

To get Census Blocks (2000) Data:

To get Shapefile:

1. http://www.esri.com/data/download/census2000_tigerline/index.html
2. Select State – Submit Selection
3. Select by Layer – Census Blocks 2000 – Submit Selection
4. Select All Counties/County – Proceed to Download
5. Download File
6. Unzip File
7. Unzip each County file
8. Add all Counties Shapefiles to the New Project in ArcMap
9. ArcToolbox – Data Management Tool – General – Append
10. Add all Counties except one to Input Features
11. Select one omitted class to Target Dataset - OK
12. ArcToolbox – Data Management Tool – General – Rename
13. Select Target Class from the previous operation as Input Data Element
14. Select Shapefile as Data Type
15. Specify Output Data Element (*e.g.*, CT_merged.shp)
16. ArcToolbox – Data Management Tools – Projections and Transformations – Define Projection
17. Select merged file (*e.g.*, CT_merged.shp) as Input Dataset
18. Select Coordinate System – Select – Geographic Coordinate Systems – North America – North American Datum 1927 – OK – OK
19. ArcToolbox – Data Management Tools – Projections and Transformations – Feature – Project
20. Select merged file (*e.g.*, CT_merged.shp) as Input Dataset
21. Browse to Output File location and give it a name (*e.g.*, CT_blocks00_sp83ft.shp)
22. Select Coordinate System – Select – Projected Coordinate Systems – State Plane – NAD 1983 (feet) – Chose needed area (*e.g.*, NAD 1983 State Plane Connecticut FIPS 0600 (Feet).prj) – OK
23. Set Transformation (use the Default one) – OK

To get Population Data:

1. http://www2.census.gov/census_2000/datasets/Summary_File_1/
2. Select State
3. Download the last file in the list – *State Abbreviation geo_ufl.zip* (e.g., ctgeo_ufl.zip) – Unzip
4. Rename file to the same name with the TXT extension (e.g., ctgeo.txt)
5. Download the Summary File 1 (SF1) Technical Documentation at <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf>
6. Print out pages 2-7 – 2-8
7. Create a new database file in Microsoft Access (e.g., ctgeo.mdb)
8. Select Create Table by Entering Data
9. File – Get External Data – Import – chose your text file (e.g., ctgeo.txt)
10. Chose Fixed with fields – Next
11. Place field break lines according to the field length numbers in the table on pages 2-7 – 2-8 from SF1 (Column #3 “Field Size”) (note that the starting position in the document begins at 1 while Access begins at 0) – Start with Record Codes and continue to POP100 – Next
12. Store Data in a New Table - Next
13. Enter field names from SF1 pages 2-7 – 2-8 – Only name to POP100
14. Let Access add primary key
15. Import to Table *State Abbreviation geo* (e.g., ctgeo.mdb) – Finish
16. Delete all records after POP100
17. File – Export – Save as *State Abbreviationgeo.dbf* (e.g., ctgeo.dbf) (save as type dBaseIV) – Export

To combine Shapefile and Database:

1. Add your projected shapefile (e.g., CT_blocks00_sp83ft.shp) in ArcMap Project.
2. Open Attribute Table associated with this shapefile
3. Add *State Abbreviationgeo.dbf* table (e.g., ctgeo.dbf) to ArcMap Project
Note: Check the Source Tab to see and work with the table.

4. Open this dBase Table – Options
5. Add Field to dBase Table called Block_Num (Block ID Number) – select Type Text
6. Highlight Block_Num field – Right click – Field Calculator – “State Block Number” (can be obtained from the Attribute Table of your merged reprojected .shp file, first 2 digits in column “Stfid” – must be the same along the whole column, *e.g.*, “09” for CT) +[County]+[Tract]+[Block] – OK
7. Save the dBase Table
8. ArcToolbox – Data Management Tools – Add Join: Layer Name - Shapefile (*e.g.* CT_blocks00_sp83ft.shp), Input Join Field – STFID, Join Table – dBase Table, Output Join Field – Block_Num
Note: uncheck Keep All
9. Open Attribute Table – Options – Add Field: PopBlock00, Long Integer
10. Right click on the new field – Field Calculator = dBaseTable.POP100 – OK
11. Right click on the Shapefile – Joins and Relates – Remove Join(s) – Remove All Joins
12. Open Attribute Table – Options – Add Field: Area_sqmi, Double
13. Right click on the new field – Calculate Geometry: Property – Area, Units – square miles
14. Open Attribute Table – Options – Add Field: PopDen, Double
15. Right click on the new field – Field Calculator = PopBlock00/Area_sqmi – OK