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Executive Summary

Population

- ◆ **162 million people** (58%) live in the 50 largest metropolitan areas of the U.S.
- ◆ An **estimated 100 million lost persons** live in these large metros.
- ◆ **New York** (21 million) and **Los Angeles** (16 million) continued to lead in population in 2000. **One of every 7.5 Americans lives in these two metropolitan areas.**
- ◆ Metros experiencing the largest net and percentage **growth** are **in the South and West** regions.
- ◆ The 50 largest metros account for 63 percent of the nation's net population growth between 1990 and 2000. Net gain was 20.5 million in these areas.
- ◆ Las Vegas (83%), Austin (48%), and Phoenix (45%) were the fastest growing metros.

Churches

- ◆ 50 percent of SBC churches were in the nation's metropolitan areas, compared to 80 percent of the population. Furthermore, half of the churches in metros were in the 50 largest metros: thus, **25 percent of all SBC churches are in these largest metropolitan areas.**
- ◆ From 1990 to 2000, Southern Baptists had a net gain of 3,448 churches in the largest 50 metros. **Growth of churches occurred at a rate of 22 percent in these areas compared to population growth of 15 percent.**
- ◆ The **Philadelphia area grew from 53 churches in 1990 to 146 in 2000.**

Population per Church

- ◆ The ratio of population to churches varies greatly by region. In large Southern metros, there are 6,700 persons per SBC church. In large metros outside the South, this ratio is almost 33,000 per SBC church.
- ◆ **Grand Rapids** (218,000), **Minneapolis-St. Paul** (165,000), and **New York** (138,000) are examples of metropolitan areas with huge numbers of people per SBC church.
- ◆ The **population per church ratio improved in the 50 largest metros combined:** A result of the number of churches growing faster than the population from 1990 to 2000.
- ◆ Large metros in the South and West that experienced rapid population growth have had difficulty matching that growth in the number of churches. Examples of this include Raleigh-Durham, Orlando, Phoenix, and Atlanta.
- ◆ **A strategic question for NAMB:** Should resources be allocated to metropolitan areas of high population growth of the South and West, or in areas with high population per church ratios, which are outside the South (and may also be in the West)?

Resident Membership

- ♦ Analysis of resident membership for the large metropolitan areas was hampered because **many churches, especially in the West and Northeast, did not complete an Annual Church Profile in 2000.**
- ♦ Large Southern metros such as **Dallas-Ft. Worth** (465,000), **Atlanta** (407,000), and **Houston** (371,000) **led the way in most resident members** reported in 2000.

Baptisms

- ♦ **The largest 50 metropolitan areas, home to 58 percent of the nation's population, reported 37 percent of baptisms (152,000) in 2000.**
- ♦ The 21 large metros in the South reported 115,000 baptisms, compared to 37,000 for the 29 large metros outside the South.

Baptisms per 1,000 Population

- ♦ Calculating baptisms per 1,000 population provides a comparison of the evangelistic penetration of Southern Baptists in an area. **Nationally, this ratio was 1.47 baptisms per 1,000 population in 2000.**
- ♦ 3 of the large Southern metros, **Jacksonville, Nashville, and Oklahoma City, reported more than 4 baptisms per 1,000 population.**
- ♦ Several areas outside the South, led by Grand Rapids, New York, and Minneapolis-St. Paul, reported fewer than 0.1 baptisms per 1,000 population.

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Introduction

The 50 largest metropolitan areas in the United States are examined in this report. Recent trends in the growth of population, Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) churches, and resident membership of SBC churches are presented and contrasted. Finally, baptisms and baptism ratios per 1,000 population are provided.

Metropolitan areas defined

A basic knowledge of Census Bureau terminology and definitions of metropolitan areas is essential for understanding this report. Each of the four types of metropolitan areas used in this report is defined below.

First, the most typical metropolitan area, a metropolitan statistical area (MSA), is usually comprised of central cities and surrounding counties. For example, the Atlanta MSA is comprised of the city of Atlanta and 20 nearby counties in Georgia.

An exception to the way MSAs are formed occurs in New England, where towns and townships are more important governmental units than counties. MSAs in this division of the country are created by aggregating towns and/or townships instead of counties. This gives rise to a second type of metropolitan area, unique to New England, called a New England County Metropolitan Area (NECMA). Such areas are similar to MSAs in other parts of the country in that they are created by combining counties. NECMAs are used as substitutes for MSAs when analysis is conducted on county-level data, such as in this report.

Sometimes two or more MSAs are so close geographically and economically that they are combined into a third type of metropolitan area, called a Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA). In these cases the component areas (the fourth type) are referred to as Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas (PMSAs). For example, the Dallas-Fort Worth CMSA is made up of the Dallas PMSA plus the Fort Worth PMSA.

This report focuses on the 50 largest metropolitan areas in the United States. These include 18 CMSAs, 30 MSAs, and 2 NECMAs. Tables in the appendix include data for the component PMSAs for each CMSA in the list. This facilitates comparing primary areas within the consolidated areas.

Data sources

Population data for 1990 and 2000 are from the decennial censuses. SBC data are from the 2000 Annual Church Profile (ACP) and the 1990 Uniform Church Letter (UCL).

Population

According to the 2000 census, four-fifths (226 million of 281 million) of the United States population lives in metropolitan areas. Furthermore, 58 percent of the nation's people live in the largest 50 metros that are the focus of this report. Table 1 in the appendix lists these 50 largest metropolitan areas in 2000, ranked by size. The combined population of these 50 areas in 2000 was 162 million.

Figure 1
Ten Largest Metropolitan Areas, 2000

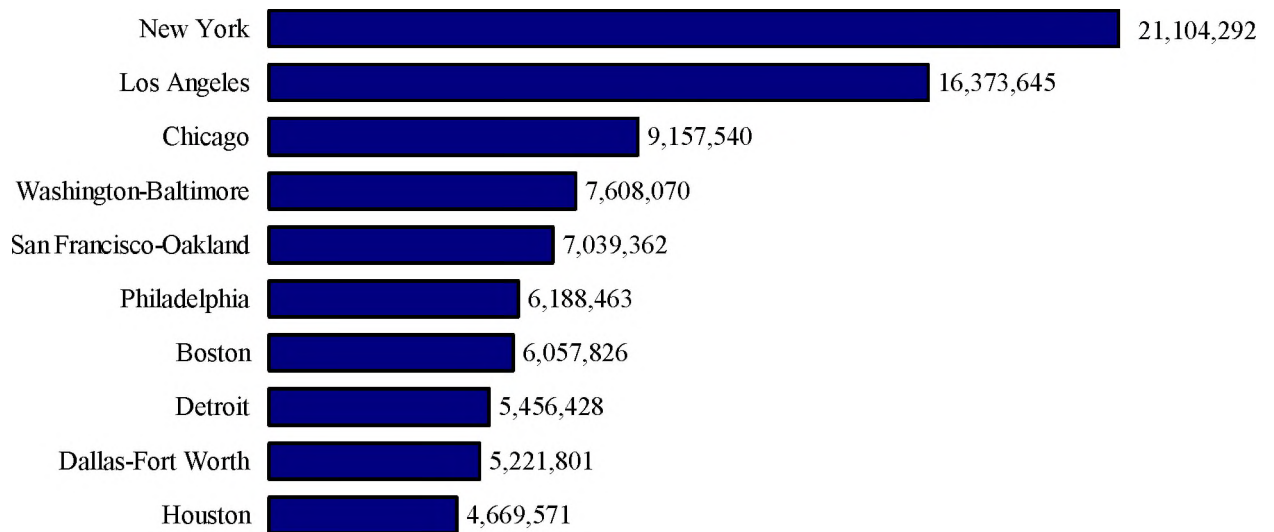
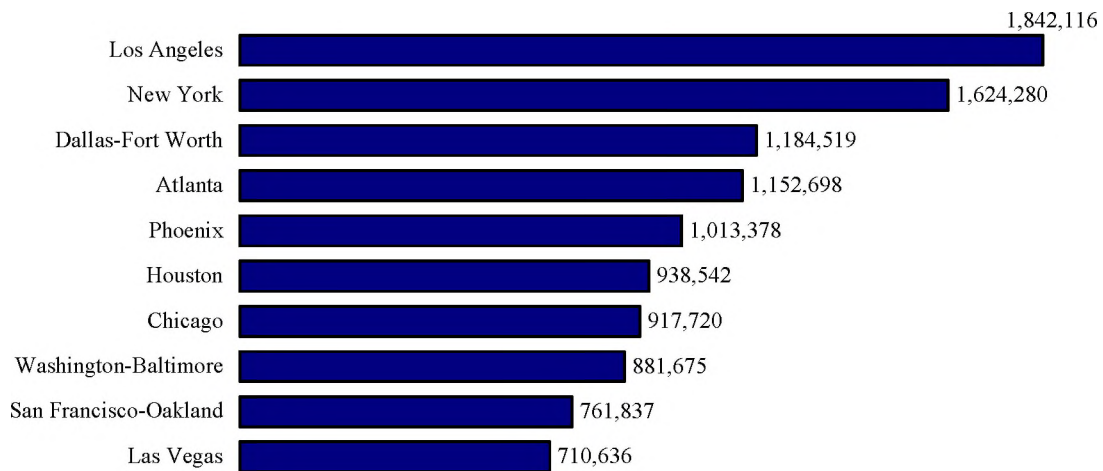


Figure 1 above provides a graphical comparison of the 10 largest metros, which are home to a combined 89 million people, almost one-third of the U.S. total.

