

Most Populous Metropolitan Areas

Houston is the fifth most populous metro in the nation.

Population Estimates – U.S. Metros				
Rank	Metro Area	Residents July 1, 2016	Residents added 7/1/15 to 7/1/16	Percent Change
1	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	20,153,634	35,571	0.2
2	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	13,310,447	41,619	0.3
3	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	9,512,999	(19,570)	(0.2)
4	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	7,233,323	143,435	2.0
5	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	6,772,470	125,005	1.9
6	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	6,131,977	53,508	0.9
7	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	6,070,500	8,197	0.1
8	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	6,066,387	64,670	1.1
9	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	5,789,700	90,650	1.6
10	Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	4,794,447	27,692	0.6
11	San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	4,679,166	36,939	0.8
12	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	4,661,537	93,680	2.1
13	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	4,527,837	52,400	1.2
14	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	4,297,617	79	0.0
15	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	3,798,902	71,805	1.9
16	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	3,551,036	32,784	0.9
17	San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	3,317,749	27,504	0.8
18	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	3,032,171	61,085	2.1
19	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	2,853,077	44,261	1.6
20	St. Louis, MO-IL	2,807,002	(1,328)	(0.0)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- Between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016 (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 U.S. metro areas.