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The ten largest municipalities in each of the fifty states, by resident population on 1 July 2025. Figures are the Census Bureau's Vintage 2025 subcounty estimates — the current official series — except in Hawaii, which is noted below. *Since 2020* measures growth against the 2020 census base, so it is five years of change, not an annual rate.

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Alabama

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Huntsville	233,627	+8.7%
2	Mobile	200,824	-2.9%
3	Birmingham	195,893	-2.3%
4	Montgomery	195,300	-2.6%
5	Tuscaloosa	114,316	+13.2%
6	Hoover	93,550	+1.1%
7	Auburn	85,113	+11.1%
8	Dothan	72,060	+1.4%
9	Madison	67,968	+19.4%
10	Decatur	58,056	+1.3%

Alaska

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Anchorage	287,155	-1.4%
2	Juneau city and borough	31,609	-2.0%
3	Fairbanks	31,468	-3.2%
4	Wasilla	10,556	+16.5%
5	Sitka city and borough	8,319	-1.6%
6	Ketchikan	7,939	-3.0%
7	Kenai	7,924	+6.8%
8	Palmer	6,710	+14.0%
9	Bethel	6,626	+4.8%
10	Homer	6,331	+14.6%

Arizona

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Phoenix	1,665,481	+3.6%
2	Tucson	548,371	+1.1%
3	Mesa	513,656	+1.8%
4	Gilbert town	287,285	+7.2%
5	Chandler	278,748	+1.0%
6	Glendale	260,572	+4.9%
7	Scottsdale	243,006	+0.7%
8	Peoria	200,881	+5.2%

9	Tempe	190,571	+3.5%
10	Surprise	175,304	+22.5%

Arkansas

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Little Rock	206,427	+1.9%
2	Fayetteville	106,623	+13.1%
3	Fort Smith	90,855	+1.9%
4	Springdale	90,685	+3.9%
5	Jonesboro	83,296	+6.1%
6	Rogers	76,956	+10.5%
7	Conway	72,328	+12.7%
8	North Little Rock	65,120	+0.8%
9	Bentonville	63,057	+16.3%
10	Benton	38,898	+11.1%

California

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Los Angeles	3,869,089	-0.8%
2	San Diego	1,406,106	+1.6%
3	San Jose	989,814	-2.3%
4	San Francisco	826,079	-6.0%
5	Fresno	555,549	+2.5%
6	Sacramento	536,449	+2.2%
7	Long Beach	450,469	-3.5%
8	Oakland	440,838	0.0%
9	Bakersfield	422,165	+4.4%
10	Anaheim	341,008	-1.7%

Colorado

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Denver	740,613	+3.5%
2	Colorado Springs	494,743	+3.1%
3	Aurora	410,053	+6.2%
4	Fort Collins	171,500	+1.0%
5	Lakewood	156,927	+0.6%

6	Thornton	147,766	+4.2%
7	Arvada	122,901	-1.2%
8	Westminster	116,182	-0.4%
9	Greeley	115,073	+5.8%
10	Pueblo	110,404	-1.3%

Connecticut

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Bridgeport	152,273	+2.5%
2	Stamford	139,535	+3.0%
3	New Haven	138,774	+3.6%
4	Hartford	121,981	+0.3%
5	Waterbury	115,771	+1.2%
6	Norwalk	94,508	+3.6%
7	Danbury	89,033	+2.5%
8	New Britain	76,286	+2.9%
9	Fairfield town	66,262	+7.7%
10	Greenwich town	64,801	+2.0%

Delaware

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Wilmington	73,512	+3.7%
2	Dover	40,592	+2.8%
3	Newark	30,359	-0.9%
4	Middletown town	25,798	+11.2%
5	Milford	14,723	+31.9%
6	Smyrna town	13,340	+3.5%
7	Seaford	9,165	+15.5%
8	Georgetown town	8,291	+15.5%
9	Millsboro town	7,890	+16.5%
10	Elsmere town	6,196	-0.5%

Florida

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Jacksonville	1,017,689	+7.2%
2	Miami	489,812	+10.8%