New York and Los Angeles remain the dominant metro areas in terms of total population. In fact, 1 out of every 7.5 persons in the U.S. lives in one of these two metropolitan areas.

Of the 50 largest metropolitan areas, 21 are contained either entirely or mostly in the South region of the country. These large Southern metros are home to 47 million persons, 17 percent of the nation's population.

Figure 2
Large Metros with Most Population Growth, 1990 to 2000



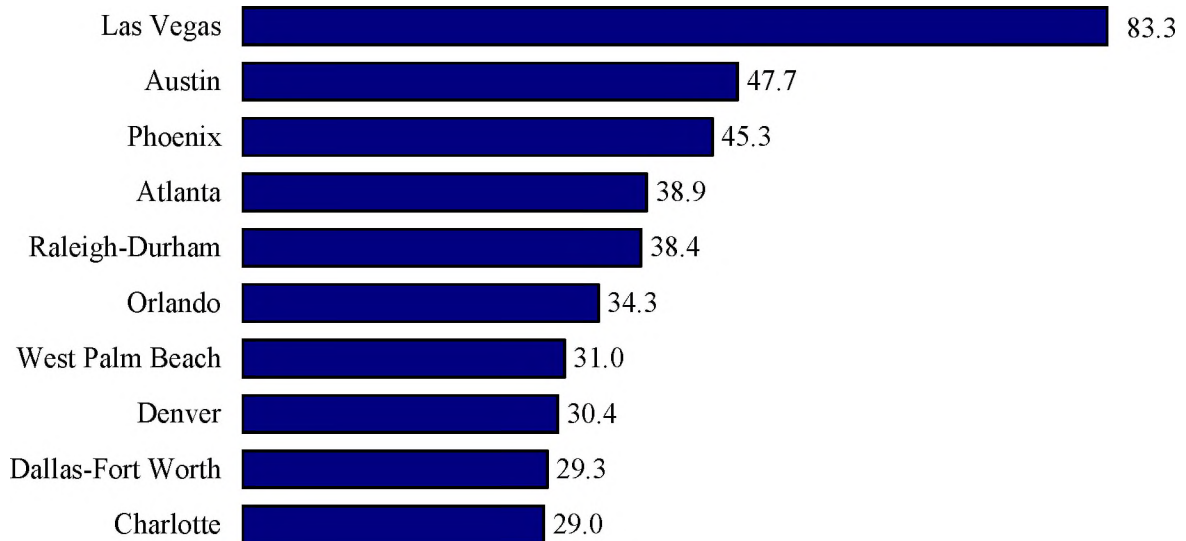
The examination of population growth includes both net numerical and percentage growth. Figure 2 above and table 2 in the appendix focus on the net numerical growth of the 50 largest metropolitan areas.

Overall, the population of the United States grew by 32.7 million from 1990 to 2000. The 50 largest metros accounted for 20.5 million (63%) of the total population gain.

The 21 large metros in the South accounted for 26 percent (8.5 million) of the population gain, although they had only 17 percent of the total population in 2000.

Figure 2 shows that 8 of the 10 large metros with the most net growth were in the South or West regions, the exceptions being New York and Chicago. Five metros gained more than 1 million persons each, while 8 others gained at least half a million.

Figure 3
Large Metros with Highest Population Growth Rate,
1990 to 2000



Ranking population change from 1990 to 2000 by percent growth yielded appendix table 3 as well as figure 3. Nationally, population grew by 13.1 percent from 1990 to 2000. All of the nation's metropolitan areas combined grew by 13.9 percent compared to 10.2 percent growth in non-metropolitan areas.

The 50 largest metros studied in this report grew by 14.5 percent. There is a striking difference between the growth of the 21 large Southern metros and those outside the South: 22.0 to 11.6 percent respectively. Bible Belt cities Austin, Atlanta, Raleigh-Durham, Orlando, and West Palm Beach each grew by at least 30 percent.

The Las Vegas MSA grew phenomenally from 1990 to 2000, gaining 711,000 people, representing an 83 percent increase in 10 years. Las Vegas really had no competitors for the top spot, as Austin and Phoenix were next with under 50 percent each.

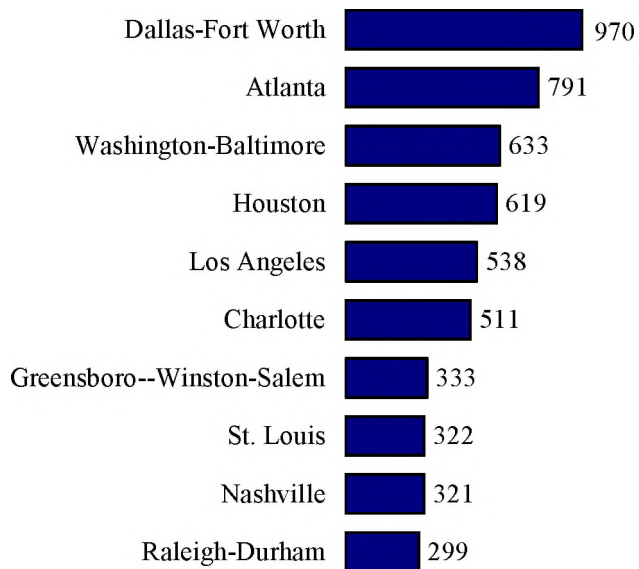
The fastest growing regions of the country are the South and West. Ranking the large metros by percent population growth collaborates this fact, since the Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA, ranked 21st in growth, is the first outside the South and West to appear in the rankings.

Churches

No one familiar with Southern Baptists will be surprised that the percentages of churches in the South and in non-metropolitan areas are much greater than similar percentages based on population. Overall in 2000, 49.8 percent of the 41,512 SBC churches were in metropolitan areas (see appendix table 4) compared to 80.3 percent of the population.

Southern Baptists certainly have not ignored the need to start churches in metropolitan areas. In 1990 the proportion of churches in metros was 47 percent. At the expense of peeking ahead in this report, this fact is made clearer by a comparison of recent trends in the number of churches. Between 1990 and 2000, there has been a net gain of 2,764 churches in metropolitan areas. This represents a 15 percent increase since 1990. During this same time period, the number of churches in non-metropolitan areas grew by 724, an increase of only 4 percent.

Figure 4
Large Metros with Most Churches, 2000

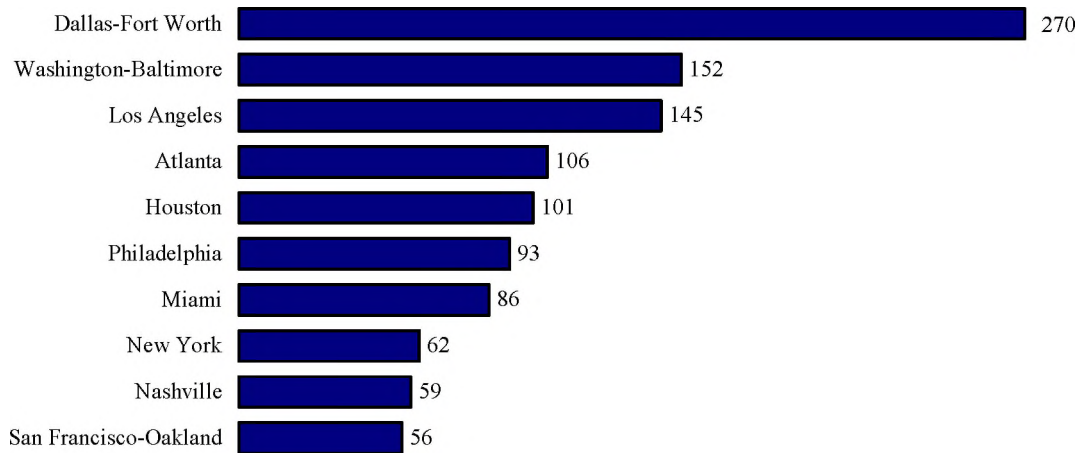


Focusing again on the largest 50 metropolitan areas, 1 of 4 SBC churches is included. This compares with 58 percent of the population.

