

An Analysis of Urban Population and Nazarene Ministry

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The Research Center at Nazarene Headquarters has determined a series of community types by population density. For example, the category “Major Urban Core” has a minimum of 15,000 people within one mile, a minimum of 100,000 people within three miles, and a minimum of 250,000 people within five miles. The following table lists the Research Centers community types and the one, three, and five-mile radiuses used to determine them. Map 1 visually represents these community types.

Table 1: Nazarene Community Types

Community Type	Minimum 1 Mile Pop. Radius	Minimum 3 Mile Pop. Radius	Minimum 5 Mile Pop. Radius
Major Urban Core	15,000	100,000	250,000
Large Cities	10,000	25,000	100,000
Fringe Major Urban	-	10,000	100,000
Small City or Suburban	5,000	25,000	50,000
Suburban	-	10,000	50,000
Small City Core	5,000	10,000	25,000
Fringe City	-	2,000	25,000
Small Town	2,500	2,000	5,000
Bordering Small Town	-	5,000	5,000
Near Small Town	-	-	5,000
Rural	-	-	-

Map 1: USA Community Types

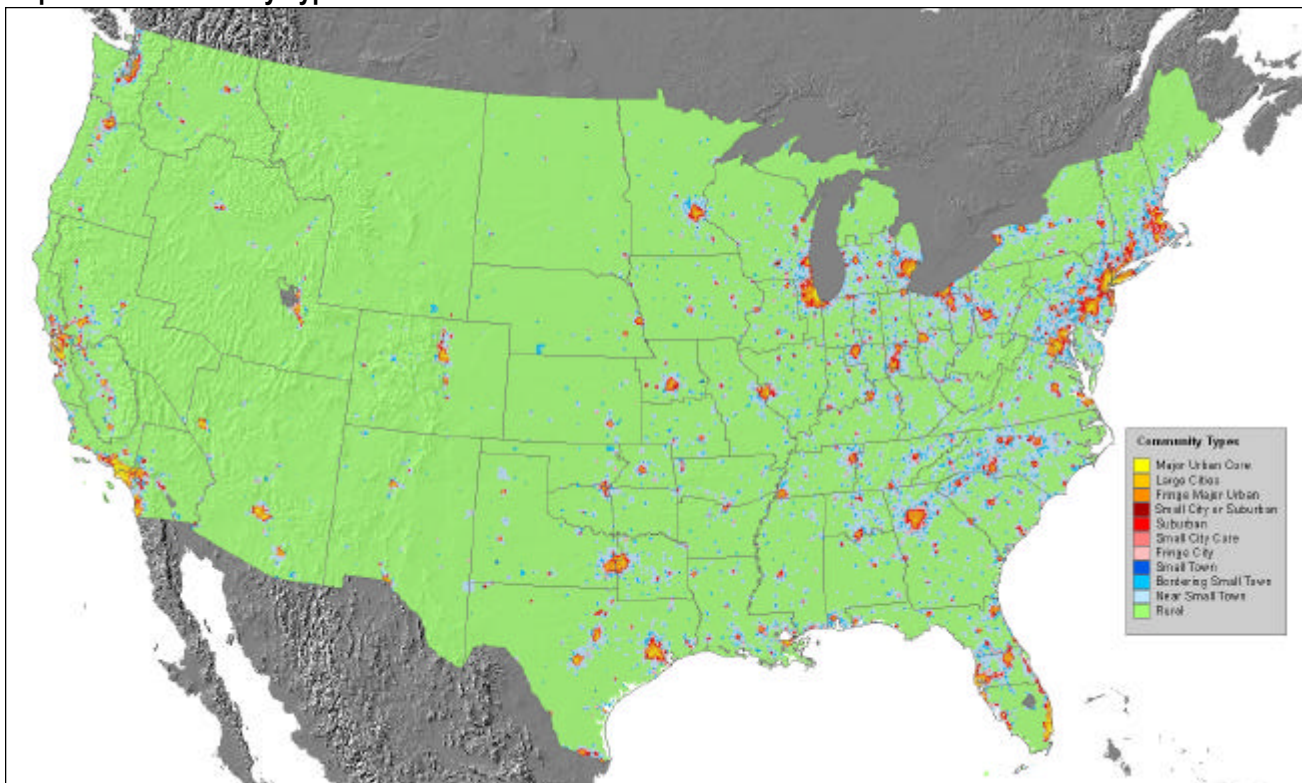


Table 2 (following page) compares the USA population with a few Nazarene statistics using the community types listed earlier. While the category Major Urban Core represents 15% of the national population, only 9% of Nazarenes worship in churches located in those communities. Furthermore, there is only 1 church per 100,000 people in Major Urban Core areas. Compare this with having 6 churches per 100,000 people in Small Towns.

