

US Major Metropolitan Area Population: 2000-2010 By Historical Core Municipality & Suburban

See note below on Historical Core Municipality 2000 Populations (Which include annexed territory during the 2000s)

See "Historical Core Municipality Population" by Classification: <http://www.demographia.com/db-histcore2000-2010.pdf>

Rank	Metropolitan Area	TOTAL			HISTORICAL CORE			SUBURBS				
		2000	2010	Change	2000	2010	Change	2000	2010	Change	Share 2000	Share 2010
9	Atlanta	4,247,981	5,268,860	24.0%	418,823	420,003	0.3%	3,829,158	4,848,857	26.6%	90.1%	92.0%
35	Austin	1,249,763	1,716,289	37.3%	668,249	790,390	18.3%	581,514	925,899	59.2%	46.5%	53.9%
20	Baltimore	2,552,994	2,710,489	6.2%	651,154	620,961	-4.6%	1,901,840	2,089,528	9.9%	74.5%	77.1%
49	Birmingham	1,052,238	1,128,047	7.2%	242,820	212,237	-12.6%	809,418	915,810	13.1%	76.9%	81.2%
10	Boston	4,391,344	4,552,402	3.7%	589,143	617,594	4.8%	3,802,201	3,934,808	3.5%	86.6%	86.4%
47	Buffalo	1,170,111	1,135,509	-3.0%	292,648	261,310	-10.7%	877,463	874,199	-0.4%	75.0%	77.0%
33	Charlotte	1,330,448	1,758,038	32.1%	567,943	731,424	28.8%	762,505	1,026,614	34.6%	57.3%	58.4%
3	Chicago	9,098,316	9,461,105	4.0%	2,896,017	2,695,598	-6.9%	6,202,299	6,765,507	9.1%	68.2%	71.5%
28	Cleveland	2,148,143	2,077,240	-3.3%	477,472	396,815	-16.9%	1,670,671	1,680,425	0.6%	77.8%	80.9%
27	Cincinnati	2,009,632	2,130,151	6.0%	331,281	296,943	-10.4%	1,678,351	1,833,208	9.2%	83.5%	86.1%
32	Columbus	1,612,694	1,836,536	13.9%	713,006	787,033	10.4%	899,688	1,049,503	16.7%	55.8%	57.1%
4	Dallas-Fort Worth	5,161,544	6,371,773	23.4%	1,188,902	1,197,816	0.7%	3,972,642	5,173,957	30.2%	77.0%	81.2%
21	Denver	2,179,240	2,543,482	16.7%	553,691	600,158	8.4%	1,625,549	1,943,324	19.5%	74.6%	76.4%
12	Detroit	4,452,557	4,296,250	-3.5%	951,270	713,777	-25.0%	3,501,287	3,582,473	2.3%	78.6%	83.4%
45	Hartford	1,148,618	1,212,381	5.6%	124,121	124,775	0.5%	1,024,497	1,087,606	6.2%	89.2%	89.7%
6	Houston	4,715,407	5,946,800	26.1%	1,973,727	2,099,451	6.4%	2,741,680	3,847,349	40.3%	58.1%	64.7%
34	Indianapolis	1,525,104	1,756,241	15.2%	781,870	820,445	4.9%	743,234	935,796	25.9%	48.7%	53.3%
40	Jacksonville	1,122,750	1,345,596	19.8%	735,618	821,784	11.7%	387,132	523,812	35.3%	34.5%	38.9%
29	Kansas City	1,836,038	2,035,334	10.9%	441,612	459,787	4.1%	1,394,426	1,575,547	13.0%	75.9%	77.4%
30	Las Vegas	1,375,765	1,951,269	41.8%	478,434	583,756	22.0%	897,331	1,367,513	52.4%	65.2%	70.1%
2	Los Angeles	12,365,627	12,828,837	3.7%	3,695,426	3,792,621	2.6%	8,670,201	9,036,216	4.2%	70.1%	70.4%
42	Louisville	1,161,975	1,283,566	10.5%	693,604	741,096	6.8%	468,371	542,470	15.8%	40.3%	42.3%
41	Memphis	1,205,204	1,316,100	9.2%	690,743	646,889	-6.3%	514,461	669,211	30.1%	42.7%	50.8%
8	Miami	5,007,564	5,564,635	11.1%	362,440	399,457	10.2%	4,645,124	5,165,178	11.2%	92.8%	92.8%
39	Milwaukee	1,500,741	1,555,908	3.7%	597,090	594,833	-0.4%	903,651	961,075	6.4%	60.2%	61.8%
16	Minneapolis-St. Paul	2,968,806	3,279,833	10.5%	669,769	667,646	-0.3%	2,299,037	2,612,187	13.6%	77.4%	79.6%
38	Nashville	1,311,789	1,589,934	21.2%	569,891	626,681	10.0%	741,898	963,253	29.8%	56.6%	60.6%
46	New Orleans	1,316,510	1,167,764	-11.3%	483,663	343,829	-28.9%	832,847	823,935	-1.1%	63.3%	70.6%
1	New York	18,323,002	18,897,109	3.1%	8,008,686	8,175,133	2.1%	10,314,316	10,721,976	4.0%	56.3%	56.7%
44	Oklahoma City	1,095,421	1,252,987	14.4%	506,133	579,999	14.6%	589,288	672,988	14.2%	53.8%	53.7%
26	Orlando	1,644,561	2,134,411	29.8%	194,194	238,300	22.7%	1,450,367	1,896,111	30.7%	88.2%	88.8%
5	Philadelphia	5,687,147	5,965,343	4.9%	1,517,550	1,526,006	0.6%	4,169,597	4,439,337	6.5%	73.3%	74.4%
14	Phoenix	3,251,876	4,192,887	28.9%	1,322,438	1,445,632	9.3%	1,929,438	2,747,255	42.4%	59.3%	65.5%
22	Pittsburgh	2,431,087	2,356,285	-3.1%	334,563	305,704	-8.6%	2,096,524	2,050,581	-2.2%	86.2%	87.0%
23	Portland	1,927,881	2,226,009	15.5%	529,160	583,776	10.3%	1,398,721	1,642,233	17.4%	72.6%	73.8%
37	Providence	1,582,997	1,600,852	1.1%	173,621	178,042	2.5%	1,409,376	1,422,810	1.0%	89.0%	88.9%
48	Raleigh	797,071	1,130,490	41.8%	288,462	403,892	40.0%	508,609	726,598	42.9%	63.8%	64.3%
43	Richmond	1,096,957	1,258,251	14.7%	197,945	204,214	3.2%	899,012	1,054,037	17.2%	82.0%	83.8%