Eight of the 10 metros with the most churches (figure 4) are in the South, the exceptions being Los Angeles and St. Louis. These 10 metros account for over 5,000 churches, about 1 of 8 SBC churches.

The 21 large Southern metros had 17 percent of the nation's SBC churches (6,967), the same proportion these metros had of the 2000 population.

Figure 5
Large Metros with Highest Net Growth in Churches, 1990 to 2000



There were 3,488 more SBC churches in the U.S. in 2000 than in 1990. This represented a 9.2 percent increase during the decade. Most of the net growth (79%) has occurred in metropolitan areas.

The largest 50 areas accounted for a net gain of 1,897 churches, over half of the total for the nation. The 10 metros in figure 5 gained 1,130 churches, about one-third of the total gain nationwide.

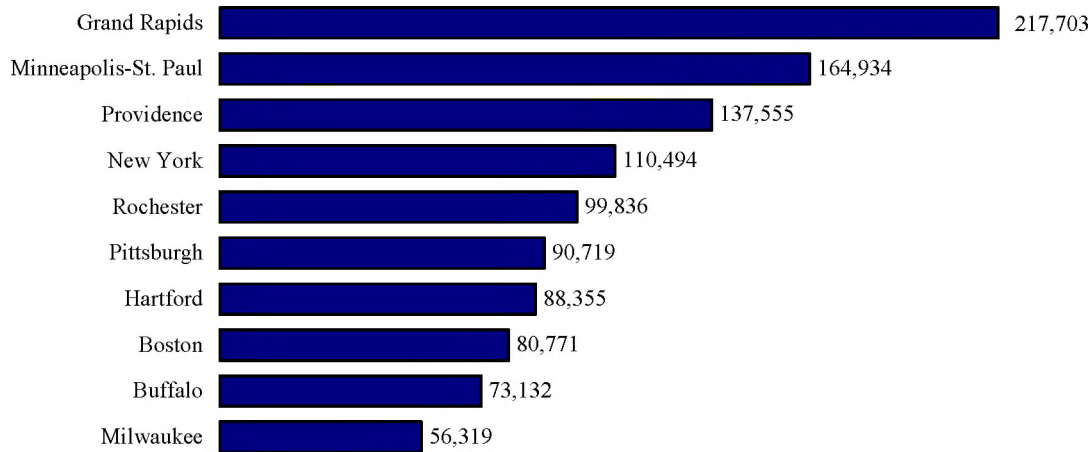
Dallas-Fort Worth, Washington-Baltimore, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Houston are not only the top 5 metros for number of churches in 2000 (figure 4), but are also the top 5 in net gain in number of churches from 1990 to 2000 (figure 5). In terms of the number of churches, these 5 metros are examples of the rich getting richer.

Philadelphia experienced tremendous growth in the number of churches, from 53 in 1990 to 146 in 2000. Philadelphia's 175 percent rate of growth in number of churches far exceeded all other metros. Four other large metropolitan areas grew between 75 and 50 percent in the number of churches, including Providence, Boston, Miami, and Las Vegas. Appendix table 6 has the complete listing of the 50 largest metros ranked by the percentage change in number of churches from 1990 to 2000.

Population per Church

How many persons are in each metropolitan area for each SBC church? This question is addressed in table 7 in the appendix and figure 6 on this page. Nationally, there are 6,779 people for every SBC church. This ratio varies widely by region of the country, and by metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas. In all of the nation's metros, the ratio is 10,935, compared to only 2,655 in non-metropolitan areas.

Figure 6
Large Metros with Highest Population per Church, 2000



In 2000, the largest 50 metros had a population to church ratio over 15,000. Regional differences are apparent in that the 21 large Southern metros had a ratio of 6,735 (almost identical to the national average) while the 29 large non-Southern metros had over 33,000 people per church in 2000.

The Grand Rapids MSA had 5 SBC churches in 2000 seeking to reach a population of just over 1 million, resulting in a very high population per church ratio of 218,000. Other metros with notably high population per church ratios are provided in figure 6.

By studying trends in this ratio (appendix table 7), one can determine which metros have improved from 1990 to 2000. Comparing this ratio is the same as asking, "Has the growth of churches kept up with population growth?" If the ratio has decreased, then the growth rate of churches has been higher than the growth rate of the population. This comparison is made clearer in the following section, which introduces the population per church index of change.

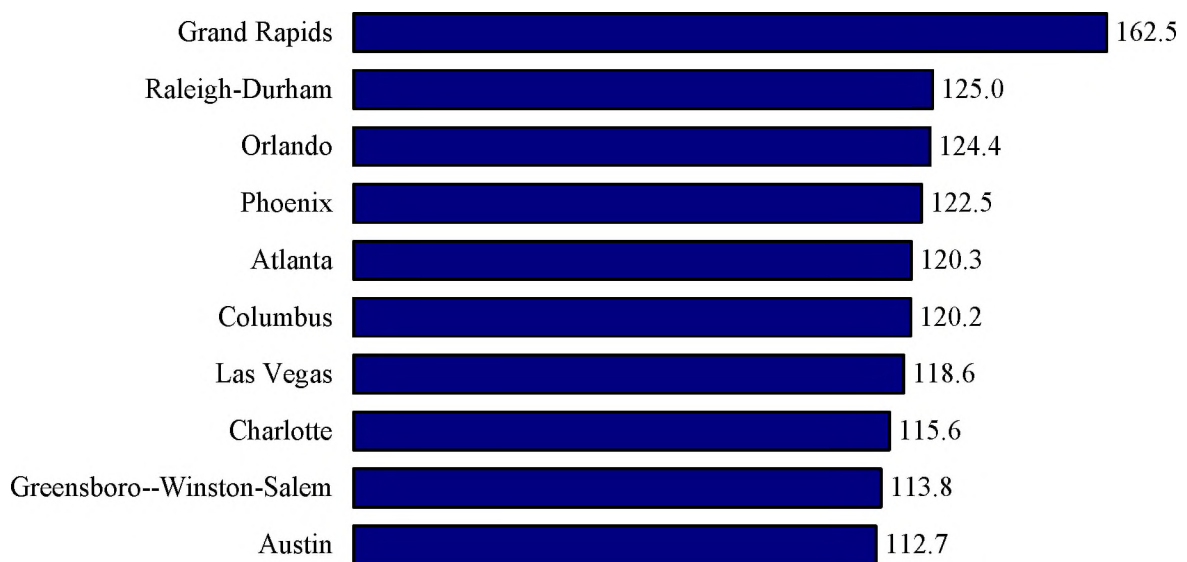
The population per church change index is calculated by dividing the population per church ratio in 2000 by the ratio in 1990, then multiplying by 100. In golf terminology, think of an index of 100 as “par.” This would mean that both churches and population grew at identical rates between 1990 and 2000. An index greater than 100 means the ratio worsened, since the population grew faster than the number of churches. Conversely, an index less than 100 indicates an improved population per church ratio: The growth of churches outpaced population growth.

Since the mathematics are now clear, it is appropriate to look at appendix table 8 as well as figures 7 and 8 to see how the large metropolitan areas have fared.

As a point of reference, the national population per church change index from 1990 to 2000 is 103.6. This reflects the fact that the nation’s population grew faster (13.1%) than the number of SBC churches (9.2%). There needed to be 1,504 more churches added between 1990 and 2000 in order to match the population growth and achieve an index of 100.

As previously mentioned, the number of churches grew at a faster rate in metropolitan areas than non-metropolitan areas. Even though the population per church remains high in the largest 50 metros (over 15,000 in 2000), this ratio has improved since 1990. The population per church change index for all the large metros combined is 93.7. The index is even better in the 29 large metros outside the South, 90.0. This reflects a population growth rate of 11.6 percent and a growth rate in the number of churches of 24.1 percent in these 29 metros.