Not only are there fewer churches in urban areas, but there is also a smaller proportion of the population attending those churches. In Major Urban Core areas there are only 104 Nazarenes in average worship attendance per 100,000 people. This is the second lowest ratio. Rural areas have the lowest ratio at 96 worshippers per 100,000 people. The highest ratio is in Small Town areas where there are 551 worshippers per 100,000 people.

Below is a bar graph based on Table 2 that shows the percentage comparisons from of the USA Population with Nazarene statistics.

Graph 1: Comparison of USA Population and Nazarene Statistics

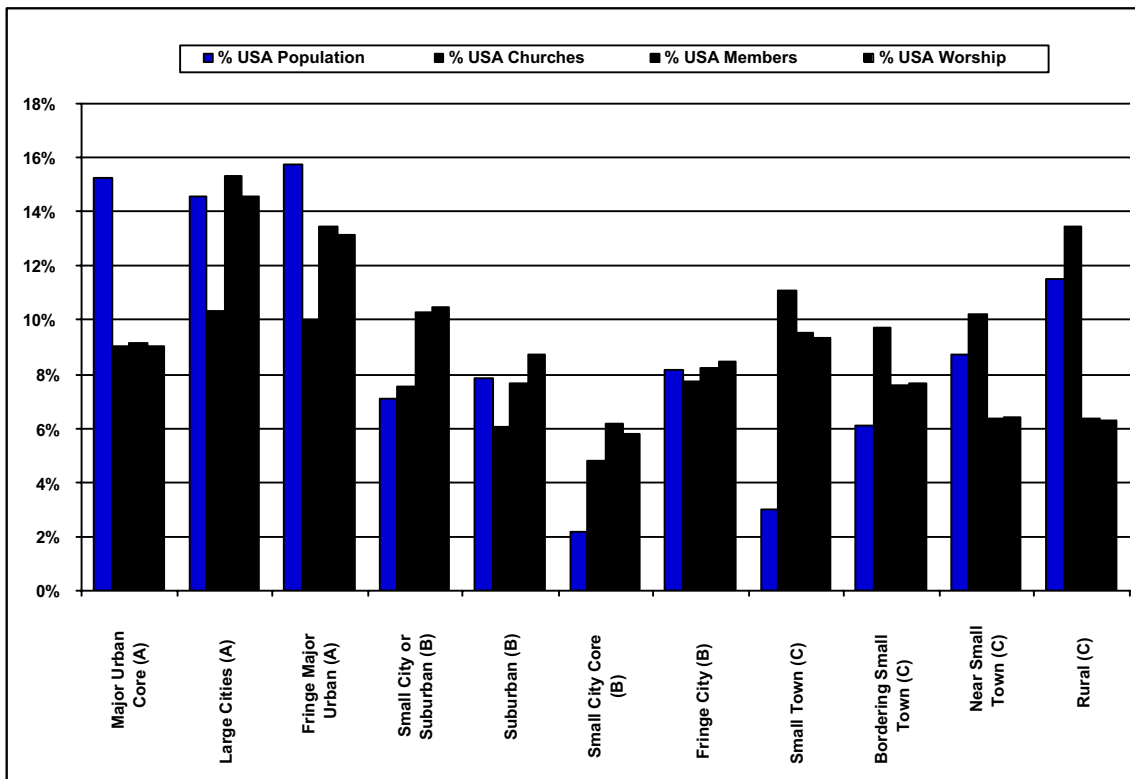


Table 2: Comparison of USA Population with Nazarene Statistics

Community Type	2005 Population	% of USA Pop.	Active Churches	% of USA Churches	2004 Membership	% of USA Members	2004 Average Worship	% of USA Worship	# of Churches per 100,000 in Population	# of Nazarenes in Worship per 100,000 in Population
Major Urban Core (A)	44,517,299	15%	448	9%	56,449	9%	46,085	9%	1	104
Large Cities (A)	42,506,802	15%	514	10%	94,811	15%	74,495	15%	1	175
Fringe Major Urban (A)	45,950,102	16%	496	10%	83,105	13%	67,362	13%	1	147
Small City or Suburban (B)	20,650,302	7%	375	8%	63,443	10%	53,677	10%	2	260
Suburban (B)	22,846,127	8%	301	6%	47,322	8%	44,638	9%	1	195
Small City Core (B)	6,292,908	2%	237	5%	37,970	6%	29,709	6%	4	472
Fringe City (B)	23,743,914	8%	384	8%	50,764	8%	43,464	8%	2	183
Small Town (C)	8,695,362	3%	552	11%	59,000	10%	47,916	9%	6	551
Bordering Small Town (C)	17,807,331	6%	484	10%	47,099	8%	39,267	8%	3	221
Near Small Town (C)	25,462,095	9%	508	10%	39,163	6%	32,860	6%	2	129
Rural (C)	33,601,248	12%	670	13%	39,416	6%	32,220	6%	2	96
Totals	292,073,490	100%	4,969	100%	618,542	100%	511,693	100%	2	175
Summary of Urban, Suburban, and Small Town and Rural Areas										
(A) Grouping: At least 100,000 people in five mile radius	132,974,203	46%	1,458	29%	234,365	38%	187,942	37%	1	141
(B) Grouping: Between 25,000 and 99,999 people in five mile radius	73,533,251	25%	1,297	26%	199,499	32%	171,488	34%	2	233
(C) Grouping: Less than 25,000 people in five mile radius	85,566,036	29%	2,214	45%	184,678	30%	152,263	30%	3	178

