

# Growth slowed in U.S. metros last decade

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Population gains in the nation's most populous metropolitan areas slowed from 2000 to 2010, a result of the housing bust and recession that hit the nation in the second half of the decade.

According to 2010 Census data released Thursday, metropolitan areas of 1 million or more residents grew 10.6% the last decade, down from 14.6% in the 1990s and 12.6% in the 1980s.

Even though the economic crisis tempered growth even in the booming Sun Belt, southern metropolitan areas emerged as bigger gainers than traditional leaders in the West: Metros grew 18.3% in the South, 13.1% in the West, 2.7% in the Northeast and 4.6% in the Midwest.

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The nation's two largest metros on opposites coasts grew at dramatically slower rates: New York from 8.8% in the '90s to 3.1% this past decade; Los Angeles from 9.7% to 3.7%.

A look at the 100 metropolitan areas in the USA with a population of 1 million or more:

Rank	Name	Population	% ^ 2000-2010	% ^ 1990-2000
48	Raleigh-Cary, NC	1,130,490	41.8%	47.3%
30	Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	1,951,269	41.8%	85.5%
85	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	618,754	40.3%	31.6%
98	Provo-Orem, UT	526,810	39.8%	39.9%
<b>35</b>	<b>Austin-Round Rock, TX</b>	<b>1,716,289</b>	<b>37.3%</b>	<b>47.7%</b>
68	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	774,769	36.1%	48.5%
86	Boise City-Nampa, ID	616,561	32.6%	45.4%
33	Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	1,758,038	32.1%	29.8%
13	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	4,224,851	29.8%	25.7%
26	Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	2,134,411	29.8%	34.3%
14	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	4,192,887	28.9%	45.3%
62	Bakersfield, CA	839,631	26.9%	21.7%
6	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	5,946,800	26.1%	25.2%
<b>25</b>	<b>San Antonio, TX</b>	<b>2,142,508</b>	<b>25.2%</b>	<b>21.6%</b>
87	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	602,095	24.4%	19.4%
9	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	5,268,860	24.0%	38.4%
94	Ogden-Clearfield, UT	547,184	23.6%	25.8%