

Appendix. Selected statistics on urban and suburban density and growth in 15 US metropolitan areas, 1990–2000

	Total population 2000	Percent population growth 1990–2000	Average annual precipitation (inches) 1961–1990	"Rural land" in 1990 converted to "suburban" or "urban" in 2000 (net acres per 100 new residents)		Average metropolitan density ("urban" and "suburban" areas) 2000		Growth in "compact neighborhoods," as share of total population growth	
				<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Austin, TX	1,249,735	48%	31.9	26	11	4.4	11	36%	8
Boise, ID	432,342	46%	12.11	23	9	4.2	12	13%	13
Charlotte, NC	1,499,171	29%	43.1	49	15	2.9	15	7%	15
Denver, CO	2,581,477	30%	15.4	14	5	6.6	2	71%	1
Las Vegas, NV	1,563,272	83%	4.1	15	6	6.6	1	65%	2
Madison, WI	426,493	16%	30.9	29	12	4.8	8	19%	11
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	3,136,148	17%	28.3	29	13	4.6	10	14%	12
Nashville, TN	1,230,736	25%	47.3	42	14	3.1	14	11%	14
Orlando, FL	1,644,544	34%	48.1	26	10	4.1	13	28%	10
Phoenix, AZ	3,251,866	45%	7.7	16	7	6.2	3	55%	5
Portland, OR	2,265,214	26%	36.3	10	3	5.6	6	45%	7
Riverside/San Bernardino, CA	3,254,708	26%	10.0	13	4	5.0	7	63%	3
Sacramento, CA	1,796,796	21%	17.5	10	2	6.0	4	62%	4
Salt Lake City, UT	1,333,908	24%	16.2	9	1	5.8	5	52%	6
Seattle/Tacoma, WA	3,483,190	20%	37.6	22	8	4.7	9	36%	9

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	Share of residents living in "compact neighborhoods" 2000		Growth in "low-density sprawl," as share of total population growth		Share of residents living in "low-density sprawl" 2000	
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Austin, TX	24%	8	25%	11	28%	10
Boise, ID	6%	14	18%	9	28%	9
Charlotte, NC	5%	15	69%	15	57%	15
Denver, CO	36%	3	6%	5	12%	1
Las Vegas, NV	50%	1	11%	6	16%	3
Madison, WI	24%	9	20%	10	25%	8
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	22%	11	36%	13	30%	11
Nashville, TN	8%	13	52%	14	47%	14
Orlando, FL	15%	12	27%	12	37%	13
Phoenix, AZ	36%	4	13%	7	17%	5
Portland, OR	25%	7	-4%	1	18%	6
Riverside/San Bernardino, CA	34%	5	5%	4	24%	7
Sacramento, CA	37%	2	-2%	2	16%	2
Salt Lake City, UT	26%	6	1%	3	17%	4
Seattle/Tacoma, WA	23%	10	16%	8	30%	12

Notes:

See Table 1 for definitions of "compact neighborhoods," "rural land," and "low-density sprawl."

"Suburban" and "urban" densities refer to areas with more than 0.5 people per acre.

"Average metropolitan density" refers to areas with at least one resident per acre.

"Rank" refers only to the cities studied.

All figures derived from US Census data; see Methods and Analysis for details.