

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Metropolitan Statistical Areas are geographic areas with at least one urbanized region comprised of one or more counties (or similar areas) and have common social and economic characteristics and primarily based on commuting patterns. These areas must have a population of at least 50,000 and are not legally incorporated. These regions are used by the US Census Bureau and state and federal agencies as defined by the US Office of Management and Budget.



For additional information about metropolitan statistical areas, visit:

[US Census Bureau](http://www.census.gov)
[US Office of Management and Budget](http://www.dhs.gov)