

**Table 1. Population Change in the 100 Metropolitan Statistical Areas With the Largest Numeric Gain: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006**

(Number of metropolitan statistical areas=361)

| Rank in numeric change | Metropolitan statistical area                      | July 1, 2006 population estimate | April 1, 2000 estimates base | Change, 2000 to 2006 |         |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
|                        |  |                                  |                              | Number               | Percent |
| 1                      | Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA                 | 5,138,223                        | 4,248,012                    | 890,211              | 21.0    |
| 2                      | Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX                    | 6,003,967                        | 5,161,518                    | 842,449              | 16.3    |
| 3                      | Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX                     | 5,539,949                        | 4,715,402                    | 824,547              | 17.5    |
| 4                      | Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ                        | 4,039,182                        | 3,251,876                    | 787,306              | 24.2    |
| 5                      | Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA               | 4,026,135                        | 3,254,821                    | 771,314              | 23.7    |
| 6                      | Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA               | 12,950,129                       | 12,365,619                   | 584,510              | 4.7     |
| 7                      | New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA | 18,818,536                       | 18,323,382                   | 495,154              | 2.7     |
| 8                      | Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV       | 5,290,400                        | 4,796,180                    | 494,220              | 10.3    |
| 9                      | Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, FL              | 5,463,857                        | 5,007,988                    | 455,869              | 9.1     |
| 10                     | Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI                | 9,505,748                        | 9,098,615                    | 407,133              | 4.5     |
| 11                     | Las Vegas-Paradise, NV                             | 1,777,539                        | 1,375,738                    | 401,801              | 29.2    |
| 12                     | Orlando-Kissimmee, FL                              | 1,984,855                        | 1,644,563                    | 340,292              | 20.7    |
| 13                     | Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL                | 2,697,731                        | 2,396,013                    | 301,718              | 12.6    |
| 14                     | Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA            | 2,067,117                        | 1,796,857                    | 270,260              | 15.0    |
| 15                     | Austin-Round Rock, TX                              | 1,513,565                        | 1,249,763                    | 263,802              | 21.1    |
| 16                     | Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC                  | 1,583,016                        | 1,330,403                    | 252,613              | 19.0    |
| 17                     | San Antonio, TX                                    | 1,942,217                        | 1,711,716                    | 230,501              | 13.5    |
| 18                     | Denver-Aurora, CO <sup>1</sup>                     | 2,408,750                        | 2,179,320                    | 229,430              | 10.5    |
| 19                     | Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA                        | 3,263,497                        | 3,043,885                    | 219,612              | 7.2     |
| 20                     | Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA                | 2,137,565                        | 1,927,881                    | 209,684              | 10.9    |
| 21                     | Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI            | 3,175,041                        | 2,968,817                    | 206,224              | 6.9     |
| 22                     | Raleigh-Cary, NC                                   | 994,551                          | 797,025                      | 197,526              | 24.8    |
| 23                     | Jacksonville, FL                                   | 1,277,997                        | 1,122,750                    | 155,247              | 13.8    |
| 24                     | Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro, TN               | 1,455,097                        | 1,311,789                    | 143,308              | 10.9    |
| 25                     | Indianapolis-Carmel, IN                            | 1,666,032                        | 1,525,104                    | 140,928              | 9.2     |
| 26                     | Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD        | 5,826,742                        | 5,687,141                    | 139,601              | 2.5     |
| 27                     | McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX                       | 700,634                          | 569,463                      | 131,171              | 23.0    |
| 28                     | Kansas City, MO-KS                                 | 1,967,405                        | 1,836,420                    | 130,985              | 7.1     |
| 29                     | Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL                          | 571,344                          | 440,888                      | 130,456              | 29.6    |
| 30                     | San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA                  | 2,941,454                        | 2,813,833                    | 127,621              | 4.5     |
| 31                     | Bakersfield, CA                                    | 780,117                          | 661,655                      | 118,462              | 17.9    |
| 32                     | Columbus, OH                                       | 1,725,570                        | 1,612,841                    | 112,729              | 7.0     |
| 33                     | Stockton, CA                                       | 673,170                          | 563,598                      | 109,572              | 19.4    |
| 34                     | Baltimore-Towson, MD                               | 2,658,405                        | 2,552,994                    | 105,411              | 4.1     |
| 35                     | Boise City-Nampa, ID                               | 567,640                          | 464,840                      | 102,800              | 22.1    |
| 36                     | Tucson, AZ   | 946,362                          | 843,746                      | 102,616              | 12.2    |
| 37                     | Salt Lake City, UT                                 | 1,067,722                        | 968,883                      | 98,839               | 10.2    |
| 38                     | St. Louis, MO-IL                                   | 2,796,368                        | 2,698,672                    | 97,696               | 3.6     |
| 39                     | Provo-Orem, UT                                     | 474,180                          | 376,778                      | 97,402               | 25.9    |
| 40                     | Richmond, VA                                       | 1,194,008                        | 1,096,957                    | 97,051               | 8.8     |
| 41                     | Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN                    | 2,104,218                        | 2,009,673                    | 94,545               | 4.7     |
| 42                     | Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL                      | 682,833                          | 589,963                      | 92,870               | 15.7    |
| 43                     | Fresno, CA   | 891,756                          | 799,407                      | 92,349               | 11.6    |
| 44                     | Albuquerque, NM                                    | 816,811                          | 729,653                      | 87,158               | 11.9    |