Figure 7
Large Metros with Worst Population per Church Change Index,
1990 to 2000



The rapid population growth in the South and West has provided a challenge for Southern Baptists in adding enough churches to match the population growth. Figure 7 shows areas that have been unable to meet that challenge.

Grand Rapids and Columbus are exceptions in that their high population per church change index was caused by a decrease in the number of churches. Grand Rapids decreased from 7 churches in 1990 to 5 in 2000, while Columbus dropped from 63 to 60.

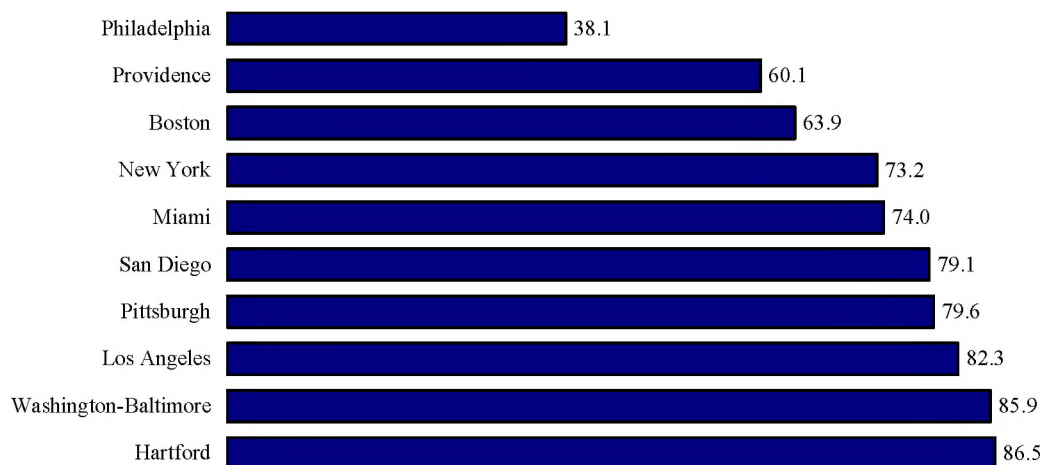
All of the other metros (except Grand Rapids and Columbus) among the worst 10 in figure 7 are in high population growth areas of the South and West. Each of them increased the number of churches from 1990 to 2000, but were unable to match the population growth rates. For example, the Atlanta metro had a net gain of 106 churches, but the rate of growth in the number of churches (15.5%) did not approach the population growth rate of 39 percent. A high population per church change index score does not necessarily imply a lack of church planting emphasis in a given metropolitan area.

Figure 8 below shows large metros that improved their population per church ratio dramatically from 1990 to 2000. Philadelphia was particularly impressive, as the number of churches grew by 175 percent compared to population growth of only 5 percent.

The Northeast metros of Philadelphia, Providence, Boston, New York, Pittsburgh, and Hartford had low population growth rates, making it easier for their population per church change index to show marked improvement.

Miami improved its population per church ratio significantly even though it experienced population growth of 21 percent.

Figure 8
Large Metros with Best Population per Church Change Index,
1990 to 2000



A strategic planning issue arises from comparing growth rates of churches and population. Should priority be given to areas that had high population per church ratios in 2000, such as Grand Rapids, Minneapolis-St. Paul, and New York? Or should the emphasis be on helping rapidly growing areas such as Raleigh-Durham, Las Vegas, and Phoenix start churches to accommodate population growth? The most likely answer is that both situations require resources and attention.

Resident Members

The analysis of Southern Baptist resident membership data would ordinarily proceed similarly to the analysis of church data. Unfortunately, there were problems with the 2000 reporting of data by SBC churches, resulting in low quality resident membership data.

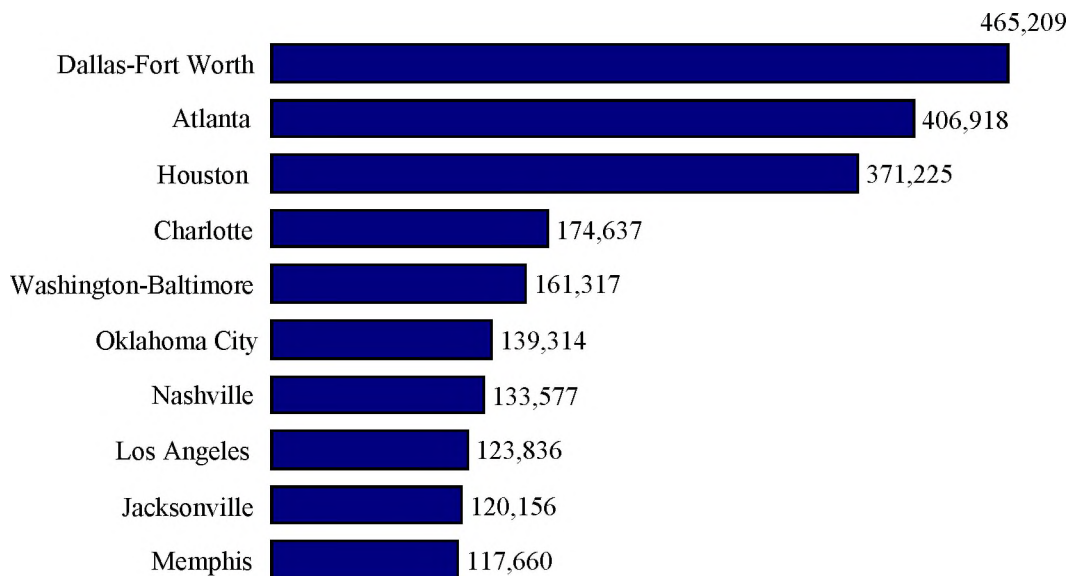
Particularly problematic is that 19 percent of SBC churches in the largest 50 metropolitan areas did not complete an Annual Church Profile in 2000. This compares unfavorably with the overall 11 percent non-reporting rate of all 41,512 SBC churches. As a point of reference, only 5 percent of churches failed to report to the denomination in 1990.

One solution to the lack of reporting of resident membership is to substitute 1999 resident membership data for churches that did not report in 2000. For churches with no reported data for 2000 or 1999, data from 1998 was used, if available. Of the 10,451 churches in the largest 50 metros, almost 11 percent did not report resident membership in 2000, 1999, or 1998.

Consider the following inconsistency in the data caused by poor reporting. In the 29 large metropolitan areas not in the South, there was a net gain of 676 SBC churches from 1990 to 2000. This equaled 24 percent growth. During the same time period, the data shows a decrease of over 36,000 resident members (a 5% loss) in these 29 metros. The decline is most likely a function of reporting deficiencies instead of a real decline in membership.

Because of these concerns, the only table shown in the appendix relating to resident membership is table 9, which shows counts from 1990 and 2000. Net and percent change in resident membership, population per resident membership, and the index of change for resident members are excluded.

Figure 9
Large Metros with Most Resident Members, 2000



With the exception of the Los Angeles CMSA, the 10 large metros with the most resident members reported in 2000 are in the South.

Baptisms

The number of baptisms reported by Southern Baptist churches has been plateaued around 400,000 for several years. In 2000, the official count of baptisms was 416,094. Two-thirds of all baptisms (276,000) were reported by churches in metropolitan areas. In comparison, recall that 80 percent of Americans live in the nation's metros.

The largest 50 metros, home to 58 percent of the nation's population, reported 37 percent of baptisms (152,000). The 21 large Southern metros reported 115,000 baptisms in 2000, while the 29 large metros outside the South recorded 37,000 baptisms.

