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## COUNTIES

Alabama has 67 counties. There are 3071 counties in the United States. Counties are the primary legal divisions of most states and generally are functioning governmental units. They functioning governmental units. They are known as "parishes" in Louisiana. In
Alaska, Census Areas are used for Alaska, Census Areas are used for
statistical purposes, while the principal statistical purposes, while the principal
governmental units are boroughs. Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, and Virginia also have independent cities, government units outside the jurisdiction of any county.