3	Tampa	413,554	+7.3%
4	Orlando	333,888	+8.4%
5	Port St. Lucie	268,062	+30.9%
6	St. Petersburg	264,033	+2.2%
7	Cape Coral	236,264	+21.8%
8	Hialeah	230,968	+3.5%
9	Tallahassee	204,902	+4.4%
10	Fort Lauderdale	188,677	+3.3%

Georgia

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Atlanta	529,110	+6.1%
2	Columbus	202,171	-2.3%
3	Augusta-Richmond County (balance)	201,999	0.0%
4	Macon-Bibb County	157,556	+0.1%
5	Savannah	149,440	+1.1%
6	Athens-Clarke County (balance)	128,612	+1.0%
7	South Fulton	112,820	+4.4%
8	Sandy Springs	105,013	-2.9%
9	Roswell	91,505	-1.4%
10	Warner Robins	87,761	+9.2%

Hawaii

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Urban Honolulu	345,482	—
2	East Honolulu	51,360	—
3	Hilo	50,404	—
4	Pearl City	44,547	—
5	Waipahu	40,482	—
6	Kailua	39,640	—
7	Kaneohe	37,355	—
8	Kahului	28,288	—
9	Mililani Town	27,668	—
10	Ewa Gentry	26,563	—

Idaho

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Boise City	238,429	+1.1%
2	Meridian	142,988	+21.4%
3	Nampa	120,384	+19.9%
4	Caldwell	76,629	+27.4%
5	Idaho Falls	71,785	+9.4%
6	Pocatello	58,771	+3.6%
7	Coeur d'Alene	58,179	+6.5%
8	Twin Falls	56,216	+8.4%
9	Post Falls	46,715	+21.0%
10	Rexburg	40,334	+1.4%

Illinois

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Chicago	2,731,585	-0.6%
2	Aurora	181,505	+0.5%
3	Naperville	153,114	+2.4%
4	Joliet	152,241	+1.2%
5	Rockford	147,384	-1.1%
6	Elgin	115,476	+0.6%
7	Springfield	112,989	-1.4%
8	Peoria	110,920	-2.0%
9	Champaign	91,195	+3.3%
10	Waukegan	87,940	-1.5%

Indiana

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Indianapolis (balance)	901,116	+1.5%
2	Fort Wayne	275,203	+4.3%
3	Evansville	116,176	-0.9%
4	Carmel	105,634	+5.9%
5	Fishers	104,812	+5.8%
6	South Bend	103,201	-0.2%
7	Bloomington	83,307	+3.9%
8	Noblesville	76,111	+8.9%
9	Hammond	75,712	-2.7%
10	Lafayette	71,238	+0.6%

Iowa

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Des Moines	212,086	-0.9%
2	Cedar Rapids	137,935	+0.1%
3	Davenport	100,358	-1.3%
4	Sioux City	86,356	+0.5%
5	Ankeny	77,833	+14.3%
6	Iowa City	76,229	+1.9%
7	West Des Moines	74,224	+8.0%
8	Ames	68,220	+2.7%
9	Waterloo	66,919	-0.6%
10	Council Bluffs	62,680	-0.2%

Kansas

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Wichita	400,987	+0.9%
2	Overland Park	203,677	+3.3%
3	Kansas City	157,805	+0.8%
4	Olathe	150,025	+6.2%
5	Topeka	125,795	-0.6%
6	Lawrence	96,367	+1.5%
7	Shawnee	69,848	+3.7%
8	Lenexa	60,506	+5.4%
9	Manhattan	54,673	+1.1%
10	Salina	46,094	-1.7%

Kentucky

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Louisville/Jefferson County (balance)	641,962	+1.6%
2	Lexington-Fayette	329,751	+2.2%
3	Bowling Green	78,505	+8.6%
4	Owensboro	60,892	+1.1%
5	Covington	41,847	+2.2%
6	Georgetown	40,883	+8.9%
7	Richmond	40,663	+15.6%
8	Elizabethtown	35,448	+12.9%

