

Figure 3-3.

Number of Metropolitan Districts and Metropolitan Areas by Population Size for the United States: 1810 to 2010

(Based on metropolitan districts and metropolitan areas of 100,000 or more population. Data for 2010 are based on the core-based statistical area concept and have been adjusted to be generally comparable to data shown for 2000)

Year	Total	5,000,000- or more	2,500,000- 4,999,999	1,000,000- 2,499,999	500,000- 999,999	250,000- 499,999	100,000- 249,999
Metropolitan district concept							
1810.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
1820.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
1830.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
1840.....	5	-	-	-	-	2	3
1850.....	7	-	-	-	1	2	4
1860.....	10	-	-	1	1	1	7
1870.....	16	-	-	1	2	4	9
1880.....	18	-	-	2	2	5	9
1890.....	27	-	1	2	2	8	14
1900.....	42	-	1	3	3	10	25
1910.....	58	1	-	4	7	10	36
1920.....	77	1	1	4	10	18	43
1930.....	98	1	2	7	8	24	56
1940.....	106	1	3	7	9	24	62
Metropolitan area concept							
1940.....	129	1	3	7	10	34	74
1950.....	151	2	3	9	19	44	74
1960.....	186	3	4	15	27	48	89
1970.....	193	4	5	19	28	55	82
1980.....	258	5	7	22	32	62	130
1990.....	259	5	9	25	34	61	125
2000.....	256	9	10	30	32	63	112
2010.....	296	12	9	30	39	66	140
CUMULATIVE NUMBER IN SIZE CATEGORY AND LARGER							
Metropolitan district concept							
1810.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
1820.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
1830.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
1840.....	5	-	-	-	-	2	5
1850.....	7	-	-	-	1	3	7
1860.....	10	-	-	1	2	3	10
1870.....	16	-	-	1	3	7	16
1880.....	18	-	-	2	4	9	18
1890.....	27	-	1	3	5	13	27
1900.....	42	-	1	4	7	17	42
1910.....	58	1	1	5	12	22	58
1920.....	77	1	2	6	16	34	77
1930.....	98	1	3	10	18	42	98
1940.....	106	1	4	11	20	44	106
Metropolitan area concept							
1940.....	129	1	4	11	21	55	129
1950.....	151	2	5	14	33	77	151
1960.....	186	3	7	22	49	97	186
1970.....	193	4	9	28	56	111	193
1980.....	258	5	12	34	66	128	258
1990.....	259	5	14	39	73	134	259
2000.....	256	9	19	49	81	144	256
2010.....	296	12	21	51	90	156	296

Sources of data: Todd Kelly Gardner (1998), *The Metropolitan Fringe: Suburbanization in the United States Before World War II*; U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census publications; U.S. Office of Management and Budget (1975), *Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas* (revised edition). See www.demographicchartbook.com, References.

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