

Major Trading Areas

The Major Trading Areas (MTAs) are based on the Rand McNally 1992 Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide, 123rd Edition, at pages 38-39, with the following exceptions and additions:

- * Alaska is separated from the Seattle MTA and is to be licensed separately.
- * Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands are to be licensed as a single MTA-like area.
- * Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands are to be licensed as a single MTA-like area.
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This shapefile is based on July 2009 FCC data.

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