Note: Twenty-two Churches of the Nazarene have not been identified by community type; these have been omitted from the above study. Their combined membership and worship figures account for less than one percent of the national totals.

Table 3 below provides USA cultural group totals by community types. A majority of African Americans, Hispanics, Haitians, and Koreans live within urban areas. Native Americans are more likely to be in small towns and rural areas. A bar graph (Graph 2) of the cultural group percentages by community type follows the table.

Table 3: USA Cultural Groups by Community Types

Community Type	2000 Population	% of USA Pop.	African American	% of African American	Hispanic	% of Hispanic	Haitian	% of Haitian	Korean	% of Korean	Native Amer.	% of Native Amer.
Major Urban Core (A)	44,865,916	15%	9,191,161	27%	13,256,265	38%	329,339	62%	393,415	37%	138,901	7%
Large Cities (A)	42,900,091	15%	6,184,458	18%	7,554,396	21%	108,823	20%	216,190	20%	185,981	9%
Fringe Major Urban (A)	46,364,452	16%	5,974,929	18%	3,971,300	11%	44,039	8%	235,940	22%	175,283	8%
Small City or Suburban (B)	20,852,216	7%	2,295,415	7%	2,358,566	7%	18,951	4%	58,780	5%	115,159	6%
Suburban (B)	23,142,496	8%	1,979,388	6%	1,361,352	4%	10,142	2%	61,966	6%	84,140	4%
Small City Core (B)	6,338,870	2%	590,368	2%	758,733	2%	1,762	0%	10,829	1%	40,044	2%
Fringe City (B)	24,038,510	8%	1,705,047	5%	1,273,687	4%	5,453	1%	38,173	4%	113,082	5%
Small Town (C)	8,746,151	3%	691,164	2%	1,076,842	3%	4,789	1%	8,898	1%	82,980	4%
Bordering Small Town (C)	17,992,023	6%	1,232,398	4%	992,782	3%	2,925	1%	16,119	2%	142,876	7%
Near Small Town (C)	25,736,743	9%	1,539,054	5%	1,101,485	3%	2,796	1%	17,853	2%	223,947	11%
Rural (C)	33,838,723	11%	2,323,843	7%	1,533,050	4%	2,447	0%	14,140	1%	788,813	38%
Totals	294,816,191	100%	33,707,225	100%	35,238,458	100%	531,466	100%	1,072,303	100%	2,091,206	100%
Summary of USA Population and Cultural Groups												
(A) Grouping: At least 100,000 people in five mile radius	134,130,459	45%	21,350,548	63%	24,781,961	70%	482,201	91%	845,545	79%	500,165	24%
(B) Grouping: Between 25,000 and 99,999 people in five mile radius	74,372,092	25%	6,570,218	19%	5,752,338	16%	36,308	7%	169,748	16%	352,425	17%
(C) Grouping: Less than 25,000 people in five mile radius	86,313,640	29%	5,786,459	17%	4,704,159	13%	12,957	2%	57,010	5%	1,238,616	59%

