## Package ‘USAboundaries’

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**install_data_package**

`Install the USAboundariesData package after checking with the user`

**Description**

Install the USAboundariesData package after checking with the user

**Usage**

`install_data_package()`

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**states_contemporary_lores**

*U.S. state boundaries*

**Description**

The U.S. Census Bureau provides cartographic boundary files for current U.S. boundaries. This package has only the low-resolution contemporary state boundaries. Other census boundary files are provided by and documented in the USAboundariesData package.

**Usage**

`states_contemporary_lores`

**Format**

An object of class *sf* (inherits from *data.frame*) with 52 rows and 13 columns.
state_codes

See Also

For citations for the other Census boundary files provided by the USAboundariesData package, see the census_boundaries documentation in that package.

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state_codes

State codes and abbreviations for U.S. states and territories

Description

This data frame includes abbreviations and codes for states and territories in the United States. It is intended as a lookup table.

Usage

state_codes

Format

A data.frame with 69 rows and 4 variables:

- **state_name**  The state or territory name
- **state_abbr**  The two character abbreviation for the state or territory.
- **state_code**  A three digit numeric FIPS code for the state or territory.
- **jurisdiction_type**  One of state, territory, or district.

References


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state_plane

Projections from the State Plane Coordinate System

Description

Get EPSG codes or PROJ.4 codes for projections from the State Plane Coordinate System.

Usage

state_plane(state, plane_id = NULL, type = c("epsg", "proj4"))
Arguments

state  The postal code for the state.
plane_id  The state plane geographic zone identifier. A NULL value will return a projection for the entire state.
type  The type of output to return: either an EPSG code or PROJ4 string.

Value

Either a PROJ4 string as a character vector or an EPSG code as an integer.

See Also

For documentation of the underlying State Plane Coordinate System projection data frame, see `state_proj`.

Examples

```r
if (require(USAboundariesData)) {
  state_plane(state = "MA", type = "epsg")
  state_plane(state = "MA", type = "proj4")
  state_plane(state = "MA", plane_id = "island", type = "epsg")
  state_plane(state = "MA", plane_id = "island", type = "proj4")

  # Show the difference made by a state plane projection
  if (require(sf)) {
    va <- us_states(states = "VA", resolution = "high")
    plot(st_geometry(va), graticule = TRUE)
    va <- st_transform(va, state_plane("VA"))
    plot(st_geometry(va), graticule = TRUE)
  }
}
```

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`state_proj`  Data for projections from the State Plane Coordinate System

Description

This data frame includes state abbreviations, EPSG codes, and proj4 strings for projections from the State Plane Coordinate System.

Usage

`state_proj`
**Format**

A data frame with 123 rows and 5 variables:

- `state` The state or territory abbreviation.
- `zone` Name of the state plane zone.
- `epsg` The EPSG code for each state plane zone.
- `proj4_string` The PROJ4 string for the state plane projection.
- `statewide_proj` State plane zone for projecting the entire state.

**References**

State Plane Coordinate System

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**Description**

This package provides contemporary (2014) boundaries for states, counties, zip code tabulation areas, and congressional districts in the United States of America. This data is provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.

**Details**

This package also provides spatial objects with historical boundaries of states or counties in the United States of America from 1629 to 2000. It provides data from the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. The copyright to the historical data used in this package is owned by the Newberry Library, and it is included in the USAboundariesData package under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 2.5 Generic (CC BY-NC-SA 2.5) license.

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**Description**

This function is a general-purpose wrapper around the more specific functions in this package. It is provided for convenience and backward-compatibility with earlier versions of the package. In most cases you should use the more specific functions for the type of boundary that you need.
Usage

```r
us_boundaries(map_date = NULL, type = c("state", "county", "congressional"),
              resolution = c("low", "high"), states = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `map_date`: The date of the boundaries as some object coercible to a date with `as.Date()`. For state maps the date must be between 3 September 1783 and 31 December 2000; for county maps the date must be between 30 December 1636 and 31 December 2000. A NULL value will return contemporary boundaries. This value is ignored for types of boundaries other than states and counties.

- `type`: The type of the map, either `state`, `county`, or `congressional`.

- `resolution`: The resolution of the map. High resolution data is contained in the suggested package `USAboundariesData`. If that package is not available, you will be prompted to install it.

- `states`: A character vector of state or territory names. Only boundaries for these states/territories will be returned.

Value

An `sf` object.

See Also

`us_states`, `us_counties`, `us_congressional`

Examples

```r
if (require(USAboundariesData) && require(sf)) {
  map_states <- us_boundaries("1850-07-04")
  map_counties <- us_boundaries(as.Date("1850-07-04"), type = "county")
                   "Rhode Island", "Maine")
  map_ne <- us_boundaries("1943-02-12", states = new_england)
  map_congressional <- us_boundaries(type = "congressional",
                                      states = new_england)
  plot(st_geometry(map_states))
  plot(st_geometry(map_counties))
  plot(st_geometry(map_ne))
  plot(st_geometry(map_congressional))
}
```
Description

This function returns an sf object of cities (or populated places) with their populations and latitudes and longitudes. Population data is taken from the U.S. Census.

Usage

us_cities(map_date = NULL, states = NULL)

Arguments

map_date  If NULL, then city populations from the 2010 census (the most recent census) are returned. This parameter accepts a Date object or a character string coercible to a Date object, as well as numeric values representing a year. If a year or date is used, then city populations from the decennial census from 1790 to 2010 prior to that year is returned. For example, 1805 or "1805-07-04" would return city populations from the 1800 census.

states  A character vector of state or territory names or abbreviations. Only boundaries for those states/territories will be returned. If NULL, all boundaries will be returned.

References

The data was compiled by Erik Steiner and Jason Heppler at the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis, Stanford University. See their description of the data for a fuller accounting of how the data was gathered.

Examples

