**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  |