The complete set of codes that define the geographic structure for the BEA economic areas (EAs) is presented in a worksheet with 12 fields of information for each of 3,142 counties--the 3,141 counties enumerated in the 2000 census of population and Broomfield County, Colorado which was established in November, 2001 from parts of four Colorado counties in the vicinity of Denver. The worksheet first presents 6 geographic codes for each county (its county FIPS, core based statistical area (CBSA), CBSA type, Combined Statistical Area (CSA), Component Economic Area (CEA), and EA codes) and then, in the same order, the 6 text-format names associated with these codes. These 12 fields for each county are defined more formally below.

A. 5-digit State and County FIPS Code
B. OMB's 5-digit code for the CBSA to which this county belongs. ("0" indicates that this county is not a member of any CBSA.)
C. OMB's 1-digit code for the county's type of CBSA, defined as follows:
    a. 0=Not in a CBSA
    b. 1=MSA County
    c. 2=Micropolitan County
D. OMB's 3-digit code for the CSA to which this county belongs. ("0" indicates that this county is not a member of any CSA.)
E. 3-digit CEA Code based on the new 2004 definitions. This code was assigned based on the alphabetic ordering of CEA names given in column K, beginning with 601 and ending with 944.
F.   3-digit BEA EA Code based on the new 2004 definitions. This code was assigned based on the alphabetic ordering of EA names given in column L, beginning with 1 and ending with 179.
G.   County name and, following a comma, 2-letter State postal code.
H.   OMB's title for the CBSA to which this county belongs, if any.
I. "Metropolitan Statistical Area" or "Micropolitan Statistical Area" as appropriate for the CBSA to which this county belongs, if any.
J. OMB's title for the CSA to which this county belongs, if any.
K. Name of the CEA to which this county belongs. This is the same as the name of the CBSA or CSA that was used as its economic node in defining the CEA.
L. Name of the EA to which this county belongs. This is the same as the name of the EA's *primary CEA.* *

*Each EA is constructed from one or more CEAs. The primary CEA is the single CEA that best approximates the labor market characteristics of the economic area as a whole. This usually is the largest CEA in the area but in a few cases the name of a smaller CEA with low commuting is used instead of that of a larger CEA with very high commuting.