Figure 10
Large Metros with Most Baptisms, 2000

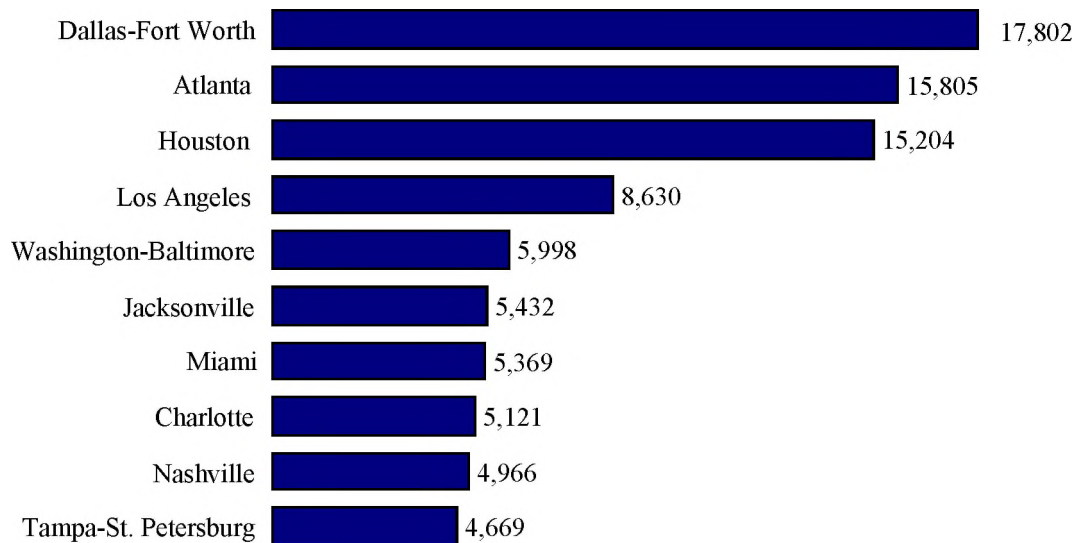


Figure 10 shows that 8 metros had more than 5,000 baptisms in 2000, led by Dallas-Fort Worth, Atlanta, and Houston with over 15,000 each. Only Los Angeles from outside the South was able to crack the top 10 metros in number of baptisms. Chicago and the large Missouri metros of St. Louis and Kansas City were other Non-South metros ranked in the top 20 in baptisms (appendix table 10).

Baptisms per 1,000 Population

Another way to make the comparison between population and baptisms is to calculate the number of baptisms per 1,000 people (see table 11 in the appendix). Nationally this ratio was 1.47 baptisms per 1,000 people in 2000. In 1990 and 1980, these ratios were 1.55 and 1.89, respectively. This downward trend indicates that baptisms have not kept pace with population growth during to 1980s and 1990s.

In all of the metropolitan areas combined, the ratio of baptisms per 1,000 population was 1.22 in 2000, compared with 2.50 for non-metro areas. This reflects the concentration of SBC churches and resident members in non-metro areas.

The largest 50 areas reported 0.94 baptisms per 1,000 residents in 2000. Next, compare the 21 large metros in the South with the other 29 areas. These Southern metros reported 2.46 baptisms for each 1,000 population. The large metros outside the South recorded only 0.32 baptisms per 1,000 population. Southern Baptist evangelism has not penetrated the population of large metropolitan areas outside of the South.

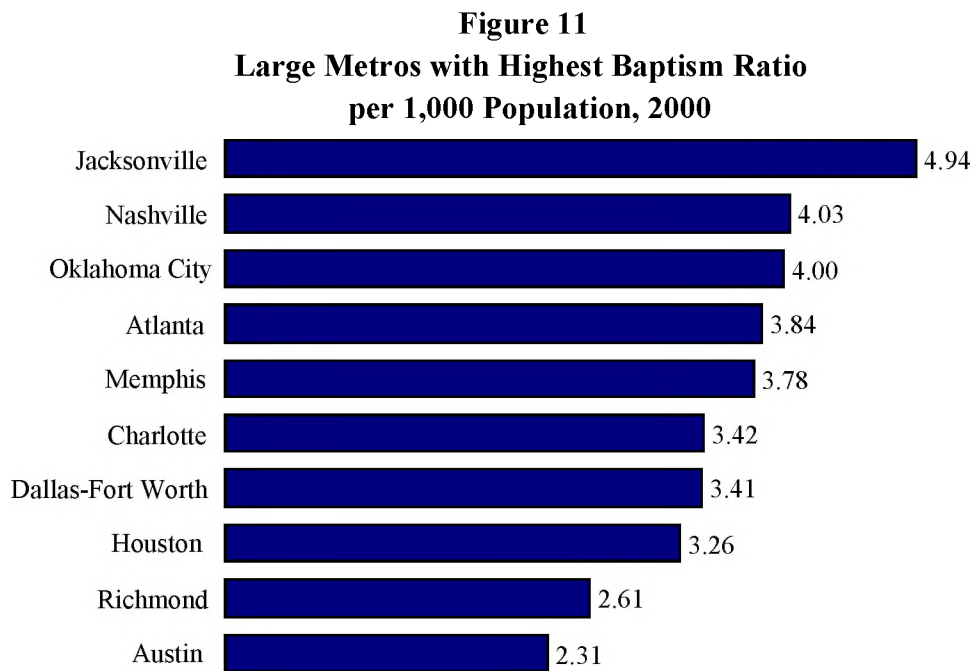
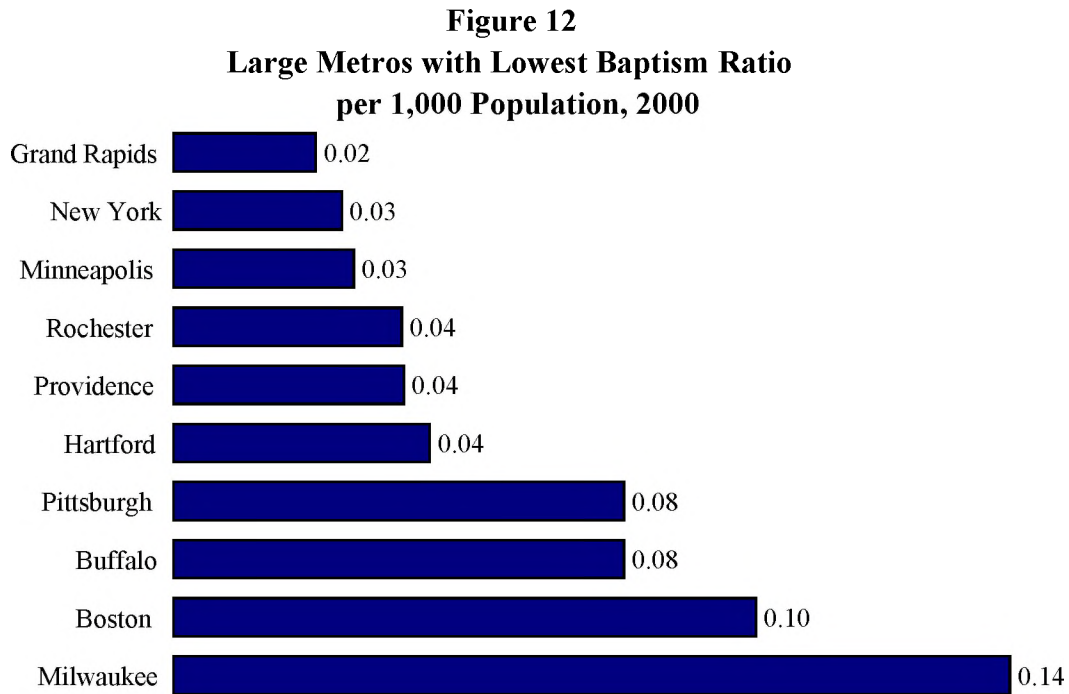


Figure 11 shows that several large Southern metropolitan areas have done a relatively good job of evangelism within their population. In particular, Jacksonville, Nashville, and Oklahoma City reported more than 4 baptisms per 1,000 residents.

Figure 12 shows 10 metropolitan areas, all outside the South, where Southern Baptist evangelism efforts have not been very effective relative to the size of the population. Another way to state this fact: In Grand Rapids, there was 1 baptism recorded in 2000 for each 42,000 persons.



For each area in figure 12, there are more than 7,000 residents for every baptism reported by SBC churches.

Conclusion

The largest 50 metropolitan areas in the United States are home to more than 162 million people, as enumerated by the 2000 Census. Growth patterns of the population show gains in the South and West regions, as well as in metropolitan areas. While Southern Baptists are well positioned to take advantage of population growth in the South, their historical strength has been neither in the West nor in large metros outside the South.

In planning for future church planting and evangelism efforts, two alternatives present themselves for the allocation of resources. First, Southern Baptists could decide to take advantage of their strength in the South to reach that region's rapidly growing population. Alternatively, Southern Baptists could focus on large metropolitan areas not in the South, where the fields are white unto harvest, but where Southern Baptists have had less success historically in impacting the population with the Good News about Jesus.

