**Top Metropolitan Areas**

The largest metropolitan areas in the U.S. ranked by population:

Updated: March 2013  
Note: 2013 data will be released in March 2014

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| **Rank** | **Metro Area** | **Population**  **2012** | **Population 2011** | **Annual Change** | **Percentage Change** |
| 1 | New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA | 19,831,858 | 19,729,930 | 101,928 | 0.5 |
| 2 | Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA | 13,052,921 | 12,945,140 | 107,781 | 0.8 |
| 3 | Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI | 9,522,434 | 9,495,719 | 26,715 | 0.3 |
| 4 | Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX | 6,700,991 | 6,569,112 | 131,879 | 2.0 |
| 5 | Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX | 6,177,035 | 6,051,850 | 125,185 | 2.1 |
| 6 | Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD | 6,018,800 | 5,997,474 | 21,326 | 0.4 |
| 7 | Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV | 5,860,342 | 5,771,213 | 89,129 | 1.5 |
| 8 | Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL | 5,762,717 | 5,687,908 | 74,809 | 1.3 |
| 9 | Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA | 5,457,831 | 5,374,678 | 83,153 | 1.5 |
| 10 | Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH | 4,640,802 | 4,603,344 | 37,458 | 0.8 |
| 11 | San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA | 4,455,560 | 4,396,918 | 58,642 | 1.3 |
| 12 | Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA | 4,350,096 | 4,301,841 | 48,255 | 1.1 |
| 13 | Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ | 4,329,534 | 4,252,078 | 77,456 | 1.8 |
| 14 | Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI | 4,292,060 | 4,287,966 | 4,094 | 0.1 |
| 15 | Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA | 3,552,157 | 3,497,819 | 54,338 | 1.6 |
| 16 | Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI | 3,422,264 | 3,389,049 | 33,215 | 1.0 |
| 17 | San Diego-Carlsbad, CA | 3,177,063 | 3,138,183 | 38,880 | 1.2 |
| 18 | Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL | 2,842,878 | 2,826,438 | 16,440 | 0.6 |
| 19 | St. Louis, MO-IL | 2,795,794 | 2,793,375 | 2,419 | 0.1 |
| 20 | Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD | 2,753,149 | 2,733,678 | 19,471 | 0.7 |
| 21 | Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO | 2,645,209 | 2,598,496 | 46,713 | 1.8 |
| 22 | Pittsburgh, PA | 2,360,733 | 2,360,114 | 619 | 0.0 |
| 23 | Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC | 2,296,569 | 2,257,134 | 39,435 | 1.7 |
| 24 | Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA | 2,289,800 | 2,260,928 | 28,872 | 1.3 |
| 25 | San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX | 2,234,003 | 2,191,670 | 42,333 | 1.9 |