```r
if (require(USAboundariesData)) {
  us_cities(1805)
  us_cities("1828-05-08")
  us_cities()
}
```
us_congressional  Congressional district boundaries (contemporary)

**Description**

Get the current (2016) boundaries for U.S. Congressional districts.

**Usage**

```
us_congressional(resolution = c("low", "high"), states = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `resolution`  The resolution of the boundaries.
- `states`  A character vector of state or territory names. Only boundaries inside these states/territories will be returned. If `NULL`, all boundaries will be returned.

**Value**

An `sf` object.

**See Also**

For documentation of and citation to the underlying shapefiles for contemporary data from the U.S. Census Bureau, see the `census_boundaries` help file in the USAboundariesData package.

**Examples**

```
if (require(USAboundariesData) && require(sf)) {
  us_congressional <- us_congressional()
  va_congressional <- us_congressional(states = "Virginia", resolution = "high")
  plot(st_geometry(us_congressional))
  plot(st_geometry(va_congressional))
}
```

us_counties  County boundaries (contemporary and historical)

**Description**

Get the current (2016) boundaries for U.S counties from the U.S. Census Bureau, or get historical county boundaries for dates between 30 December 1636 and 31 December 2000.

**Usage**

```
us_counties(map_date = NULL, resolution = c("low", "high"), states = NULL)
```
Arguments

map_date The date of the boundaries as some object coercible to a date with as.Date(); the easiest option is a character vector following the ISO 8601 data format. If NULL (the default) the contemporary boundaries will be returned.

resolution The resolution of the map.

states A character vector of state or territory names or abbreviations. Only boundaries for those states/territories will be returned. If NULL, all boundaries will be returned.

Value

An sf object.

See Also

For documentation of and citation to the underlying shapefiles for contemporary data from the U.S. Census Bureau, see the census_boundaries help file in the USAboundariesData package. For documentation of and citation to the underlying shapefiles for historical data from the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries, see the ahcb_boundaries help file in the USAboundariesData package.

Examples

```r
if (require(USAboundariesData) && require(sf)) {
  contemporary_us <- us_counties()
  historical_us <- us_counties("1820-07-04")
  contemporary_ne <- us_counties(states = c("Massachusetts", "Vermont", "Maine",
                                          "New Hampshire", "Rhode Island",
                                          "Connecticut"))
  historical_ne <- us_counties("1803-04-28",
                              states = c("Massachusetts", "Vermont", "Maine",
                                          "New Hampshire", "Rhode Island",
                                          "Connecticut"),
                              resolution = "high")

  plot(st_geometry(contemporary_us))
  plot(st_geometry(historical_us))
  plot(st_geometry(contemporary_ne))
  plot(st_geometry(historical_ne))
}
```

us_states State boundaries (contemporary and historical)

Description

Get the current (2016) boundaries for U.S states from the U.S. Census Bureau, or get historical state boundaries for dates between 3 September 1783 and 31 December 2000.
Usage

us_states(map_date = NULL, resolution = c("low", "high"), states = NULL)

Arguments

map_date The date of the boundaries as some object coercible to a date with as.Date(); the easiest option is a character vector following the ISO 8601 data format. If NULL (the default) the contemporary boundaries will be returned.
resolution The resolution of the map.
states A character vector of state or territory names or abbreviations. Only boundaries for those states/territories will be returned. If NULL, all boundaries will be returned.

Value

An sf object.

See Also

For documentation of and citation to the underlying shapefiles for contemporary data from the U.S. Census Bureau, see census_boundaries documentation in the USAboundariesData package. For documentation of and citation to the underlying shapefiles for historical data from the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries, see the ahcb_boundaries documentation in the USAboundariesData package.

Examples

contemporary_us <- us_states()

if (require(USAboundariesData) && require(sf)) {
  historical_us <- us_states("1820-07-04")
  contemporary_ne <- us_states(states = c("Massachusetts", "Vermont", "Maine",
                                         "New Hampshire", "Rhode Island",
                                         "Connecticut"))
  historical_ne <- us_states(as.Date("1805-03-12"),
                              states = c("Massachusetts", "Vermont", "Maine",
                                       "New Hampshire", "Rhode Island",
                                       "Connecticut"),
                              resolution = "high")
  plot(st_geometry(contemporary_us))
  plot(st_geometry(historical_us))
  plot(st_geometry(contemporary_ne))
  plot(st_geometry(historical_ne))
}
Description

Get the current (2016) centroids for U.S Zipcode Tabulation Areas from the U.S. Census Bureau. The centroids were calculated from the ZCTA boundary files available on the U.S. Census Bureau website.

Usage

us_zipcodes()

Value

An sf object.

See Also

For documentation of and citation to the underlying shapefiles for contemporary data from the U.S. Census Bureau, see the census_boundaries documentation in the USAboundariesData package.

Examples

if (require(USAboundariesData)) {
  us_zipcodes()
}
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