

GEOSPATIAL MATURITY ASSESSMENT 2021

Idaho Report Card

Overall Grade: B-

COORDINATION

GRADE: B

STATE-LED THEMES

GRADE

Address	F
Cadastre	B
Elevation	B
Orthoimagery Leaf-Off	N/A
Transportation	B

FEDERAL-LED THEMES

GRADE

Geodetic Control	B-
Government Units	B
Hydrography	B
Orthoimagery Leaf-On	A-

METRICS:

A - Superior

C - Average

F - Failure

B - Above average

D - Below average

N/A - Not Applicable

The National States Geographic Information Council Geospatial Maturity Assessment provides NSGIC members and other partners with a summary of geospatial initiatives, capabilities, and issues within and across state governments. The NSGIC GMA now produce report cards for each state on central data themes and coordination topics. The assessment is performed every two years.



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GMA RESPONSE

Idaho thanks NSGIC for the efforts in gathering and compiling the Geospatial Maturity Assessment data. It provides a bi-annual opportunity for Idaho GIS stakeholders to do internal assessments and progress checks, and for the GIO to assess the progress of SDI work being accomplished by stakeholders and GIS professionals in state and local agencies/organizations. Idaho's grades have improved since the 2019 GMA which is indicative of the work of several individuals/teams/agencies and the GIS TWGs who are responsible for framework themes.

Idaho's grades are on par with expectations and current efforts. The grades help identify where additional efforts are needed, and they will be used as a benchmark for Idaho's ongoing work to address its full SDI development. Idaho lacks sustainable funding to enable and support state-led coordination through the Idaho Geospatial Office. Even though the grade for coordination is good, it does not adequately represent the near-heroic efforts of the volunteer work being done by Idaho's GIS professionals and stakeholders, nor the significant frustrations of these same groups for the work they could be accomplishing with adequate staffing and funding. Sustainable funding and other funding opportunities are an area of concern across all GIS domains in Idaho and are receiving significant focus in the next GIS strategic plan.

In 2021, Idaho was contacted by the USDOT to participate in the National Address Database (NAD). Subsequently we have started reaching out to data stewards in local governments to begin the process of finding and collecting authoritative address data to build an Idaho address database with the intent to submit Idaho addresses to the NAD and to support other crucial state initiatives like NG9-1-1 and broadband accessibility mapping. This will significantly improve the current low grade for addresses.

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