APPENDIX

Table 1
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas, Recent Population Trends,
Ranked by 2000 Population


Rank	Area	Population	
		1990	2000
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	248,765,170	281,421,906
	Metropolitan Totals	198,558,095	226,097,979
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	50,207,075	55,323,927
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	141,896,994	162,420,149
	Non-South	103,449,330	115,499,359
	South	38,447,664	46,920,790
1	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	19,480,012	21,104,292
	New York, NY PMSA	8,546,846	9,314,235
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	2,609,212	2,753,913
	Newark, NJ PMSA	1,915,694	2,032,989
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	1,631,864	1,706,575
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	1,296,244	1,373,167
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	1,019,858	1,169,641
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	986,296	1,126,217
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	553,099	608,975
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	335,613	387,669
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	325,824	350,761
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	259,462	280,150
2	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	14,531,529	16,373,645
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	8,863,052	9,519,338
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	2,588,793	3,254,821
	Orange County, CA PMSA	2,410,668	2,846,289
	Ventura, CA PMSA	669,016	753,197
3	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	8,239,820	9,157,540
	Chicago, IL PMSA	7,410,858	8,272,768
	Gary, IN PMSA	604,526	631,362
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	128,181	149,577
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	96,255	103,833
4	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	6,726,395	7,608,070
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	4,222,830	4,923,153
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	2,382,172	2,552,994
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	121,393	131,923
 5	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	6,277,525	7,039,362
	Oakland, CA PMSA	2,108,078	2,392,557
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	1,603,678	1,731,183
	San Jose, CA PMSA	1,497,577	1,682,585
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	450,236	518,821
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	388,222	458,614
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	229,734	255,602

Table 1 (continued)

Rank	Area	Population	
		1990	2000
6	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	5,893,019	6,188,463
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	4,922,257	5,100,931
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	513,293	586,216
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	319,416	354,878
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	138,053	146,438
7	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	5,685,763	6,057,826
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH NECMA	5,685,763	6,057,826
8	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	5,187,171	5,456,428
	Detroit, MI PMSA	4,266,654	4,441,551
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	490,058	578,736
	Flint, MI PMSA	430,459	436,141
9	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	4,037,282	5,221,801
	Dallas, TX PMSA	2,676,248	3,519,176
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	1,361,034	1,702,625
10	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	3,731,029	4,669,571
	Houston, TX PMSA	3,321,926	4,177,646
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	217,396	250,158
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	191,707	241,767
11	Atlanta, GA MSA	2,959,500	4,112,198
12	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	3,192,725	3,876,380
	Miami, FL PMSA	1,937,194	2,253,362
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	1,255,531	1,623,018
13	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	2,970,300	3,554,760
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	2,033,128	2,414,616
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	586,203	700,820
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	189,731	231,969
	Olympia, WA PMSA	161,238	207,355
14	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	2,238,498	3,251,876
15	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	2,538,776	2,968,806
16	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	2,859,644	2,945,831
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	2,202,069	2,250,871
	Akron, OH PMSA	657,575	694,960
17	San Diego, CA MSA	2,498,016	2,813,833
18	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	2,511,521	2,626,411
19	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	1,980,140	2,581,506
	Denver, CO PMSA	1,622,980	2,109,282
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	225,339	291,288
	Greeley, CO PMSA	131,821	180,936
20	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	2,067,959	2,395,997
21	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	2,394,811	2,358,695

Table 1 (continued)

Rank	Area	Population	
		1990	2000
22	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	1,793,476	2,265,223
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	1,515,452	1,918,009
	Salem, OR PMSA	278,024	347,214
23	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	1,817,569	1,979,202
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	1,526,090	1,646,395
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	291,479	332,807
24	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	1,481,220	1,796,857
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	1,340,010	1,628,197
	Yolo, CA PMSA	141,210	168,660
25	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	1,582,874	1,776,062
26	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	1,607,183	1,689,572
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	1,432,149	1,500,741
	Racine, WI PMSA	175,034	188,831
27	Orlando, FL MSA	1,224,844	1,644,561
28	Indianapolis, IN MSA	1,380,491	1,607,486
29	San Antonio, TX MSA	1,324,749	1,592,383
30	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	1,444,710	1,569,541
31	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	852,646	1,563,282
32	Columbus, OH MSA	1,345,450	1,540,157
33	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	1,162,140	1,499,293
34	New Orleans, LA MSA	1,285,262	1,337,726
35	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	1,072,227	1,333,914
36	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	1,050,304	1,251,509
37	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	846,227	1,249,763
38	Nashville, TN MSA	985,026	1,231,311
39	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	858,485	1,187,941
40	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	1,189,340	1,170,111
41	Hartford, CT NECMA	1,123,678	1,148,618
42	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	1,007,306	1,135,614
43	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	863,503	1,131,184
44	Jacksonville, FL MSA	906,727	1,100,491
45	Rochester, NY MSA	1,062,470	1,098,201
46	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	937,891	1,088,514
47	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	958,839	1,083,346
48	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	949,012	1,025,598
49	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	865,640	996,512
50	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	916,270	962,886

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 2
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas Ranked by
Net Change in Population, 1990 to 2000

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	32,656,736	13.1 %
	Metropolitan Totals	27,539,884	13.9
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	5,116,852	10.2
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	20,523,155	14.5
	Non-South	12,050,029	11.6
	South	8,473,126	22.0
1	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	1,842,116	12.7
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	666,028	25.7
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	656,286	7.4
	Orange County, CA PMSA	435,621	18.1
	Ventura, CA PMSA	84,181	12.6
2	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	1,624,280	8.3
	New York, NY PMSA	767,389	9.0
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	149,783	14.7
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	144,701	5.5
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	139,921	14.2
	Newark, NJ PMSA	117,295	6.1
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	76,923	5.9
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	74,711	4.6
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	55,876	10.1
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	52,056	15.5
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	24,937	7.7
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	20,688	8.0
3	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	1,184,519	29.3
	Dallas, TX PMSA	842,928	31.5
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	341,591	25.1
4	Atlanta, GA MSA	1,152,698	38.9
5	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	1,013,378	45.3
6	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	938,542	25.2
	Houston, TX PMSA	855,720	25.8
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	50,060	26.1
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	32,762	15.1
7	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	917,720	11.1
	Chicago, IL PMSA	861,910	11.6
	Gary, IN PMSA	26,836	4.4
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	21,396	16.7
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	7,578	7.9
8	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	881,675	13.1
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	700,323	16.6
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	170,822	7.2
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	10,530	8.7

Table 2 (continued)

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
9	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	761,837	12.1 %
	Oakland, CA PMSA	284,479	13.5
	San Jose, CA PMSA	185,008	12.4
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	127,505	8.0
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	70,392	18.1
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	68,585	15.2
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	25,868	11.3
10	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	710,636	83.3
11	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	683,655	21.4
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	367,487	29.3
	Miami, FL PMSA	316,168	16.3
12	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	601,366	30.4
	Denver, CO PMSA	486,302	30.0
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	65,949	29.3
	Greeley, CO PMSA	49,115	37.3
13	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	584,460	19.7
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	381,488	18.8
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	114,617	19.6
	Olympia, WA PMSA	46,117	28.6
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	42,238	22.3
14	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	471,747	26.3
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	402,557	26.6
	Salem, OR PMSA	69,190	24.9
15	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	430,030	16.9
16	Orlando, FL MSA	419,717	34.3
17	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	403,536	47.7
18	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	372,063	6.5
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	372,063	6.5
19	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	337,153	29.0
20	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	329,456	38.4
21	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	328,038	15.9
22	San Diego, CA MSA	315,817	12.6
23	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	315,637	21.3
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	288,187	21.5
	Yolo, CA PMSA	27,450	19.4
24	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	295,444	5.0
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	178,674	3.6
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	72,923	14.2
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	35,462	11.1
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	8,385	6.1

Table 2 (continued)

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
25	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	269,257	5.2 %
	Detroit, MI PMSA	174,897	4.1
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	88,678	18.1
	Flint, MI PMSA	5,682	1.3
26	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	267,681	31.0
27	San Antonio, TX MSA	267,634	20.2
28	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	261,687	24.4
29	Nashville, TN MSA	246,285	25.0
30	Indianapolis, IN MSA	226,995	16.4
31	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	201,205	19.2
32	Columbus, OH MSA	194,707	14.5
33	Jacksonville, FL MSA	193,764	21.4
34	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	193,188	12.2
35	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	161,633	8.9
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	120,305	7.9
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	41,328	14.2
36	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	150,623	16.1
37	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	130,872	15.1
38	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	128,308	12.7
39	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	124,831	8.6
40	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	124,507	13.0
41	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	114,890	4.6
42	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	86,187	3.0
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	48,802	2.2
	Akron, OH PMSA	37,385	5.7
43	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	82,389	5.1
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	68,592	4.8
	Racine, WI PMSA	13,797	7.9
44	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	76,586	8.1
45	New Orleans, LA MSA	52,464	4.1
46	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	46,616	5.1
47	Rochester, NY MSA	35,731	3.4
48	Hartford, CT NECMA	24,940	2.2
49	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	-19,229	-1.6
50	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	-36,116	-1.5

