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## Austin 9th highest population rise in U.S.

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Austin was among the top 10 fastest growing cities in the U.S. between 2000 and 2009, according to **revised U.S. Census Bureau** population figures released Friday.

**Austin gained gained 118,137 people, ranking it 9th fast growing.** The nation's largest city, New York, posted the largest population increase, adding 383,195 residents. Its estimated 2009 population was 8.39 million.

New Orleans registered the nation's biggest nine-year decline, largely because of the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. Its population dropped by 129,824 between 2000 and 2009, followed by Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and Pittsburgh.

The Census Bureau issued revised 2009 estimates for 19,507 cities, incorporated towns and similar communities. These figures are not the results of the 2010 census scheduled for release next year.

**[Click here for a database with population breakdowns for all 19,507 communities.](#)**

Here are the 10 U.S. communities with the biggest drops in raw numbers during the nine-year period:

Thirteen communities gained at least 100,000 residents in nine years:

1. **New York, gain of 383,195**
2. **Houston, gain of 284,199**
3. **Phoenix, gain of 271,221**
4. **San Antonio, gain of 213,752**
5. **Fort Worth, gain of 184,239**
6. **Charlotte, gain of 136,479**
7. **Los Angeles, gain of 136,442**

8. **Atlanta, gain of 122,099**
9. **Austin, gain of 118,137**
10. **Raleigh, gain of 117,150**
11. **Dallas, gain of 110,640**
12. **North Las Vegas, Nev., gain of 108,856**
13. **Gilbert, Ariz., gain of 107,373**

The Census Bureau originally released 2009 population figures for cities and incorporated towns in June. Changes in the estimated number of homes in roughly 6,000 communities triggered the revisions that were issued on Friday.

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