Graph 2: USA Cultural Groups by Community Type

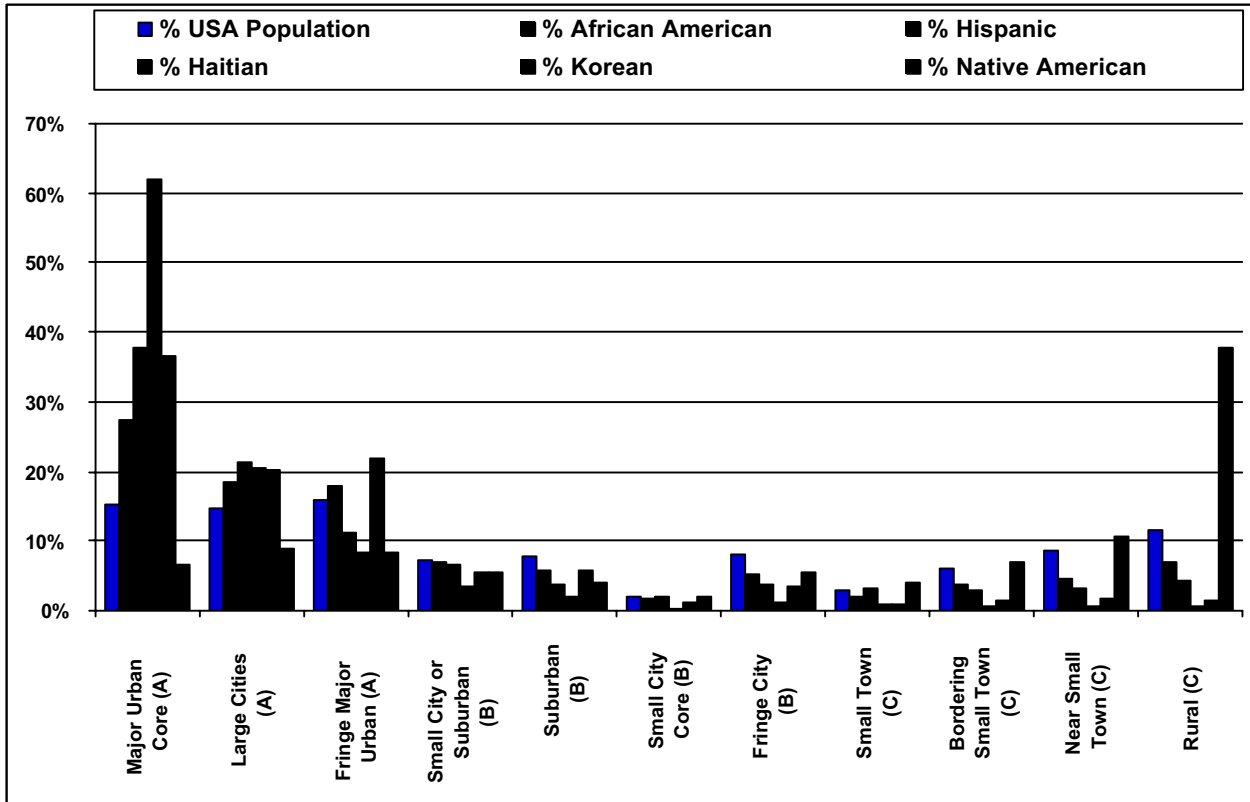


Table 4 below shows the number and percentage of Nazarene churches that are new (defined as having been organized for less than five years and NewStarts), as well as the number and percentage of Anglo churches. Nineteen percent of the churches in Major Urban Core areas are new. This is well above the overall percentage of new churches (11%). Also, 35% of the churches in the Major Urban Core areas are classified as being predominantly Anglo. This is well below the overall percentage of churches that are predominantly Anglo (83%).

