

GEOSPATIAL MATURITY ASSESSMENT 2021

Kentucky Report Card

Overall Grade: B+

COORDINATION	GRADE: A
STATE-LED THEMES	GRADE
Address	B+
Cadastre	B-
Elevation	A-
Orthoimagery Leaf-Off	A
Transportation	A
FEDERAL-LED THEMES	GRADE
Geodetic Control	B+
Government Units	A
Hydrography	C+
Orthoimagery Leaf-On	B

METRICS:

A - Superior

B - Above average

C - Average

D - Below average

F - Failure

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.



KENTUCKY GMA RESPONSE

The Commonwealth is pleased with the GMA scoring for 2021. It is felt that the grades truly reflect the status of our governance and coordination efforts, as well as each of the “themed” layers being evaluated. The utilized scoring methodology is straightforward, and the final results are very useful.

Average scores for specific themes highlight the fact that there is progress to be made here in Kentucky. These results will help us to re-evaluate the focus of our efforts and the allocation of resources going forward. We’ve known for a long time that there was work to be done as it relates to parcel data, hydrography, addresses, and leaf-off imagery. The 2021 scores reflect that progress was made, but there is still more to be accomplished.

As most in the NSGIC community already know, there is great value in seeing how we measure up against other states. Sharing these national-level results with our leadership, and the Geographic Information Advisory Council, helps to underscore our level of success, but also reaffirms the fact that we must dedicate more resources to specific themes. Having these grades in-hand is crucial when approaching state-level stakeholders regarding next steps and during our overall strategic planning process.

From my chair, seeing which states excel in a certain category lets me know who to contact for guidance and direction. It is my aim to learn from other individuals and their successful programs. There is great value in being able to pick up the phone and reach out to a counterpart that can point me in the right direction. In fact, that is one of the most valuable aspects of being a NSGIC member.

Once again, we truly appreciate the effort involved in compiling the assessment and sharing the results with the NSGIC community. Many thanks!

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