

# Package: alarmdata (via r-universe)

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**Title** Download, Merge, and Process Redistricting Data

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**Description** Utility functions to download and process data produced by the ALARM Project, including 2020 redistricting files Kenny and McCartan (2021) [<https://alarm-redist.org/posts/2021-08-10-census-2020/>](https://alarm-redist.org/posts/2021-08-10-census-2020/) and the 50-State Redistricting Simulations of McCartan, Kenny, Simko, Garcia, Wang, Wu, Kuriwaki, and Imai (2022) [<doi:10.7910/DVN/SLCD3E>](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/SLCD3E). The package extends the data introduced in McCartan, Kenny, Simko, Garcia, Wang, Wu, Kuriwaki, and Imai (2022) [<doi:10.1038/s41597-022-01808-2>](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-022-01808-2) to also include states with only a single district. The package also includes the Japanese 2022 redistricting files from the 47-Prefecture Redistricting Simulations of Miyazaki, Yamada, Yatsuhashi, and Imai (2022) [<doi:10.7910/DVN/Z9UKSH>](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/Z9UKSH).

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alarm_50state	<i>Download maps and plans from the 50-State Simulation Project</i>
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## Description

These functions will download [redist\\_map](#) and [redist\\_plans](#) objects for the 50-State Simulation Project from the ALARM Project's Dataverse. `alarm_50state_doc()` will download documentation for a particular state and show it in a browser. `alarm_50state_stats` will download just the summary statistics for a state.

## Usage

```
alarm_50state_map(state, year = 2020, refresh = FALSE)
```

```
alarm_50state_plans(
  state,
  stats = TRUE,
  year = 2020,
  refresh = FALSE,
  compress = "xz"
)
```

```
alarm_50state_stats(state, year = 2020, refresh = FALSE)
```

```
alarm_50state_doc(state, year = 2020)
```

**Arguments**

state	A state name, abbreviation, FIPS code, or ANSI code.
year	The redistricting cycle to download. Currently only 2020 and 2010 are available.
refresh	If TRUE, ignore the cache and download again.
stats	If TRUE (the default), download summary statistics for each plan.
compress	The compression level used for caching <a href="#">redist_plans</a> objects.

**Details**

Every decade following the Census, states and municipalities must redraw districts for Congress, state houses, city councils, and more. The goal of the 50-State Simulation Project is to enable researchers, practitioners, and the general public to use cutting-edge redistricting simulation analysis to evaluate enacted congressional districts.

Evaluating a redistricting plan requires analysts to take into account each state's redistricting rules and particular political geography. Comparing the partisan bias of a plan for Texas with the bias of a plan for New York, for example, is likely misleading. Comparing a state's current plan to a past plan is also problematic because of demographic and political changes over time. Redistricting simulations generate an ensemble of alternative redistricting plans within a given state which are tailored to its redistricting rules. Unlike traditional evaluation methods, therefore, simulations are able to directly account for the state's political geography and redistricting criteria.

**Value**

For `alarm_50state_map()`, a [redist\\_map](#). For `alarm_50state_plans()`, a [redist\\_plans](#). For `alarm_50state_doc()`, invisibly returns the path to the HTML documentation, and also loads an HTML file into the viewer or web browser. For `alarm_50state_stats()`, a [tibble](#).

**Examples**

```
# requires Harvard Dataverse API key
alarm_50state_map("WA")
alarm_50state_plans("WA", stats = FALSE)
alarm_50state_stats("WA")
alarm_50state_doc("WA")

map <- alarm_50state_map("WY")
pl <- alarm_50state_plans("WY")
```

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alarm\_add\_plan

*Add a reference plan to a set of plans*


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**Description**

Facilitates comparing an existing (i.e., non-simulated) redistricting plan to a set of simulated plans.

**Usage**

```
alarm_add_plan(
  plans,
  ref_plan,
  map = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  calc_polsby = FALSE,
  GEOID = "GEOID",
  year = 2020
)
```

**Arguments**

plans	A <code>redist_plans</code> object.
ref_plan	An integer vector containing the reference plan, a block assignment file as a tibble or <code>data.frame</code> , or an <code>sf</code> object where each row corresponds to a district.
map	A <code>redist_map</code> object. Only required if the <code>redist_plans</code> object includes summary statistics.
name	A human-readable name for the reference plan. Defaults to the name of <code>ref_plan</code> . If <code>ref_plan</code> is a tibble or <code>data.frame</code> , it should be the name of the column of <code>ref_plan</code> that identifies districts.
calc_polsby	A logical value indicating whether a Polsby-Popper compactness score should be calculated for the reference plan. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> .
GEOID	character. If <code>ref_plan</code> is a tibble or <code>data.frame</code> , then it should correspond to the column of <code>ref_plan</code> that identifies block GEOIDs. If <code>ref_plan</code> is an <code>sf</code> object, then it should correspond to the column of <code>ref_plan</code> that identifies district numbers. Ignored when <code>ref_plan</code> is numeric. Default is 'GEOID'.
year	the decade to request if passing a tibble to <code>ref_plan</code> , either 2010 or 2020. Default is 2020.