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Table 3
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas Ranked by
Percent Change in Churches, 1990 to 2000

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
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	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	20,523,155	14.5
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3	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	1,013,378	45.3
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5	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	329,456	38.4
6	Orlando, FL MSA	419,717	34.3
7	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	267,681	31.0
8	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	601,366	30.4
	Greeley, CO PMSA	49,115	37.3
	Denver, CO PMSA	486,302	30.0
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	65,949	29.3
9	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	1,184,519	29.3
	Dallas, TX PMSA	842,928	31.5
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	341,591	25.1
10	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	337,153	29.0
11	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	471,747	26.3
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	402,557	26.6
	Salem, OR PMSA	69,190	24.9
12	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	938,542	25.2
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	50,060	26.1
	Houston, TX PMSA	855,720	25.8
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	32,762	15.1
13	Nashville, TN MSA	246,285	25.0
14	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	261,687	24.4
15	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	683,655	21.4
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	367,487	29.3
	Miami, FL PMSA	316,168	16.3
16	Jacksonville, FL MSA	193,764	21.4
17	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	315,637	21.3
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	288,187	21.5
	Yolo, CA PMSA	27,450	19.4
18	San Antonio, TX MSA	267,634	20.2

Table 3 (continued)

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
19	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	584,460	19.7 %
	Olympia, WA PMSA	46,117	28.6
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	42,238	22.3
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	114,617	19.6
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	381,488	18.8
20	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	201,205	19.2
21	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	430,030	16.9
22	Indianapolis, IN MSA	226,995	16.4
23	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	150,623	16.1
24	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	328,038	15.9
25	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	130,872	15.1
26	Columbus, OH MSA	194,707	14.5
27	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	881,675	13.1
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	700,323	16.6
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	10,530	8.7
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	170,822	7.2
28	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	124,507	13.0
29	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	128,308	12.7
30	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	1,842,116	12.7
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	666,028	25.7
	Orange County, CA PMSA	435,621	18.1
	Ventura, CA PMSA	84,181	12.6
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	656,286	7.4
31	San Diego, CA MSA	315,817	12.6
32	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	193,188	12.2
33	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	761,837	12.1
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	70,392	18.1
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	68,585	15.2
	Oakland, CA PMSA	284,479	13.5
	San Jose, CA PMSA	185,008	12.4
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	25,868	11.3
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	127,505	8.0
34	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	917,720	11.1
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	21,396	16.7
	Chicago, IL PMSA	861,910	11.6
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	7,578	7.9
	Gary, IN PMSA	26,836	4.4
35	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	161,633	8.9
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	41,328	14.2
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	120,305	7.9
36	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	124,831	8.6

Table 3 (continued)

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
37	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	1,624,280	8.3 %
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	52,056	15.5
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	149,783	14.7
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	139,921	14.2
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	55,876	10.1
	New York, NY PMSA	767,389	9.0
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	20,688	8.0
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	24,937	7.7
	Newark, NJ PMSA	117,295	6.1
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	76,923	5.9
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	144,701	5.5
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	74,711	4.6
38	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	76,586	8.1
39	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	372,063	6.5
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	372,063	6.5
40	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	269,257	5.2
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	88,678	18.1
	Detroit, MI PMSA	174,897	4.1
	Flint, MI PMSA	5,682	1.3
41	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	82,389	5.1
	Racine, WI PMSA	13,797	7.9
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	68,592	4.8
42	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	46,616	5.1
43	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	295,444	5.0
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	72,923	14.2
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	35,462	11.1
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	8,385	6.1
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	178,674	3.6
44	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	114,890	4.6
45	New Orleans, LA MSA	52,464	4.1
46	Rochester, NY MSA	35,731	3.4
47	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	86,187	3.0
	Akron, OH PMSA	37,385	5.7
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	48,802	2.2
48	Hartford, CT NECMA	24,940	2.2
49	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	-36,116	-1.5
50	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	-19,229	-1.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 4
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas, Recent SBC Church Trends,
Ranked by Churches, 2000

Rank	Area	Churches	
		1990	2000
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	38,024	41,512
	Metropolitan Totals	17,912	20,676
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	20,112	20,836
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	8,554	10,451
	Non-South	2,808	3,484
	South	5,746	6,967
1	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	700	970
	Dallas, TX PMSA	432	595
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	268	375
2	Atlanta, GA MSA	685	791
3	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	481	633
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	352	470
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	121	153
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	8	10
4	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	518	619
	Houston, TX PMSA	433	520
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	47	55
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	38	44
5	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	393	538
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	226	312
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	101	130
	Orange County, CA PMSA	47	77
	Ventura, CA PMSA	19	19
6	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	458	511
7	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	318	333
8	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	283	322
9	Nashville, TN MSA	262	321
10	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	270	299
11	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	231	287
	Oakland, CA PMSA	101	118
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	45	69
	San Jose, CA PMSA	45	54
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	21	26
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	14	16
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	5	4
12	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	218	270
	Chicago, IL PMSA	172	226
	Gary, IN PMSA	37	36
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	6	5
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	3	3

Table 4 (continued)

Rank	Area	Churches	
		1990	2000
13	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	241	260
14	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	227	252
15	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	237	240
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	195	200
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	42	40
16	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	197	240
17	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	199	237
18	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	208	221
19	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	134	220
	Miami, FL PMSA	92	153
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	42	67
20	Jacksonville, FL MSA	175	217
21	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	181	217
22	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	180	217
23	San Antonio, TX MSA	153	196
24	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	129	191
	New York, NY PMSA	66	105
	Newark, NJ PMSA	15	17
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	11	15
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	8	14
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	9	13
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	6	12
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	6	7
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	4	4
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	1	2
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	2	2
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	1	0
25	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	132	173
26	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	129	153
27	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	141	151
	Detroit, MI PMSA	98	107
	Flint, MI PMSA	27	26
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	16	18
28	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	53	146
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	36	119
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	15	20
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	1	4
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	1	3
29	Orlando, FL MSA	126	136
30	New Orleans, LA MSA	102	111
31	San Diego, CA MSA	73	104

Table 4 (continued)

Rank	Area	Churches	
		1990	2000
32	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	79	101
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	51	60
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	15	27
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	6	7
	Olympia, WA PMSA	7	7
33	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	70	82
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	65	75
	Yolo, CA PMSA	5	7
34	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	60	78
	Denver, CO PMSA	43	60
	Greeley, CO PMSA	9	10
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	8	8
35	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	45	75
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	45	75
36	Indianapolis, IN MSA	57	72
37	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	73	71
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	56	57
	Akron, OH PMSA	17	14
38	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	44	68
39	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	53	61
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	48	55
	Salem, OR PMSA	5	6
40	Columbus, OH MSA	63	60
41	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	40	53
42	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	27	30
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	23	28
	Racine, WI PMSA	4	2
43	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	25	28
44	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	21	26
45	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	14	18
46	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	17	16
47	Hartford, CT NECMA	11	13
48	Rochester, NY MSA	10	11
49	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	4	7
50	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	7	5

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Table 5
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas Ranked by
Net Change in Churches, 1990 to 2000

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	3,488	9.2 %
	Metropolitan Totals	2,764	15.4
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	724	3.6
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	1,897	22.2
	Non-South	676	24.1
	South	1,221	21.2
1	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	270	38.6
	Dallas, TX PMSA	163	37.7
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	107	39.9
2	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	152	31.6
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	118	33.5
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	32	26.4
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	2	25.0
3	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	145	36.9
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	86	38.1
	Orange County, CA PMSA	30	63.8
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	29	28.7
	Ventura, CA PMSA	0	0.0
4	Atlanta, GA MSA	106	15.5
5	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	101	19.5
	Houston, TX PMSA	87	20.1
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	8	17.0
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	6	15.8
6	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	93	175.5
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	83	230.6
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	5	33.3
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	3	300.0
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	2	200.0
7	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	86	64.2
	Miami, FL PMSA	61	66.3
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	25	59.5
8	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	62	48.1
	New York, NY PMSA	39	59.1
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	6	75.0
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	6	100.0
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	4	36.4
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	4	44.4
	Newark, NJ PMSA	2	13.3
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	1	16.7
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	1	100.0
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	0	0.0
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	0	0.0
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	-1	-100.0