13	Riverside-San Bernardino	3,254,821	4,224,851	29.8%	188,449	209,924	11.4%	3,066,372	4,014,927	30.9%	94.2%	95.0%
51	Rochester	1,037,831	1,054,323	1.6%	219,782	210,565	-4.2%	818,049	843,758	3.1%	78.8%	80.0%
24	Sacramento	1,796,857	2,149,127	19.6%	407,045	466,488	14.6%	1,389,812	1,682,639	21.1%	77.3%	78.3%
50	Salt Lake City	968,858	1,124,197	16.0%	181,743	186,440	2.6%	787,115	937,757	19.1%	81.2%	83.4%
25	San Antonio	1,711,703	2,142,508	25.2%	1,159,916	1,327,407	14.4%	551,787	815,101	47.7%	32.2%	38.0%
17	San Diego	2,813,833	3,095,313	10.0%	1,223,418	1,301,617	6.4%	1,590,415	1,793,696	12.8%	56.5%	57.9%
11	San Francisco-Oakland	4,123,740	4,335,391	5.1%	1,176,216	1,195,959	1.7%	2,947,524	3,139,432	6.5%	71.5%	72.4%
31	San Jose	1,735,819	1,836,911	5.8%	901,024	945,942	5.0%	834,795	890,969	6.7%	48.1%	48.5%
15	Seattle	3,043,878	3,439,809	13.0%	563,377	608,660	8.0%	2,480,501	2,831,149	14.1%	81.5%	82.3%
18	St. Louis	2,698,687	2,812,896	4.2%	348,189	319,294	-8.3%	2,350,498	2,493,602	6.1%	87.1%	88.6%
19	Tampa-St. Petersburg	2,395,997	2,783,243	16.2%	303,471	335,709	10.6%	2,092,526	2,447,534	17.0%	87.3%	87.9%
36	Virginia Beach (Norfolk)	1,576,370	1,671,683	6.0%	234,403	242,803	3.6%	1,341,967	1,428,880	6.5%	85.1%	85.5%
7	Washington	4,796,183	5,582,170	16.4%	572,055	601,723	5.2%	4,224,128	4,980,447	17.9%	88.1%	89.2%
	Total/Average	151,011,480	167,087,415	10.6%	43,392,267	44,658,338	2.9%	107,619,213	122,429,077	13.8%	71.3%	73.3%

Average of Metropolitan Areas (unweighted)

2000-2010	13.0%	3.8%	17.7%
1990-2000	18.4%	6.6%	25.9%

Share of Growth (New Orleans Excluded due to Hurricane Katrina)

2000-2010	100.0%	8.6%	91.4%
1990-2000	100.0%	15.1%	84.9%

Data from US Census Bureau

Historical Core Municipalities are the first named municipality, except that St. Paul is included in Minneapolis-St. Paul and Oakland is included in San Francisco-Oakland Norfolk is the historic core city of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk metropolitan area. San Bernardino is the historical core municipality of Riverside-San Bernardino.

Note on 2000 Historical Core Municipality Population: Historical core municipality population for 2000 is the April 1 Census base (which removes the impact of subsequent annexations or consolidations). 1990 to 2000 calculations use the 1990 Census April 1 base.

The purpose of this listing is to contrast the growth rates of urban cores with suburban areas. Thus, historical core municipalities are used instead of "principal cities," as designated by the Census Bureau. Principal cities are defined using population and employment counts without regard to core or suburban status and a number of principal cities have a wholly suburban urban form. Moreover, some historical core municipalities are largely suburban in urban form, such as Dallas, Phoenix, Las Vegas, San Diego, Sacramento, Indianapolis, San Jose and others. Thus, the historical core municipality distinction used here tends to *increase* their population share and population growth rate. An ideal analysis would define urban cores using far more detailed data, at the census tract or block level, which would make it possible to better differentiate between suburban and urban core areas. No such analysis has been published.

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