Table 4: Nazarene Churches by Community Type

Community Type	2004 Churches	% of USA Churches	# of New Churches*	% of Churches That are New	# of Anglo** Churches	% of Churches That are Anglo
Major Urban Core (A)	448	9%	87	19%	157	35%
Large Cities (A)	514	10%	89	17%	327	64%
Fringe Major Urban (A)	496	10%	101	20%	374	75%
Small City or Suburban (B)	375	8%	34	9%	317	85%
Suburban (B)	301	6%	44	15%	270	90%
Small City Core (B)	237	5%	20	8%	208	88%
Fringe City (B)	384	8%	38	10%	361	94%
Small Town (C)	552	11%	27	5%	521	94%
Bordering Small Town (C)	484	10%	42	9%	461	95%
Near Small Town (C)	508	10%	36	7%	484	95%
Rural (C)	670	13%	27	4%	623	93%
Totals	4,969	100%	545	11%	4,103	83%
Summary of Nazarene Churches by Urban, Suburban, and Small Town and Rural Community Types						
(A) Grouping: At least 100,000 people in five mile radius	1,458	29%	277	19%	858	59%
(B) Grouping: Between 25,000 and 99,999 people in five mile radius	1,297	26%	136	10%	1,156	89%
(C) Grouping: Less than 25,000 people in five mile radius	2,214	45%	132	6%	2,089	94%

*New Churches: Churches organized less than five years or churches not yet organized (NewStarts).

**Anglo Churches: Churches classified as having a majority of White, English-speaking people.

The following map shows churches color coded by their community type.

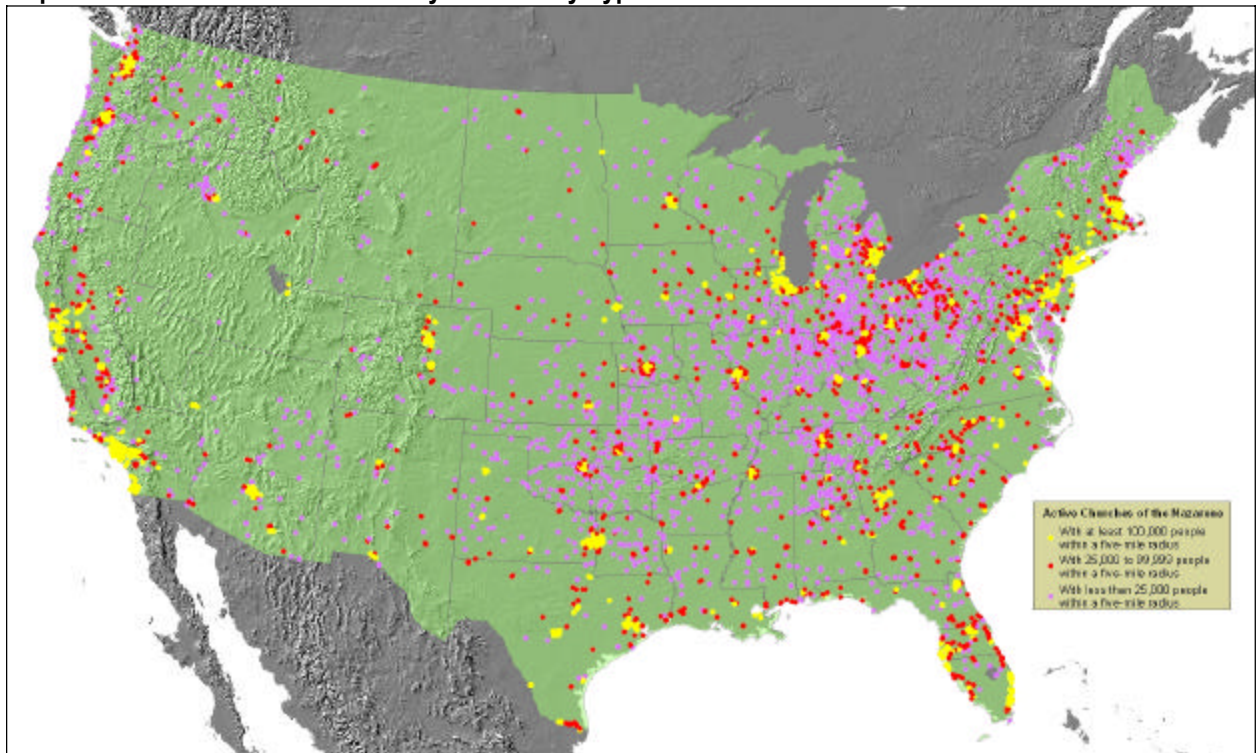
Map 2: Nazarene Church Locations by Community Type

Table 5 is a listing of the 34 metropolitan areas that have a Major Urban Core of at least 100,000 people. They are listed in order of their Major Urban Core population.