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| 45 | Lakeland, FL                               | 561,606   | 483,924   | 77,682 | 16.1 |
| 46 | Oklahoma City, OK                          | 1,172,339 | 1,095,421 | 76,918 | 7.0  |
| 47 | Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO      | 420,876   | 347,045   | 73,831 | 21.3 |
| 48 | Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, FL             | 392,117   | 319,426   | 72,691 | 22.8 |
| 49 | Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC | 1,649,457 | 1,576,917 | 72,540 | 4.6  |
| 50 | Memphis, TN-MS-AR                          | 1,274,704 | 1,205,194 | 69,510 | 5.8  |
| 51 | Modesto, CA                                | 512,138   | 446,997   | 65,141 | 14.6 |
| 52 | Naples-Marco Island, FL                    | 314,649   | 251,377   | 63,272 | 25.2 |
| 53 | Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH             | 4,455,217 | 4,392,340 | 62,877 | 1.4  |
| 54 | Colorado Springs, CO                       | 599,127   | 537,484   | 61,643 | 11.5 |
| 55 | Baton Rouge, LA                            | 766,514   | 705,967   | 60,547 | 8.6  |
| 56 | Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ          | 800,336   | 740,394   | 59,942 | 8.1  |
| 57 | Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN         | 1,222,216 | 1,162,409 | 59,807 | 5.1  |
| 58 | Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL          | 534,359   | 476,230   | 58,129 | 12.2 |
| 59 | Reno-Sparks, NV                            | 400,560   | 342,885   | 57,675 | 16.8 |
| 60 | Ocala, FL                                  | 316,183   | 258,916   | 57,267 | 22.1 |
| 61 | El Paso, TX                                | 736,310   | 679,622   | 56,688 | 8.3  |
| 62 | Columbia, SC                               | 703,771   | 647,253   | 56,518 | 8.7  |
| 63 | San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA          | 4,180,027 | 4,123,742 | 56,285 | 1.4  |
| 64 | Greeley, CO <sup>1</sup>                   | 236,857   | 180,861   | 55,996 | 31.0 |
| 65 | Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA                | 822,549   | 767,140   | 55,409 | 7.2  |
| 66 | Ogden-Clearfield, UT                       | 497,640   | 442,656   | 54,984 | 12.4 |
| 67 | Charleston-North Charleston, SC            | 603,178   | 548,972   | 54,206 | 9.9  |
| 68 | Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL     | 496,575   | 443,340   | 53,235 | 12.0 |
| 69 | Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA             | 534,230   | 481,398   | 52,832 | 11.0 |
| 70 | Brownsville-Harlingen, TX                  | 387,717   | 335,227   | 52,490 | 15.7 |
| 71 | Visalia-Porterville, CA                    | 419,909   | 368,021   | 51,888 | 14.1 |
| 72 | Wilmington, NC                             | 326,166   | 274,550   | 51,616 | 18.8 |
| 73 | Knoxville, TN                              | 667,384   | 616,080   | 51,304 | 8.3  |
| 73 | San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA         | 1,787,123 | 1,735,819 | 51,304 | 3.0  |
| 75 | Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY       | 671,538   | 621,517   | 50,021 | 8.0  |
| 76 | Birmingham-Hoover, AL                      | 1,100,019 | 1,051,305 | 48,714 | 4.6  |
| 77 | Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA           | 799,720   | 753,195   | 46,525 | 6.2  |
| 78 | Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR          | 652,834   | 610,520   | 42,314 | 6.9  |
| 79 | Greenville, SC                             | 601,986   | 559,922   | 42,064 | 7.5  |
| 80 | Greensboro-High Point, NC                  | 685,378   | 643,446   | 41,932 | 6.5  |
| 81 | Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach, SC | 238,493   | 196,629   | 41,864 | 21.3 |
| 82 | Madison, WI                                | 543,022   | 501,773   | 41,249 | 8.2  |
| 83 | Durham, NC                                 | 464,389   | 423,800   | 40,589 | 9.6  |
| 84 | Prescott, AZ                               | 208,014   | 167,517   | 40,497 | 24.2 |
| 85 | Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT   | 1,188,841 | 1,148,618 | 40,223 | 3.5  |
| 86 | Anchorage, AK                              | 359,180   | 319,605   | 39,575 | 12.4 |
| 87 | Springfield, MO                            | 407,092   | 368,374   | 38,718 | 10.5 |
| 88 | Laredo, TX                                 | 231,470   | 193,117   | 38,353 | 19.9 |
| 89 | Tulsa, OK                                  | 897,752   | 859,530   | 38,222 | 4.4  |
| 90 | Salem, OR                                  | 384,600   | 347,218   | 37,382 | 10.8 |
| 91 | St. George, UT                             | 126,312   | 90,354    | 35,958 | 39.8 |
| 92 | Merced, CA                                 | 245,658   | 210,554   | 35,104 | 16.7 |
| 93 | Worcester, MA                              | 784,992   | 749,973   | 35,019 | 4.7  |
| 94 | Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV              | 257,619   | 222,771   | 34,848 | 15.6 |
| 95 | Winston-Salem, NC                          | 456,614   | 421,934   | 34,680 | 8.2  |
| 96 | York-Hanover, PA                           | 416,322   | 381,751   | 34,571 | 9.1  |
| 97 | Kennewick-Richland-Pasco, WA               | 226,033   | 191,825   | 34,208 | 17.8 |

