

Crimea - Second-order administrative divisions

The first-order administrative divisions of Ukraine on the Crimean peninsula are the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Автономна Республіка Крим; Avtonomna Respublika Krym) and Sevastopol City (Місто Севастополь; Misto Sevastopol). Sevastopol City is administered separately from the rest of Crimea; along with Kyiv, it is one of two special municipalities of Ukraine.

In July 2020 the Ukrainian government announced an administrative reform; in the terms of this reform, Ukraine laid out a simplified structure across the country, including Crimea, specifically, that the Autonomous Republic would be divided into 10 rayons at second-order administrative level, replacing the previous structure of 14 rayons and 11 cities directly subordinate to the republic. Misto Sevastopol no longer has any administrative rayons recorded within the municipality.

In the legal documentation surrounding this reform it was stated that these changes would not take place until the “return of the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol under the general jurisdiction of Ukraine”¹, and as a result, PCGN did not immediately reflect this new structure. However, more recently it seems that Ukrainian sources, including the decentralization reform website, <https://atu.decentralization.gov.ua/#> and the 2021 national atlas do in fact show the new structure and therefore PCGN, alongside our US counterparts the US Board on Geographic Names, have decided to adopt the new structure across Crimea (as well as the rest of Ukraine).

As a sovereign part of Ukraine, it is HMG policy to reflect the names of Crimea in Ukrainian (romanized according to the BGN/PCGN agreed [Romanization System for Ukrainian](#)). For reference, the Russian/romanized Russian forms of the administrative centres are also included (shown in grey). These should not be shown on HMG products.

Also for reference, the previous structure, which will still be encountered on some sources, appears below on pages 3 and 4.

¹ Government Resolution №3650 "On the creation and abolition of districts" (“Проект Постанови про утворення та ліквідацію районів”), July 2020.

<i>Rayon name (romanized Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon name (Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon centre (romanized Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon centre (Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon centre (romanized Russian)</i>	<i>Rayon centre (Russian)</i>	<i>Location of rayon centre</i>
Bakhchysaraiskyi raion	Бахчисарайський район	Bakhchysarai	Бахчисарай	Bakhchisaray	Бахчисарай	44°45'19"N 33°51'28"E
Bilohirskyi raion	Білогірський район	Bilohirsk	Білогірськ	Belogorsk	Белогорск	45°03'17"N 34°36'07"E
Dzhankoiskyi raion	Джанкойський район	Dzhankoi	Джанкой	Dzhankoy	Джанкой	45°42'42"N 34°23'34"E
Feodosiyskyi raion	Феодосійський район	Feodosiia	Феодосія	Feodosiya	Феодосия	45°02'12"N 35°22'40"E
Kerchenskyi raion	Керченський район	Kerch	Керч	Kerch'	Керчь	45°21'39"N 36°28'14"E
Kurmanskyi raion	Курманський район	Kurman ²	Курман	Krasnogvardeyskoye	Красногвардейское	45°30'10"N 34°18'05"E
Perekopskyi raion	Перекопський район	Yany Kapu ³	Яни Капу	Krasnoperekopsk	Красноперекопск	45°57'26"N 33°47'47"E
Simferopolskyi raion	Сімферопольський район	Simferopol	Сімферополь	Simferopol'	Симферополь	44°57'26"N 34°06'39"E
Yaltynskyi raion	Ялтинський район	Yalta	Ялта	Yalta	Ялта	44°30'00"N 34°09'41"E
Yevpatoriyskyi raion	Євпаторійський район	Yevpatoriia	Євпаторія	Yevpatoriya	Евпатория	45°12'03"N 33°22'00"E

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It is notable that there are no longer any administrative rayons recorded within Misto Sevastopol.

² The city (and raion) of Krasnohvardiiske were renamed Kurman (a reversion to the Crimean Tatar name) in the 2016 decommunisation programme (for more information see PCGN's [Toponymic Factfile on Ukraine](#)). Though (as with the updated administrative structure) it had seemed that Ukraine considered this to be a change that would not take effect until the territory was under Ukrainian control, it is notable that a number of authoritative Ukrainian sources (e.g. Ukraine's geoportal <https://atu.gki.com.ua/ua/karta#>) do reflect the new name. Reference to both names might therefore be a sensible approach for HMG products.

³ The city of Krasnoperekopsk was renamed Yany Kapu (a reversion to the Crimean Tatar name) in the 2016 decommunisation programme (for more information see PCGN's [Toponymic Factfile on Ukraine](#)). Though (as with the updated administrative structure) it had seemed that Ukraine considered this to be a change that would not take effect until the territory was under Ukrainian control, it is notable that a number of authoritative Ukrainian sources (e.g. Ukraine's geoportal <https://atu.gki.com.ua/ua/karta#>) do reflect the new name. Reference to both names might therefore be a sensible approach for HMG products.

