

Arab American Population Highlights



It is estimated that at least three and a half million Americans trace their heritage to the Arab world. The U.S. Census identifies a portion of this population through a question on “ancestry” from the census long form. Because it is believed that census figures undercount the Arab American population, Zogby International estimates are also included below.

Top 20 Counties by Arab* American Population:

	Ancestry Reported Census 2000	Zogby International Estimates
1. Los Angeles County, Calif.	69,271	224,438
2. Wayne, Mich.	58,738	190,311
3. Cook, Illinois	49,322	159,803
4. Oakland, Mich.	39,443	127,795
5. Kings, New York	35,819	116,054
6. Macomb, Mich.	26,339	85,338
7. Orange, Calif.	25,882	83,858
8. San Diego, Calif.	24,248	78,564
9. Fairfax, Va.	19,291	62,503
10. Harris, Texas	18,119	58,706
11. Queens, N.Y.	16,232	52,592
12. Cuyahoga, Ohio	15,254	49,423
13. Dade, Fla.	4,774	47,868
14. Hudson, N.J.	13,174	42,684
15. Bergen, N.J.	12,297	39,842
16. Santa Clara, Calif.	11,787	38,190
17. Middlesex, Mass.	11,516	37,312
18. Passaic, N.J.	10,847	35,144
19. Broward, Fla.	10,759	34,859
20. New York, N.Y.	10,737	34,787

Arab* American populations by largest metropolitan area (2000 Census)

<u>Metro Area</u>	<u>Zogby Estimates</u>	<u>Counties/Boroughs Included</u>
Detroit	403,445	Wayne, Oakland, Macomb counties
Los Angeles	308,295	Los Angeles, Orange
New York**	230,899	Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island, Bronx
Chicago	176,982	Cook, DuPage
Washington, D.C.	168,208	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WA CMSA
Northeastern NJ	140,334	Hudson, Bergen, Middlesex, Monmouth, Essex

- Arab Population Living in a Metropolitan Area (2000)—94%
- U.S. Population Living in a Metropolitan Area (2000)—80%

**Does not include Long Island and Yonkers

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*Note: The term ARAB used here refers to three different ancestry groups as designated in Census 2000. The first are those of Arab ancestry including among others those from the following: Algeria, Egypt Libya, Morocco, Tunisia or the western Asian countries of Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. The second group is the Assyrian/Chaldean/Syriac. The third groups are those from the Sub-Saharan category: the Somalian and Sudanese.