21	TENNESSEE	47
LOUISIANA	22	TEXAS	48
MAINE	23	UTAH	49
MARYLAND	24	VERMONT	50
MASSACHUSETTS	25	VIRGINIA	51
MICHIGAN	26	WASHINGTON	53
MINNESOTA	27	WEST VIRGINIA	54
MISSISSIPPI	28	WISCONSIN	55
		WYOMING	56

Note: The following codes are reserved for possible future use in identifying American Samoa (03), Canal Zone (07), Guam (14), Puerto Rico (43), and Virgin Islands (52).

TABLE 2. Outlying areas of the United States with their assigned codes.

Name	Code	Notes
AMERICAN SAMOA	60	Territory in the Pacific.
CANAL ZONE	61	Territory Leased by the United States.
CANTON AND ENDERBURY ISLANDS	62	Pacific Islands under joint U.S.-U.K. administration.
CAROLINE ISLANDS	63	Part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (U.S. administered). Includes Eauripik, Faraulep, Ifalik, Kapingamarangi, Namonuito, Ngatik, Ngulu, Nukuoro, Oroluk, Pingelap, Pulap, Puluwat, Ulithi, West Fayu, and Woleai atolls; Hall Mortlock, Palau, Senyavin, Sonsorol, Truk, and Yap island groups; and Angaur, Babelthuap, Fais, Gaferut, Helen, Kusaie, Merir, Peleliu, Ponape, Pulo Anna, Pulusak, Satawal, and Tobi Islands.
COOK ISLANDS	64	That portion of the Cook Islands claimed by the United States; namely, Danger, Manahiki, Penrhyn, and Rakahanga atolls.
GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS	65	That portion of the Gilbert & Ellice Islands claimed by the United States; namely, Christmas (Line); Funafuti, Nukufetau, Nukulaillai and Nurakita (Ellice); and Birnie, Gardner, Hull, McKean, Phoenix, and Sydney (Phoenix).
GUAM	66	U.S. territory in the Pacific.
JOHNSTON ATOLL	67	U.S. territory in the Pacific. Includes Sand Island.
LINE ISLANDS-SOUTHERN	68	That portion of the Line Islands claimed by the United States; namely, Caroline, Flint, Malden, Starbuck, and Vostok Islands.
MARIANA ISLANDS	69	Part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (U.S. administered) Includes Agrihan, Aguijan, Alamagan, Anatahan, Asuncion, Farallon de Medinilla, Farallon de Pajaros, Guguan, Pagan, Rota, Saipan, Sarigan, Tinian, and the Maug Islands. Excludes Guam.
MARSHALL ISLANDS	70	Part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. (U.S. administered) Includes the Ralik and Ratak chains; Ailinglapalap, Arno, Bikini, Ebon, Eniwetok Jaluit, Kwajalein, Majuro, Maloelap, Mili, Namorik, Rongelap, Taongi, Ujelang, Utirik, and Wotje atolls; and Kili Islands.
MIDWAY ISLANDS	71	U.S. territory in the Pacific.
PUERTO RICO	72	Commonwealth associated with the United States.
RYUKYU ISLANDS-SOUTHERN	73	U.S. administered islands in the Pacific south of 27° North Latitude. Includes Tori-Shima (27° 52' No. Lat.; 128° 14' E. Long.) and the Daito-Jima.
SWAN ISLANDS	74	U.S. territory in the Caribbean.
TOKELAU ISLANDS	75	That portion of the Tokelau Islands claimed by the United States; namely, Atafu, Fakaofu, and Nukunono.
U.S. MISC. CARIBBEAN	76	Includes Navassa Island, Quito Sueno Bank, Roncador Cay, Serrana Bank and Serranilla Bank.
U.S. MISC. PACIFIC ISLANDS	77	Includes Kingman Reef, Howland, Baker and Jarvis Islands, and Palmyra Atoll.
VIRGIN ISLANDS	78	U.S. territory in the Caribbean.
WAKE ISLAND	79	U.S. territory in the Pacific.

5. Qualifications. None.

## NBS TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

### PERIODICALS

**JOURNAL OF RESEARCH** reports National Bureau of Standards research and development in physics, mathematics, chemistry, and engineering. Comprehensive scientific papers give complete details of the work, including laboratory data, experimental procedures, and theoretical and mathematical analyses. Illustrated with photographs, drawings, and charts.

*Published in three sections, available separately:*

#### ● Physics and Chemistry

Papers of interest primarily to scientists working in these fields. This section covers a broad range of physical and chemical research, with major emphasis on standards of physical measurement, fundamental constants, and properties of matter. Issued six times a year. Annual subscription: Domestic, \$6.00; foreign, \$7.25\*.

#### ● Mathematical Sciences

Studies and compilations designed mainly for the mathematician and theoretical physicist. Topics in mathematical statistics, theory of experiment design, numerical analysis, theoretical physics and chemistry, logical design and programming of computers and computer systems. Short numerical tables. Issued quarterly. Annual subscription: Domestic, \$2.25; foreign, \$2.75\*.

