Rank	Area Name	Census Population	
		April 1, 2000	April 1, 1990
1	New York--Northern New Jersey--Long Island, NY--NJ--CT--PA CMSA	21,199,865	19,549,649
2	Los Angeles--Riverside--Orange County, CA CMSA	16,373,645	14,531,529
3	Chicago--Gary--Kenosha, IL--IN--WI CMSA	9,157,540	8,239,820
4	Washington--Baltimore, DC--MD--VA--WV CMSA	7,608,070	6,727,050
5	San Francisco--Oakland--San Jose, CA CMSA	7,039,362	6,253,311
6	Philadelphia--Wilmington--Atlantic City, PA--NJ--DE--MD CMSA	6,188,463	5,892,937
7	Boston--Worcester--Lawrence, MA--NH--ME--CT CMSA	5,819,100	5,455,403
8	Detroit--Ann Arbor--Flint, MI CMSA	5,456,428	5,187,171
9	Dallas--Fort Worth, TX CMSA	5,221,801	4,037,282
10	Houston--Galveston--Brazoria, TX CMSA	4,669,571	3,731,131
11	Atlanta, GA MSA	4,112,198	2,959,950
12	Miami--Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	3,876,380	3,192,582
13	Seattle--Tacoma--Bremerton, WA CMSA	3,554,760	2,970,328
14	Phoenix--Mesa, AZ MSA	3,251,876	2,238,480
15	Minneapolis--St. Paul, MN--WI MSA	2,968,806	2,538,834
16	Cleveland--Akron, OH CMSA	2,945,831	2,859,644
17	San Diego, CA MSA	2,813,833	2,498,016
18	St. Louis, MO--IL MSA	2,603,607	2,492,525
19	Denver--Boulder--Greeley, CO CMSA	2,581,506	1,980,140
20	San Juan--Caguas--Arecibo, PR CMSA	2,450,292	2,270,808
21	Tampa--St. Petersburg--Clearwater, FL MSA	2,395,997	2,067,959
22	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	2,358,695	2,394,811
23	Portland--Salem, OR--WA CMSA	2,265,223	1,793,476
24	Cincinnati--Hamilton, OH--KY--IN CMSA	1,979,202	1,817,571
25	Sacramento--Yolo, CA CMSA	1,796,857	1,481,102
26	Kansas City, MO--KS MSA	1,776,062	1,582,875
27	Milwaukee--Racine, WI CMSA	1,689,572	1,607,183
28	Orlando, FL MSA	1,644,561	1,224,852
29	Indianapolis, IN MSA	1,607,486	1,380,491
30	San Antonio, TX MSA	1,592,383	1,324,749
31	Norfolk--Virginia Beach--Newport News, VA--NC MSA	1,569,541	1,443,244
32	Las Vegas, NV--AZ MSA	1,563,282	852,737
33	*Columbus, OH MSA	1,540,157	1,345,450
34	Charlotte--Gastonia--Rock Hill, NC--SC MSA	1,499,293	1,162,093
35	New Orleans, LA MSA	1,337,726	1,285,270
36	Salt Lake City--Ogden, UT MSA	1,333,914	1,072,227
37	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	1,251,509	1,050,304
38	Austin--San Marcos, TX MSA	1,249,763	846,227
39	Nashville, TN MSA	1,231,311	985,026
40	Providence--Fall River--Warwick, RI--MA MSA	1,188,613	1,134,350
41	Raleigh--Durham--Chapel Hill, NC MSA	1,187,941	855,545
42	Hartford, CT MSA	1,183,110	1,157,585
43	Buffalo--Niagara Falls, NY MSA	1,170,111	1,189,288
44	Memphis, TN--AR--MS MSA	1,135,614	1,007,306
45	West Palm Beach--Boca Raton, FL MSA	1,131,184	863,518
46	Jacksonville, FL MSA	1,100,491	906,727
47	Rochester, NY MSA	1,098,201	1,062,470
48	Grand Rapids--Muskegon--Holland, MI MSA	1,088,514	937,891

49	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	1,083,346	958,839
50	Louisville, KY--IN MSA	1,025,598	948,829
51	Richmond--Petersburg, VA MSA	996,512	865,640
52	Greenville--Spartanburg--Anderson, SC MSA	962,441	830,563
53	Dayton--Springfield, OH MSA	950,558	951,270
54	Fresno, CA MSA	922,516	755,580
55	Birmingham, AL MSA	921,106	840,140
56	Honolulu, HI MSA	876,156	836,231
57	Albany--Schenectady--Troy, NY MSA	875,583	861,424
58	Tucson, AZ MSA	843,746	666,880
59	Tulsa, OK MSA	803,235	708,954
60	Syracuse, NY MSA	732,117	742,177
61	Omaha, NE--IA MSA	716,998	639,580
62	Albuquerque, NM MSA	712,738	589,131
63	Knoxville, TN MSA	687,249	585,960
64	El Paso, TX MSA	679,622	591,610
65	Bakersfield, CA MSA	661,645	543,477
66	Allentown--Bethlehem--Easton, PA MSA	637,958	595,081
67	Harrisburg--Lebanon--Carlisle, PA MSA	629,401	587,986
68	Scranton--Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton, PA MSA	624,776	638,466
69	Toledo, OH MSA	618,203	614,128
70	Baton Rouge, LA MSA	602,894	528,264
71	Youngstown--Warren, OH MSA	594,746	600,895
72	Springfield, MA MSA	591,932	587,884
73	Sarasota--Bradenton, FL MSA	589,959	489,483
74	Little Rock--North Little Rock, AR MSA	583,845	513,117
75	McAllen--Edinburg--Mission, TX MSA	569,463	383,545