

National Land Cover Database (NLCD)

NLCD is produced by a collaboration of government agencies called the Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics (MRLC) Consortium.

This collaboration provides both resources and expertise for NLCD that increase accuracy while reducing cost and duplication. NLCD categorizes and quantifies remotely sensed data of the United States land surfaces into products working as an integrated database that include Land Cover, Urban Imperviousness, and Tree Canopy Cover. NLCD is recognized for its accuracy and usability and is considered the authoritative data source for land cover and land change across the nation.