Table 5: Metropolitan Areas With a Major Urban Core of at Least 100,000 People

Metropolitan Area (CBSA)	Total Population, 2000 Census	Urban Core Population, 2000 Census	African American	Native American	Hispanic	Korean	Haitian	Active Churches, 2004	Full Members, 2004	Average Worship, 2004
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	18,323,002	11,002,635	2,619,187	19,922	2,920,489	114,832	158,051	85	8,972	7,785
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	12,365,627	9,133,973	785,295	25,470	4,504,649	173,530	1,839	103	11,550	8,940
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	9,098,316	3,304,266	1,094,375	4,979	845,777	15,238	3,976	17	1,014	1,012
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, FL	5,007,564	2,251,247	517,274	2,486	1,052,207	1,386	125,162	24	5,948	4,827
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	4,123,740	1,847,831	242,511	5,890	345,248	17,015	363	20	1,250	1,678
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	5,687,147	1,676,334	700,703	3,728	151,599	7,775	4,594	7	349	458
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	4,796,183	1,169,218	483,856	3,016	183,459	5,959	2,965	8	891	610
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	3,251,876	1,089,734	44,454	20,771	403,257	1,845	74	17	5,123	4,362
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	4,391,344	1,073,482	165,054	2,575	126,567	6,272	27,349	16	1,965	1,509
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	1,735,819	1,051,676	29,477	3,447	298,214	14,013	191	12	1,016	776
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	4,715,407	999,185	172,222	1,951	451,603	2,313	310	4	863	756
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	2,813,833	882,785	93,267	4,305	339,342	1,974	210	15	1,168	944
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	1,375,765	734,805	65,765	4,327	214,936	3,315	413	3	399	490
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	4,452,557	730,085	535,356	1,986	24,313	103	116	6	1,578	1,315
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	5,161,544	676,316	99,127	2,504	241,122	3,113	79	9	1,811	968
Baltimore-Towson, MD	2,552,994	600,512	387,918	1,745	9,615	1,854	157	1	54	40
Denver-Aurora, CO	2,157,756	487,367	40,034	3,384	160,720	2,260	69	7	421	504
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	3,254,821	415,249	40,928	1,470	244,744	885	68	13	2,757	2,312
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	1,500,741	380,149	165,784	3,794	58,829	220	57	-	-	-
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	2,148,143	309,410	176,230	570	18,782	259	48	3	149	138
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	1,316,510	309,353	192,205	786	12,273	227	183	2	71	48
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	2,968,806	277,613	62,296	5,522	26,177	1,026	75	4	389	194
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	1,796,857	277,427	42,050	2,391	65,518	500	9	6	1,264	1,058
San Antonio, TX	1,711,703	265,492	5,635	433	222,397	103	-	9	592	497
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	3,043,878	252,738	17,644	2,319	12,242	2,783	27	9	1,817	1,097
Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA	1,582,997	222,393	24,756	1,729	62,657	570	1,966	5	409	287
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	1,170,111	193,733	86,672	686	5,057	235	158	1	88	56
Pittsburgh, PA	2,431,087	187,748	47,301	343	3,020	896	59	1	33	25
Honolulu, HI	876,156	182,028	1,578	293	7,604	9,765	35	3	377	180
Austin-Round Rock, TX	1,249,763	174,521	14,829	463	68,878	825	104	1	297	103
Fresno, CA	799,407	172,028	9,812	1,468	84,219	170	39	4	345	373
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	1,927,881	154,327	6,083	1,069	7,226	432	82	5	881	759
St. Louis, MO-IL	2,721,491	150,841	58,497	241	3,572	174	135	2	205	124
Rochester, NY	1,037,831	123,236	46,995	753	21,910	132	88	1	74	-