#### ● Engineering and Instrumentation

Reporting results of interest chiefly to the engineer and the applied scientist. This section includes many of the new developments in instrumentation resulting from the Bureau's work in physical measurement, data processing, and development of test methods. It will also cover some of the work in acoustics, applied mechanics, building research, and cryogenic engineering. Issued quarterly. Annual subscription: Domestic, \$2.75; foreign, \$3.50\*.

### TECHNICAL NEWS BULLETIN

The best single source of information concerning the Bureau's research, developmental, cooperative and publication activities, this monthly publication is designed for the industry-oriented individual whose daily work involves intimate contact with science and technology—for engineers, chemists, physicists, research managers, product-development managers, and company executives. Annual subscription: Domestic, \$3.00; foreign, \$4.00\*.

\*Difference in price is due to extra cost of foreign mailing.

Order NBS publications from:

Superintendent of Documents  
Government Printing Office  
Washington, D.C. 20402

### NONPERIODICALS

**Applied Mathematics Series.** Mathematical tables, manuals, and studies.

**Building Science Series.** Research results, test methods, and performance criteria of building materials, components, systems, and structures.

**Handbooks.** Recommended codes of engineering and industrial practice (including safety codes) developed in cooperation with interested industries, professional organizations, and regulatory bodies.

**Special Publications.** Proceedings of NBS conferences, bibliographies, annual reports, wall charts, pamphlets, etc.

**Monographs.** Major contributions to the technical literature on various subjects related to the Bureau's scientific and technical activities.

**National Standard Reference Data Series.** NSRDS provides quantitative data on the physical and chemical properties of materials, compiled from the world's literature and critically evaluated.

**Product Standards.** Provide requirements for sizes, types, quality and methods for testing various industrial products. These standards are developed cooperatively with interested Government and industry groups and provide the basis for common understanding of product characteristics for both buyers and sellers. Their use is voluntary.

**Technical Notes.** This series consists of communications and reports (covering both other agency and NBS-sponsored work) of limited or transitory interest.

**Federal Information Processing Standards Publications.** This series is the official publication within the Federal Government for information on standards adopted and promulgated under the Public Law 89-306, and Bureau of the Budget Circular A-86 entitled, Standardization of Data Elements and Codes in Data Systems.

### CLEARINGHOUSE

The Clearinghouse for Federal Scientific and Technical Information, operated by NBS, supplies unclassified information related to Government-generated science and technology in defense, space, atomic energy, and other national programs. For further information on Clearinghouse services, write:

Clearinghouse  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Springfield, Virginia 22151

## Announcing—The Federal Information Processing Standards Publications Series

Each of the publications of this series carries the short identifier FIPS PUB.  
At the time of this publication the following FIPS PUBS have been issued:

- FIPS PUB 0. General Description of the FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING STANDARDS REGISTER. 20 cents.
- \*FIPS PUB 1. Code for Information Interchange, (Hardware Standard, Interchange codes and media). 10 cents.
- \*FIPS PUB 2. Perforated Tape Code for Information Interchange, (Hardware Standard, Interchange codes and media). 10 cents.
- \*FIPS PUB 3. Recorded Magnetic Tape for Information Interchange (800 CPI, NRZI), (Hardware Standard, Interchange codes and media). 10 cents.
- FIPS PUB 4. Calendar Date, (Federal General Data Standard, Representations and codes). 20 cents.
- FIPS PUB 5. States of the United States, (Federal General Data Standard, Representations and codes). 20 cents.
- FIPS PUB 6. Counties of the States of the United States, (Federal General Data Standard, Representations and codes). 40 cents.

### How to Purchase

Send orders with remittance to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. There is a 25 percent discount on quantities of 100 or more. The FIPS PUBS noted with an asterisk (\*) provide only policy, administrative, and guidance information relative to the implementation and utilization of the standards. The technical specifications of the standards (identified as FIPS 1, 2, 3) can be obtained from the following sources: (1) Federal Government activities should obtain copies from established sources within their organizations. If not available, purchase orders should be submitted to the General Services Administration, Specifications Activity, Printed Materials Supply Division, Building 197, Naval Weapons Plant, Washington, D.C. 20402. Refer to FIPS 1 (40 cents), FIPS 2 (45 cents) and FIPS 3 (70 cents). (2) All others should obtain copies from the United States of America Standards Institute, 10 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016. Refer to USA Standards X3.4-1968 (\$2.00), X3.6-1965 (\$1.50) and X3.22-1967 (\$2.50) for FIPS 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

A complete list of the publications issued in the FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING STANDARDS PUBLICATIONS series can be obtained by writing to the National Bureau of Standards, Office for Technical Information and Publications, Washington, D.C. 20234.

Notification of new publications in this series can be arranged by sending your name and mailing address (include Zip Code) to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Refer to Notification Key N-377.

Subscription service for new publications and supplements in the series is also available from the Superintendent of Documents for an indefinite period.