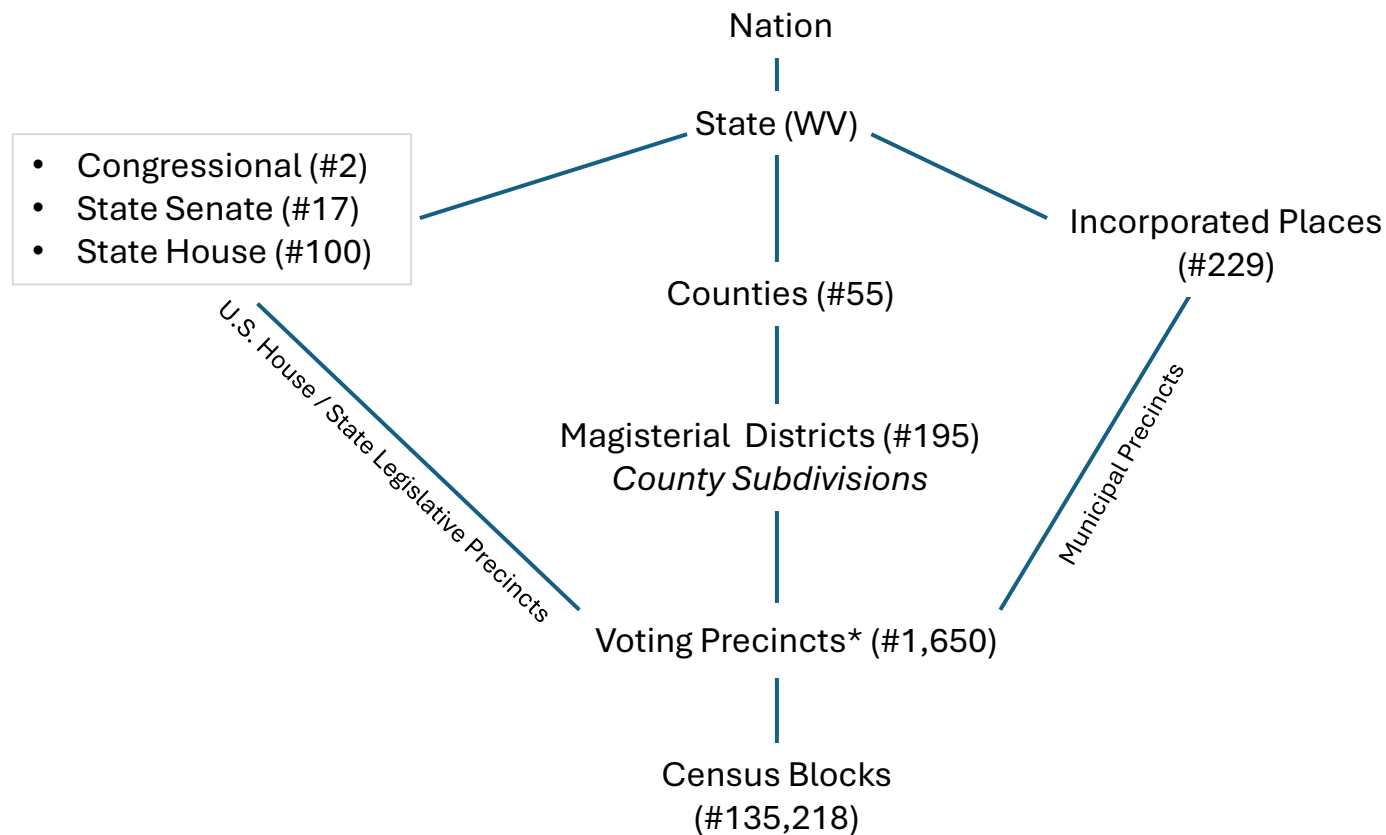


Census Geographic Hierarchy for West Virginia



West Virginia's nested geographic hierarchy establishes the framework for its elections and census data, proceeding top-down from the highest-level state boundary to the smallest unit census blocks. Decennial census blocks are generated from county/municipal legal boundaries, physical boundaries (roads, railroads, streams, ridges, etc.), and various electoral voting districts which may dynamically change over time.

* Voting Precincts must perfectly nest within Congressional/State Legislative Districts; precincts should nest within Magisterial Districts; and municipal precincts typically nest within larger Incorporated Places. Ideally, all decennial Census Blocks nest within Voting Precincts.