9	Florence	34,018	+6.4%
10	Nicholasville	33,857	+8.8%

Louisiana

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	New Orleans	362,154	-5.7%
2	Baton Rouge	222,795	-1.7%
3	Shreveport	175,902	-6.2%
4	Lafayette	123,311	+1.6%
5	Lake Charles	82,676	-2.7%
6	St. George	78,536	+0.6%
7	Kenner	65,136	-2.0%
8	Bossier City	63,259	+0.9%
9	Monroe	46,860	-2.0%
10	Alexandria	42,938	-5.2%

Maine

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Portland	69,911	+2.2%
2	Lewiston	38,866	+4.7%
3	Bangor	32,518	+2.4%
4	South Portland	27,007	+1.9%
5	Auburn	25,441	+5.7%
6	Scarborough town	24,547	+11.0%
7	Brunswick town	23,055	+5.9%
8	Sanford	22,663	+3.2%
9	Biddeford	22,399	-0.7%
10	Westbrook	21,565	+5.7%

Maryland

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Baltimore	569,997	-2.7%
2	Frederick	92,059	+17.8%
3	Gaithersburg	71,113	+2.1%
4	Rockville	67,563	+0.7%
5	Bowie	58,383	+0.1%

6	Hagerstown	44,228	+1.5%
7	Annapolis	40,634	-0.4%
8	College Park	35,418	+1.9%
9	Salisbury	33,845	+2.6%
10	Laurel	30,254	+0.6%

Massachusetts

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Boston	672,973	-0.8%
2	Worcester	213,862	+3.6%
3	Springfield	154,702	-0.8%
4	Cambridge	122,588	+3.5%
5	Lowell	119,971	+3.8%
6	Brockton	106,134	+0.5%
7	Lynn	104,236	+2.9%
8	Quincy	103,173	+1.5%
9	New Bedford	101,834	+0.8%
10	Fall River	95,298	+1.4%

Michigan

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Detroit	649,095	+1.5%
2	Grand Rapids	201,183	+1.2%
3	Warren	137,138	-1.6%
4	Sterling Heights	133,931	-0.3%
5	Ann Arbor	122,233	-1.3%
6	Lansing	113,884	+1.1%
7	Dearborn	105,611	-4.0%
8	Livonia	92,603	-3.1%
9	Troy	88,733	+1.6%
10	Farmington Hills	83,291	-0.9%

Minnesota

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Minneapolis	430,324	+0.1%
2	St. Paul	306,684	-1.5%

3	Rochester	124,292	+2.4%
4	Bloomington	89,034	-1.0%
5	Duluth	88,330	+1.7%
6	Brooklyn Park	83,543	-3.4%
7	Woodbury	81,558	+8.6%
8	Lakeville	79,270	+14.1%
9	Plymouth	78,942	-2.6%
10	Blaine	76,603	+9.1%

Mississippi

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Jackson	141,196	-8.1%
2	Gulfport	76,506	+4.9%
3	Southaven	57,819	+5.8%
4	Hattiesburg	48,802	+0.2%
5	Biloxi	48,516	-1.8%
6	Olive Branch	47,563	+2.5%
7	Tupelo	38,087	+0.4%
8	Meridian	33,370	-4.8%
9	Pearl	28,864	+6.7%
10	Madison	28,575	+3.0%

Missouri

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Kansas City	521,220	+2.6%
2	St. Louis	278,144	-7.7%
3	Springfield	169,847	+0.4%
4	Columbia	130,851	+3.8%
5	Independence	121,675	-1.0%
6	Lee's Summit	107,514	+6.3%
7	O'Fallon	96,101	+5.2%
8	St. Charles	72,561	+2.7%
9	St. Joseph	71,001	-2.0%
10	Blue Springs	61,632	+5.1%

Montana

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Billings	121,239	+3.5%
2	Missoula	78,903	+6.4%
3	Great Falls	60,208	-0.5%
4	Bozeman	58,814	+9.7%
5	Butte-Silver Bow (balance)	35,469	+2.8%
6	Helena	35,138	+9.4%
7	Kalispell	31,851	+27.0%
8	Belgrade	13,107	+25.2%
9	Anaconda-Deer Lodge County	9,709	+3.0%
10	Whitefish	9,358	+20.2%