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| 98  | Huntsville, AL  | 376,753 | 342,627 | 34,126 | 10.0 |
| 99  | Gainesville, GA | 173,256 | 139,315 | 33,941 | 24.4 |
| 100 | Bend, OR        | 149,140 | 115,367 | 33,773 | 29.3 |

<sup>1</sup>Broomfield, CO was formed from parts of Adams, Boulder, Jefferson, and Weld Counties, CO on November 15, 2001 and was coextensive with Broomfield city. For purposes of presenting data for metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas for Census 2000, Broomfield is treated as if it were a county at the time of the 2000 census. Note: The April 1, 2000 estimates base reflects changes to the Census 2000 population resulting from legal boundary updates as of January 1 of the estimates year, other geographic program changes, and the Count Question Resolution program. All geographic boundaries for the July 1, 2006 population estimates series are defined as of January 1, 2006. The areas defined by OMB as of January 1, 2006 are the December 2005 definitions. The Office of Management and Budget's statistical area definitions (for metropolitan, micropolitan, and combined statistical areas, as well as metropolitan divisions) are those issued by that agency in December 2005.

The metropolitan, micropolitan, and combined statistical area population estimates are based upon the county estimates. The county estimates methodology is available at: [http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology/2006\\_st\\_co\\_meth.html](http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology/2006_st_co_meth.html).