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Place Name Changes in China? Why?

Changes of place names happen in China constantly particularly in the last 10 years.

- Jurisdiction is changed or abolished; merged, split; or
- Simply replaced by a new place name.

Verify Place Names, Why?

- Need to know the recent name for research;
- To consolidate resources gathered under the old and new names;
- Basic geographic resources may be outdated or do not include the new name;
- Information from Wiki and Baidu might not be reliable.

We Need the Most Accurate and Reliable Sources – Official Chinese Government Departments.

Search the Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China's National Administrative Division Information Search Platform

中华人民共和国民政部, [全国行政区划信息查询平台](http://xzqh.mca.gov.cn/)
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1. Search place name by administrative level or without specifying administrative level



2. Search changes of administrative divisions at or above the county level 县级以上行政区划变更情况: This is not a cumulative list but it has a report of each change by year and month.



3. Search the administrative divisions code lists (行政区划代码) The lists are updated monthly.

a) Above county level administration code 县级以上行政区划代码: Quick reference list of above county level place names and administrative codes. You can copy the list in a WORD file and add your own notes.

b) Changes in the administration divisions under the county level 县以下行政区划变更情况: Table of the recent month's changes which includes new name, reason of change, original administrative division code, new administrative code, and documentation number of approved changes.

2017年11月中华人民共和国县级以上行政区划代码					
行政区划代码	单位名称				
110000	北京市				
110101	东城区				
110102	西城区				
110105	朝阳区				
110106	丰台区				
110107	石景山区				
110108	海淀区				
110109	门头沟区				
110111	房山区				
110112	通州区				
110113	顺义区				
110114	昌平区				
110115	大兴区				
110116	怀柔区				
110117	密云区				

2017年中华人民共和国县以下行政区划变更情况 (11月份)						
序号	原代码	原名称	变更原因	现代码	现名称	批准文件
1	211104004	向海街道	名称变更	211104004	王家街道	盘政【2017】106号
2	211104005	前进街道	撤销街道			
3	210423004	北三家乡	撤乡设镇	210423002	北三家镇	辽政【2017】144号
4	230811005	望江口街道				
5	230811006	长善街道				
6	230811021	四季街道	撤销街道			佳政函【2016】194号
7	230811029	沿江街道				
8	230811030	江口街道				
9	320681100	虞山镇	撤销街道	320681004	虞山街道	
10			新设街道	320681005	琴川街道	苏府复【2017】63号
11				320681006	莫城街道	
12				320681007	常福街道	

Search the website of National Bureau of Statistics of the People's Republic of China 中华人民共和国国家统计局

Statistical and Urban-Rural Division Codes 统计用区划代码和城乡划分代码
<http://www.stats.gov.cn/tjsj/tjbz/tjyqhdmhcxhfdm/2016/index.html>

1. Place names and codes used by the National Bureau of Statistics for national statistics;
2. Updated annually;
3. Has links to the lower administrative level;
4. The list is grouped together by provinces, autonomous regions and municipality.
5. Each administrative level is further subdivided in
 - prefectural level,
 - county level,
 - township level.



Search for Under the County Level Administrative Divisions

1. Lower level places information can be found under the province's civil affairs department website;
2. Can use browser search to narrow down the search results on the Chinese Government websites by adding "site:gov.cn" at the end of your search. For example, "小四平镇site:gov.cn"