Nebraska

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Omaha	488,797	-0.6%
2	Lincoln	301,522	+3.5%
3	Bellevue	64,863	-0.3%
4	Grand Island	53,943	+1.5%
5	Kearney	34,782	+2.8%
6	Fremont	28,350	+4.5%
7	Norfolk	26,677	+2.9%
8	Columbus	25,248	+5.0%
9	Papillion	25,127	-0.6%
10	Hastings	25,121	-0.1%

Nevada

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Las Vegas	679,817	+5.3%
2	Henderson	353,289	+11.5%
3	North Las Vegas	296,653	+14.3%
4	Reno	283,621	+7.4%
5	Sparks	111,902	+3.2%
6	Carson City	58,571	-0.1%
7	Fernley	26,214	+14.5%
8	Mesquite	24,001	+17.3%
9	Elko	21,019	+2.3%
10	Boulder City	14,884	+0.1%

New Hampshire

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Manchester	116,818	+1.0%
2	Nashua	92,435	+1.2%
3	Concord	44,597	+1.4%
4	Dover	34,623	+5.7%
5	Derry town	33,990	-0.3%
6	Rochester	33,716	+3.8%
7	Salem town	31,868	+5.9%
8	Merrimack town	29,699	+11.5%
9	Londonderry town	27,844	+6.9%
10	Hudson town	26,001	+2.4%

New Jersey

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Newark	323,808	+4.0%
2	Jersey City	302,013	+3.2%
3	Paterson	161,793	+1.3%
4	Elizabeth	141,675	+3.2%
5	Trenton	91,506	+0.8%
6	Clifton	91,127	+1.4%
7	Bayonne	74,744	+4.3%
8	East Orange	72,159	+3.6%
9	Camden	71,430	-0.5%
10	Passaic	71,337	+1.1%

New Mexico

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Albuquerque	556,588	-1.4%
2	Las Cruces	116,978	+5.0%
3	Rio Rancho	114,419	+9.9%
4	Santa Fe	89,837	+2.7%
5	Roswell	46,878	-3.2%
6	Farmington	46,055	-1.2%
7	Hobbs	40,863	+0.9%
8	Clovis	37,127	-3.6%

9	Carlsbad	32,524	+1.1%
10	Alamogordo	31,906	+3.2%

New York

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	New York	8,584,629	-2.5%
2	Buffalo	274,613	-1.3%
3	Yonkers	212,603	+0.5%
4	Rochester	206,108	-2.4%
5	Syracuse	144,896	-2.5%
6	Albany	101,698	+2.6%
7	New Rochelle	85,864	+7.7%
8	Mount Vernon	72,304	-2.2%
9	Schenectady	69,471	+3.6%
10	Utica	62,978	-3.5%

North Carolina

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Charlotte	964,784	+10.3%
2	Raleigh	506,306	+8.2%
3	Greensboro	308,667	+3.2%
4	Durham	305,561	+7.6%
5	Winston-Salem	257,271	+3.1%
6	Fayetteville	209,120	+0.3%
7	Cary town	183,582	+5.0%
8	Wilmington	126,809	+9.8%
9	High Point	120,571	+5.7%
10	Concord	114,598	+8.8%

North Dakota

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Fargo	136,275	+8.2%
2	Bismarck	77,963	+5.9%
3	Grand Forks	60,365	+2.0%
4	Minot	47,308	-2.2%
5	West Fargo	41,175	+6.6%

6	Williston	29,522	+1.3%
7	Dickinson	25,870	+0.8%
8	Mandan	25,061	+3.6%
9	Jamestown	15,688	-1.0%
10	Wahpeton	8,141	+1.6%

Ohio

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Columbus	938,396	+3.6%
2	Cleveland	363,608	-2.4%
3	Cincinnati	314,367	+1.5%
4	Toledo	263,423	-2.8%
5	Akron	189,691	-0.4%
6	Dayton	136,688	-0.7%
7	Parma	78,581	-3.1%
8	Canton	69,001	-2.4%
9	Lorain	65,366	+0.2%
10	Hamilton	64,644	+2.0%

