

Most Populous Metropolitan Areas

Houston is the fifth most populous metro in the nation.

'17 Population Estimates – U.S. Metros				
Rank	Metro Area	Residents July 1, 2017	Residents added 7/1/16 to 7/1/17	Percent Change
1	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	20,320,876	45,697	0.2
2	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	13,353,907	25,646	0.2
3	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	9,533,040	(13,286)	-0.1
4	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	7,399,662	146,238	2.0
5	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	6,892,427	94,417	1.4
6	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	6,216,589	65,908	1.1
7	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	6,158,824	51,391	0.8
8	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	6,096,120	18,968	0.3
9	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	5,884,736	89,013	1.5
10	Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	4,836,531	30,589	0.6
11	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	4,737,270	88,772	1.9
12	San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	4,727,357	28,280	0.6
13	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	4,580,670	57,017	1.3
14	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	4,313,002	7,133	0.2
15	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	3,867,046	64,386	1.7
16	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	3,600,618	43,342	1.2
17	San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	3,337,685	20,485	0.6
18	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	3,091,399	54,874	1.8
19	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	2,888,227	36,379	1.3
20	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	2,808,175	7,147	0.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 Population Estimates

- Between July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017 (the period for which the U.S. Census Bureau released its most recent population estimates), the Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) added the second most residents among all metros in the U.S.