

Definitions: Local General Purpose Governments

Counties: Organized local governments established to provide general government services; includes those governments designed as **counties**, **parishes** in Louisiana, and **boroughs** in Alaska.

Municipalities: Organized subcounty local governments established to provide general government services for a **specific concentration of population** in a defined area; includes those governments designated as **cities**, **villages**, **boroughs** (except in Alaska), and **towns** (except in the six New England states, Minnesota, New York, and Wisconsin)

Townships: Organized subcounty local governments established to provide general government services for areas defined **without regard to population concentration**; includes those governments designated as **towns** in the six New England states, Minnesota, New York, and Wisconsin and **townships** in other states.