Oklahoma

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Oklahoma City	719,849	+5.7%
2	Tulsa	416,209	+0.8%
3	Norman	130,943	+2.3%
4	Broken Arrow	124,991	+10.1%
5	Edmond	100,479	+6.4%
6	Lawton	90,503	+0.1%
7	Moore	63,609	+1.3%
8	Midwest City	58,799	+0.7%
9	Enid	50,297	-1.9%
10	Stillwater	50,046	+3.5%

Oregon

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Portland	635,109	-2.7%
2	Salem	181,779	+3.6%

3	Eugene	178,618	+0.7%
4	Gresham	111,513	-2.4%
5	Hillsboro	111,126	+4.4%
6	Bend	107,342	+8.2%
7	Beaverton	97,842	+0.3%
8	Medford	86,494	+0.5%
9	Corvallis	61,499	+2.6%
10	Springfield	61,431	-0.7%

Pennsylvania

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Philadelphia	1,574,281	-1.8%
2	Pittsburgh	307,632	+1.5%
3	Allentown	126,044	+0.1%
4	Reading	95,832	+0.8%
5	Erie	91,838	-3.3%
6	Bethlehem	79,644	+5.1%
7	Scranton	75,514	-1.1%
8	Lancaster	58,366	+0.7%
9	Harrisburg	50,522	+0.9%
10	York	45,342	+1.2%

Rhode Island

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Providence	195,310	+2.3%
2	Cranston	84,647	+2.1%
3	Warwick	84,187	+1.6%
4	Pawtucket	77,065	+1.9%
5	East Providence	48,249	+2.4%
6	Woonsocket	44,580	+3.1%
7	Cumberland town	37,615	+3.3%
8	Coventry town	36,281	+1.6%
9	North Providence town	34,833	+2.1%
10	South Kingstown town	32,009	+0.2%

South Carolina

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Charleston	159,423	+5.8%
2	Columbia	147,035	+7.5%
3	North Charleston	129,245	+12.5%
4	Mount Pleasant town	95,469	+4.9%
5	Rock Hill	75,911	+2.1%
6	Greenville	75,310	+5.9%
7	Summerville town	53,177	+4.6%
8	Goose Creek	52,010	+12.9%
9	Greer	50,007	+41.0%
10	Sumter	43,094	-0.9%

South Dakota

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Sioux Falls	213,748	+10.9%
2	Rapid City	80,589	+7.8%
3	Aberdeen	27,961	-1.8%
4	Brookings	25,355	+8.5%
5	Watertown	23,736	+4.8%
6	Yankton	15,816	+2.4%
7	Mitchell	15,756	+0.5%
8	Huron	14,607	+2.5%
9	Spearfish	14,154	+15.9%
10	Box Elder	13,936	+17.6%

Tennessee

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Nashville-Davidson (balance)	721,074	+4.6%
2	Memphis	609,647	-3.0%
3	Knoxville	202,021	+6.0%
4	Chattanooga	194,144	+6.9%
5	Clarksville	188,829	+13.2%
6	Murfreesboro	171,178	+12.0%
7	Franklin	90,226	+8.0%
8	Johnson City	74,943	+5.5%
9	Jackson	69,339	+1.7%
10	Hendersonville	64,266	+4.0%

Texas

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Houston	2,397,315	+4.2%
2	San Antonio	1,548,422	+8.0%
3	Dallas	1,329,491	+1.9%
4	Fort Worth	1,028,117	+11.9%
5	Austin	1,002,632	+4.6%
6	El Paso	683,012	+0.6%
7	Arlington	402,134	+2.0%
8	Corpus Christi	317,247	-0.3%
9	Plano	293,028	+2.6%
10	Lubbock	273,071	+6.2%

Utah

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Salt Lake City	218,428	+9.4%
2	West Valley City	137,491	-2.0%
3	West Jordan	116,812	-0.1%
4	Provo	114,527	-0.6%
5	St. George	108,713	+14.0%
6	Lehi	95,313	+25.6%
7	Orem	95,214	-2.9%
8	Sandy	92,386	-5.2%
9	Ogden	89,510	+2.5%
10	South Jordan	87,614	+13.1%

