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16. Abstract (Limit: 200 words) In 1963, Trade Centers and Trade Areas of the Upper Midwest described a system of central places in one region of the U.S. Its taxonomy of Regional Trade Centers (RTCs) defined an eight-level hierarchy of places, with metropolitan areas at the top and hamlets at the base. Using 1963's analysis as a starting point, a 1990 study expanded the study area and updated the picture of what was happening economically in the region. Underpinning its analytical model were data sets describing a seven-state region (Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin). These data detailed types of businesses and demographic information, all collected at the zip code level. In the 1999 update, every effort was made to maintain consistency with the two previous studies. This update identifies 760 Level 0 to Level 5 Upper Midwest RTCs. MnDOT's primary interest, though, is in identifying Minnesota RTCs serving relatively large geographic areas (i.e., Levels 0-3). Eight cities were classified at Level 0 (Major Metropolitan Areas), followed by 18 Level 1's (Primary Wholesale/Retail Centers); 103 Level 2's (Secondary Wholesale/Retail Centers); and 132 Level 3's (Complete Shopping Centers). The Appendix lists by state the 760 Level 0-5 RTCs along with their 1990 and 1999 levels; population; number of establishments by SIC code; and total establishments.			
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