As described above, the previous structure of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and Misto Sevastopol before the 2020 administrative reform is likely still to be encountered in some sources. This is shown for information below:

Autonomous Republic of Crimea

<i>Rayon name (romanized Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon name (Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon centre (romanized Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon centre (Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon centre (romanized Russian)</i>	<i>Rayon centre (Russian)</i>	<i>Location of rayon centre</i>
Bakhchysaraiskyi raion	Бахчисарайський район	Bakhchysarai	Бахчисарай	Bakhchisaray	Бахчисарай	44°45'19"N 33°51'28"E
Bilohirskyi raion	Білогірський район	Bilohirsk	Білогірськ	Belogorsk	Белогорск	45°03'17"N 34°36'07"E
Chornomorskyi raion	Чорноморський район	Chornomorske	Чорноморське	Chërnomorskoye	Черноморское	45°30'24"N 32°41'52"E
Dzhankoiskyi raion	Джанкойський район	Dzhankoi*	Джанкой	Dzhankoy	Джанкой	45°42'42"N 34°23'34"E
Kirovskyi raion	Кіровський район	Kirovske	Кіровське	Kirovskoye	Кировское	45°03'17"N 34°36'07"E
Krasnohvardiyskyi raion	Красногвардійський район	Krasnohvardiiske ⁴	Красногвардійське	Krasnogvardeyskoye	Красногвардейское	45°30'10"N 34°18'05"E
Krasnoperekopskyi raion	Красноперекопський район	Krasnoperekopsk ^{5*}	Красноперекопськ	Krasnoperekopsk	Красноперекопск	45°57'26"N 33°47'47"E
Leninskyi raion	Ленінський район	Lenine	Леніне	Lenino	Ленино	45°17'55"N 35°46'37"E
Nyzhnohirskyi raion	Нижньогірський район	Nyzhnohirskyi	Нижньогірський	Nizhnegorskiy	Нижнегорский	45°26'52"N 34°44'18"E
Pervomaiskyi raion	Первомайський район	Pervomaiske	Первомайське	Pervomayskoye	Первомайское	45°43'03"N 33°51'21"E
Rozdolnenskyi raion	Роздольненський район	Rozdolne	Роздольне	Razdol'noye	Раздольное	45°46'15"N 33°29'16"E
Sakskyi raion	Сакський район	Saky*	Саки	Saky	Саки	45°08'03"N 33°36'00"E
Simferopolskyi raion	Сімферопольський район	Simferopol†	Сімферополь	Simferopol'	Симферополь	44°57'26"N 34°06'39"E
Sovyetskyi raion	Советський район	Sovyetskyi	Советський	Sovetskiy	Советский	45°20'34"N 34°55'29"E

<i>City of republic subordination (romanized Ukrainian)</i>	<i>City of republic subordination (Ukrainian)</i>	<i>City name (romanized Ukrainian)</i>	<i>City name (Ukrainian)</i>	<i>City name (romanized Russian)</i>	<i>City name (Russian)</i>	<i>Location</i>
Alushtynska miskrada	Алуштинська міськрада	Alushta	Алушта	Alushta	Алушта	44°40'35"N 34°24'28"E

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Armianska miskrada	Армянська міськрада	Armiansk	Армянськ	Armyansk	Армянск	46°06'33"N 33°41'31"E
Dzhankoiska miskrada	Джанкойська міськрада	Dzhankoi*	Джанкой	Dzhankoy	Джанкой	45°42'42"N 34°23'34"E
Feodosiiska miskrada	Феодосійська міськрада	Feodosiia	Феодосія	Feodosiya	Феодосия	45°02'12"N 35°22'40"E
Kerchenska miskrada	Керченська міськрада	Kerch	Керч	Kerch'	Керчь	45°21'39"N 36°28'14"E
Krasnoperekopska miskrada	Красноперекопська міськрада	Krasnoperekopsk*	Красноперекопськ	Krasnoperekopsk	Красноперекопск	45°57'26"N 33°47'47"E
Sakska miskrada	Сакська міськрада	Saky*	Саки	Saky	Саки	45°08'03"N 33°36'00"E
Simferopolska miskrada	Сімферопольська міськрада	Simferopol†	Сімферополь	Simferopol'	Симферополь	44°57'26"N 34°06'39"E
Sudatska miskrada	Судацька міськрада	Sudak	Судак	Sudak	Судак	44°50'57"N 34°58'29"E
Yevpatoriiska miskrada	Євпаторійська міськрада	Yevpatoriia	Євпаторія	Yevpatoriya	Евпатория	45°12'03"N 33°22'00"E
Yaltynska miskrada	Ялтинська міськрада	Yalta	Ялта	Yalta	Ялта	44°30'00"N 34°09'41"E

* Dzhankoi, Krasnoperekopsk and Saky serve as the administrative centres of Dzhankoiskyi raion, Krasnoperekopskyi raion and Saksykyi raion respectively but, being also cities of direct subordination to the republic, are not administratively part of the rayons.

† Simferopol is the administrative centre of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. It serves as the centre of Simferopolskyi raion but, also being a city subordinate to the republic, is not administratively part of the rayon.

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<i>Rayon name (romanized Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon name (Ukrainian)</i>	<i>Rayon centre</i>
Balaklavskyi raion	Балаклавський район	Haharinskyi raion and Leninskyi raion are within the city limits of Sevastopol. Balaklavskyi raion and Nakhimovskyi raion cover parts of Sevastopol and also incorporate some surrounding villages. None, with the possible exception of Balaklava, has a separate rayon centre.
Haharinskyi raion	Гагарінський район	
Leninskyi raion	Ленінський район	
Nakhimovskyi raion	Нахімовський район	