Vermont

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Burlington	44,019	-1.6%
2	South Burlington	21,394	+5.8%
3	Colchester town	17,565	+0.3%
4	Rutland	15,363	-2.9%
5	Bennington town	14,953	-2.4%
6	Brattleboro town	11,872	-2.6%
7	Essex town	11,346	-1.2%
8	Essex Junction	10,921	+3.0%

9	Hartford town	10,911	+2.1%
10	Milton town	10,646	-0.8%

Virginia

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Virginia Beach	453,737	-1.2%
2	Chesapeake	255,332	+2.4%
3	Richmond	237,257	+4.7%
4	Norfolk	231,013	-3.0%
5	Newport News	183,230	-1.6%
6	Alexandria	160,662	+0.7%
7	Hampton	137,315	+0.1%
8	Suffolk	104,699	+10.9%
9	Roanoke	99,111	-0.9%
10	Portsmouth	96,777	-1.2%

Washington

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Seattle	784,777	+6.5%
2	Spokane	230,783	+0.8%
3	Tacoma	229,816	+4.6%
4	Vancouver	199,698	+4.6%
5	Bellevue	154,193	+1.5%
6	Kent	134,871	-0.4%
7	Everett	113,567	+2.8%
8	Spokane Valley	108,405	+5.2%
9	Renton	104,975	-1.8%
10	Federal Way	99,729	-1.3%

West Virginia

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Charleston	46,117	-5.5%
2	Huntington	44,815	-4.4%
3	Morgantown	30,293	+0.8%
4	Parkersburg	28,593	-3.7%
5	Wheeling	25,680	-4.9%

6	Martinsburg	19,211	+2.5%
7	Weirton	18,133	-5.4%
8	Fairmont	18,035	-2.1%
9	Beckley	16,373	-5.2%
10	Clarksburg	15,562	-4.7%

Wisconsin

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Milwaukee	562,407	-2.7%
2	Madison	286,233	+4.2%
3	Green Bay	106,675	-0.6%
4	Kenosha	99,239	-0.8%
5	Racine	77,908	-0.5%
6	Appleton	75,452	-0.3%
7	Eau Claire	72,465	+4.4%
8	Waukesha	70,872	-0.4%
9	Oshkosh	67,460	+0.8%
10	Janesville	66,929	+2.0%

Wyoming

Rank	City	2025 population	Since 2020
1	Cheyenne	66,507	+1.7%
2	Casper	58,771	-0.6%
3	Gillette	34,024	+1.8%
4	Laramie	32,284	+2.8%
5	Rock Springs	22,936	-2.5%
6	Sheridan	20,015	+6.7%
7	Evanston	11,705	-0.6%
8	Green River	11,450	-3.3%
9	Riverton	10,910	+2.0%
10	Jackson town	10,720	-0.6%

Notes on the count

What counts as a city. The Census Bureau's unit here is the *incorporated place* — a chartered city, town, village or borough. Populations are for the municipality itself, not its metropolitan area, which is why Atlanta appears at roughly half a million rather than six million.

Townships are excluded. Outside New England, townships and New York towns are county subdivisions rather than incorporated places, so they are absent even where they are populous. Hempstead, New York (about 790,000) and Lakewood Township, New Jersey (about 145,000) would both place high on their state's list under a broader definition.

New England is the exception. In Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont the town is the general-purpose municipality and there is no township layer beneath it. Rhode Island has only eight incorporated places in all, so a places-only list could not reach ten. Those six states therefore merge cities and towns. Villages and boroughs, which sit inside a town and would be counted twice, are left out.

Consolidated city-counties are given as the *balance* — the consolidated government minus the separately incorporated places inside it, which are listed in their own right. This affects Indianapolis, Louisville, Nashville, Augusta and Athens. The whole-government figures run higher: Indianapolis 910,638, Louisville 795,222, Nashville 745,904.

Hawaii has no incorporated municipalities apart from the consolidated City and County of Honolulu, which covers the whole of Oahu. Its table uses census designated places from the 2020–2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates instead, so those figures are a different vintage and method from every other state's and should not be compared against them directly.

The District of Columbia is a single municipality coextensive with the federal district, population 693,645, and has no second city to rank.

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