**Value**

A modified `redist_plans` object containing the reference plan. Includes summary statistics if the original `redist_plans` object had them as well.

**Examples**

```
# requires Harvard Dataverse API key
map <- alarm_50state_map("WY")
pl <- alarm_50state_plans("WY")
pl_new <- alarm_add_plan(pl, ref_plan = c(1), map, name = "example")

# download and load a comparison plan
url <- paste0("https://github.com/PlanScore/Redistrict2020/raw/main/files/",
  "NM-2021-10/Congressional_Concept_A.zip")
tf <- tempfile(fileext = ".zip")
utils::download.file(url, tf)
utils::unzip(tf, exdir = dirname(tf))
```

```
baf <- readr::read_csv(file = paste0(dirname(tf), "/Congressional Concept A.csv"),
                      col_types = "ci")
names(baf) <- c("GEOID", "concept_a")
# Add it to the plans object
map_nm <- alarm_50state_map("NM")
plans_nm <- alarm_50state_plans("NM", stats = FALSE)
alarm_add_plan(plans_nm, baf, map = map_nm, name = "concept_a")
```

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**alarm\_cache\_size***Work with the the alarmdata cache*

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### Description

Functions to inspect and clear the cache. If the cache is not enabled, uses a temporary directory.

### Usage

```
alarm_cache_size()

alarm_cache_clear(force = FALSE)

alarm_cache_path()
```

### Arguments

**force** FALSE by default. Asks the user to confirm if interactive. Does not clear cache if force is FALSE and not interactive.

### Value

For `alarm_cache_size()`, the size in bytes, invisibly  
For `alarm_cache_clear()`, the path to the cache, invisibly.  
For `alarm_cache_path()`, the path to the cache

### Examples

```
alarm_cache_size()

alarm_cache_clear()

alarm_cache_path()
```

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alarm_census_vest	<i>Download Joined VEST and Census Data</i>
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**Description**

Downloads Census data joined with VEST's election data. All are re-tabulated from precincts collected by VEST to 2020 Census geographies.

**Usage**

```
alarm_census_vest(state, geometry = FALSE, epsg = alarm_epsg(state))
```

**Arguments**

state	A state name, abbreviation, FIPS code, or ANSI code.
geometry	If TRUE (default is FALSE), include sf geometry from Census Bureau TIGER Lines with the data.
epsg	A numeric EPSG code to use as the coordinate system. Default is alarm_epsg(state).

**Value**

tibble with Census and election data

**Examples**

```
alarm_census_vest("DE", geometry = FALSE)
```

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alarm_epsg	<i>Suggested EPSG Codes</i>
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**Description**

Provides suggested EPSG codes for each of the 50 states. One of the NAD83 (HARN) coordinate systems for each state.

**Usage**

```
alarm_epsg(state)
```

**Arguments**

state	A state name, abbreviation, FIPS code, or ANSI code.
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**Value**

A numeric EPSG code

## Examples

```
alarm_epsg("NY")
```

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alarm_japan	<i>Download maps and plans from the Japan 47-Prefecture Simulation Project</i>
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## Description

These functions will download [redist\\_map](#) and [redist\\_plans](#) objects for the Japan 47-Prefecture Simulation Project from the ALARM Project's Dataverse. `alarm_japan_doc()` will download documentation for a particular prefecture and show it in a browser. `alarm_japan_stats` will download just the summary statistics for a prefecture

## Usage

```
alarm_japan_map(pref, year = 2022, refresh = FALSE)
```

```
alarm_japan_plans(  
  pref,  
  stats = TRUE,  
  year = 2022,  
  refresh = FALSE,  
  compress = "xz"  
)
```

```
alarm_japan_stats(pref, year = 2022, refresh = FALSE)
```

```
alarm_japan_doc(pref, year = 2022)
```

## Arguments

<code>pref</code>	A prefecture name
<code>year</code>	The redistricting cycle to download. Currently only 2022 is available.
<code>refresh</code>	If TRUE, ignore the cache and download again.
<code>stats</code>	If TRUE (the default), download summary statistics for each plan.
<code>compress</code>	The compression level used for caching <a href="#">redist_plans</a> objects.

## Details

The goal of the 47-Prefecture Simulation Project is to generate and analyze redistricting plans for the single-member districts of the House of Representatives of Japan using a redistricting simulation algorithm. In this project, we analyzed the partisan bias of the 2022 redistricting for 25 prefectures subject to redistricting. Our simulations are designed to comply with the that the Council abides by.

**Value**

For `alarm_japan_map()`, a [redist\\_map](#). For `alarm_japan_plans()`, a [redist\\_plans](#). For `alarm_japan_doc()`, invisibly returns the path to the HTML documentation, and also loads an HTML file into the viewer or web browser. For `alarm_japan_stats()`, a [tibble](#).

**Examples**

```
# requires Harvard Dataverse API key
alarm_japan_map("miyagi")
alarm_japan_plans("miyagi", stats = FALSE)
alarm_japan_stats("miyagi")
alarm_japan_doc("miyagi")

map <- alarm_japan_map("miyagi")
pl <- alarm_japan_plans("miyagi")
```



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