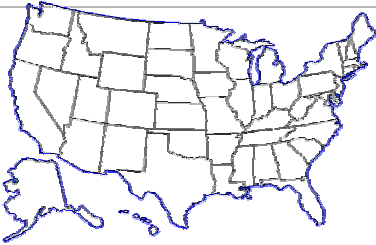


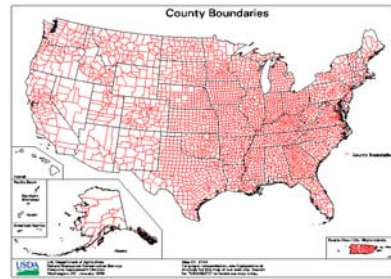
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50 States – too big for local analysis & coordination.



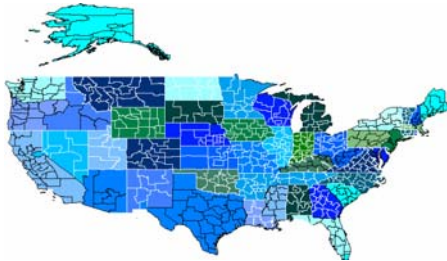
Attachment - State Standard Region FIPS Code for Single Layer National Coverage - Tom Christoffel, AICP, March 11, 2002 – Email: regional@shentel.net

## Counties – the basic U.S. cell structure - no standard aggregation for State and National analysis and coordination – a FIPS geo-code



## A scale just right? Sub-state Regions

Data could be easily aggregated by a State Standard FIPS code – as is already done in many states.

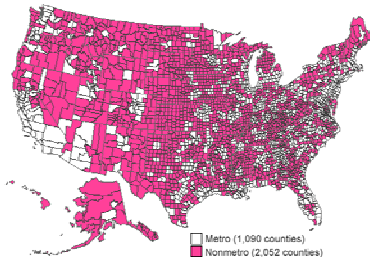


## Some are only concerned about the Metropolitan Areas - MSAs



## Consider how much land area & population is lost with just a Metro concentration

Nonmetropolitan and metropolitan counties, 2003

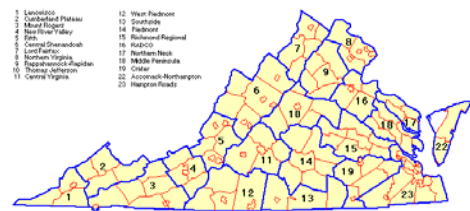


Source: Prepared by ERS using data from the Census Bureau.

## Example – Virginia Planning Districts - most States have a similar system for the basis of a FIPS Code to aggregate county data on a regional basis.

### Virginia's Planning Districts

- 1 Shenandoah
- 2 Piedmont Plateau
- 3 Blue Ridge
- 4 Shenandoah Valley
- 5 Potomac
- 6 Central Shenandoah
- 7 Loudoun
- 8 Northern Virginia
- 9 Washington Region
- 10 Northern Neck
- 11 Middle Peninsula
- 12 Eastern Neck
- 13 Western Piedmont
- 14 Southside
- 15 Piedmont
- 16 Richmond Regional
- 17 Northern Neck
- 18 Middle Peninsula
- 19 Greater
- 20 Accomack-Norfolk
- 21 Hampton Roads



Source: Virginia Center for Public Policy, Division of Virginia