Table 5 (continued)

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
9	Nashville, TN MSA	59	22.5 %
10	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	56	24.2
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	24	53.3
	Oakland, CA PMSA	17	16.8
	San Jose, CA PMSA	9	20.0
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	5	23.8
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	2	14.3
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	-1	-20.0
11	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	53	11.6
12	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	52	23.9
	Chicago, IL PMSA	54	31.4
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	0	0.0
	Gary, IN PMSA	-1	-2.7
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	-1	-16.7
13	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	43	21.8
14	San Antonio, TX MSA	43	28.1
15	Jacksonville, FL MSA	42	24.0
16	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	41	31.1
17	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	39	13.8
18	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	38	19.1
19	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	37	20.6
20	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	36	19.9
21	San Diego, CA MSA	31	42.5
22	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	30	66.7
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	30	66.7
23	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	29	10.7
24	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	25	11.0
25	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	24	18.6
26	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	24	54.5
27	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	22	27.8
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	12	80.0
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	9	17.6
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	1	16.7
	Olympia, WA PMSA	0	0.0
28	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	19	7.9
29	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	18	30.0
	Denver, CO PMSA	17	39.5
	Greeley, CO PMSA	1	11.1
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	0	0.0
30	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	15	4.7
31	Indianapolis, IN MSA	15	26.3
32	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	13	6.3
33	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	13	32.5

Table 5 (continued)

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
34	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	12	17.1 %
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	10	15.4
	Yolo, CA PMSA	2	40.0
35	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	10	7.1
	Detroit, MI PMSA	9	9.2
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	2	12.5
	Flint, MI PMSA	-1	-3.7
36	Orlando, FL MSA	10	7.9
37	New Orleans, LA MSA	9	8.8
38	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	8	15.1
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	7	14.6
	Salem, OR PMSA	1	20.0
39	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	5	23.8
40	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	4	28.6
41	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	3	1.3
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	5	2.6
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	-2	-4.8
42	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	3	11.1
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	5	21.7
	Racine, WI PMSA	-2	-50.0
43	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	3	12.0
44	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	3	75.0
45	Hartford, CT NECMA	2	18.2
46	Rochester, NY MSA	1	10.0
47	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	-1	-5.9
48	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	-2	-2.7
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	1	1.8
	Akron, OH PMSA	-3	-17.6
49	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	-2	-28.6
50	Columbus, OH MSA	-3	-4.8

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Table 6
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas Ranked by
Percent Change in Churches, 1990 to 2000

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	3,488	9.2 %
	Metropolitan Totals	2,764	15.4
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	724	3.6
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	1,897	22.2
	Non-South	676	24.1
	South	1,221	21.2
1	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	93	175.5
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	3	300.0
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	83	230.6
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	2	200.0
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	5	33.3
2	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	3	75.0
3	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	30	66.7
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	30	66.7
4	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	86	64.2
	Miami, FL PMSA	61	66.3
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	25	59.5
5	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	24	54.5
6	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	62	48.1
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	6	100.0
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	1	100.0
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	6	75.0
	New York, NY PMSA	39	59.1
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	4	44.4
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	4	36.4
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	1	16.7
	Newark, NJ PMSA	2	13.3
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	0	0.0
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	0	0.0
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	-1	-100.0
7	San Diego, CA MSA	31	42.5
8	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	270	38.6
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	107	39.9
	Dallas, TX PMSA	163	37.7
9	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	145	36.9
	Orange County, CA PMSA	30	63.8
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	86	38.1
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	29	28.7
	Ventura, CA PMSA	0	0.0
10	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	13	32.5

Table 6 (continued)

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
11	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	152	31.6 %
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	118	33.5
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	32	26.4
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	2	25.0
12	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	41	31.1
13	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	18	30.0
	Denver, CO PMSA	17	39.5
	Greeley, CO PMSA	1	11.1
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	0	0.0
14	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	4	28.6
15	San Antonio, TX MSA	43	28.1
16	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	22	27.8
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	12	80.0
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	9	17.6
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	1	16.7
	Olympia, WA PMSA	0	0.0
17	Indianapolis, IN MSA	15	26.3
18	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	56	24.2
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	24	53.3
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	5	23.8
	San Jose, CA PMSA	9	20.0
	Oakland, CA PMSA	17	16.8
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	2	14.3
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	-1	-20.0
19	Jacksonville, FL MSA	42	24.0
20	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	52	23.9
	Chicago, IL PMSA	54	31.4
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	0	0.0
	Gary, IN PMSA	-1	-2.7
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	-1	-16.7
21	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	5	23.8
22	Nashville, TN MSA	59	22.5
23	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	43	21.8
24	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	37	20.6
25	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	36	19.9
26	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	101	19.5
	Houston, TX PMSA	87	20.1
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	8	17.0
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	6	15.8
27	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	38	19.1
28	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	24	18.6
29	Hartford, CT NECMA	2	18.2

Table 6 (continued)

Rank	Area	Change 1990 to 2000	
		Net	Percent
30	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	12	17.1 %
	Yolo, CA PMSA	2	40.0
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	10	15.4
31	Atlanta, GA MSA	106	15.5
32	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	8	15.1
	Salem, OR PMSA	1	20.0
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	7	14.6
33	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	39	13.8
34	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	3	12.0
35	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	53	11.6
36	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	3	11.1
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	5	21.7
	Racine, WI PMSA	-2	-50.0
37	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	25	11.0
38	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	29	10.7
39	Rochester, NY MSA	1	10.0
40	New Orleans, LA MSA	9	8.8
41	Orlando, FL MSA	10	7.9
42	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	19	7.9
43	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	10	7.1
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	2	12.5
	Detroit, MI PMSA	9	9.2
	Flint, MI PMSA	-1	-3.7
44	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	13	6.3
45	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	15	4.7
46	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	3	1.3
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	5	2.6
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	-2	-4.8
47	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	-2	-2.7
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	1	1.8
	Akron, OH PMSA	-3	-17.6
48	Columbus, OH MSA	-3	-4.8
49	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	-1	-5.9
50	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	-2	-28.6

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Table 7
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas, Recent Trends in Population per Church,
Ranked by Population per Church, 2000

Rank	Area	Population Per Church	
		1990	2000
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	6,542	6,779
	Metropolitan Totals	11,085	10,935
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	2,496	2,655
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	16,588	15,541
	Non-South	36,841	33,151
	South	6,691	6,735
1	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	133,984	217,703
2	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	181,341	164,934
3	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	229,068	137,555
4	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	151,008	110,494
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	325,824	N/A
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	167,807	193,835
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	237,201	183,594
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	164,383	160,888
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	138,275	152,244
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	259,462	140,075
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	181,318	131,275
	Newark, NJ PMSA	127,713	119,588
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	162,031	98,083
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	169,976	97,470
	New York, NY PMSA	129,498	88,707
5	Rochester, NY MSA	106,247	99,836
6	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	114,039	90,719
7	Hartford, CT NECMA	102,153	88,355
8	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	126,350	80,771
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	126,350	80,771
9	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	69,961	73,132
10	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	59,525	56,319
	Racine, WI PMSA	43,759	94,416
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	62,267	53,598
11	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	42,889	47,640
12	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	111,189	42,387
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	319,416	88,720
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	138,053	48,813
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	136,729	42,865
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	34,220	29,311
13	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	39,173	41,491
	Akron, OH PMSA	38,681	49,640
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	39,323	39,489

Table 7 (continued)

Rank	Area	Population Per Church	
		1990	2000
14	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	33,839	37,135
	Salem, OR PMSA	55,605	57,869
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	31,572	34,873
15	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	36,788	36,135
	Detroit, MI PMSA	43,537	41,510
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	30,629	32,152
	Flint, MI PMSA	15,943	16,775
16	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	37,599	35,196
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	39,865	40,244
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	31,622	33,138
	Olympia, WA PMSA	23,034	29,622
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	39,080	25,956
17	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	37,797	33,917
	Chicago, IL PMSA	43,086	36,605
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	32,085	34,611
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	21,364	29,915
	Gary, IN PMSA	16,339	17,538
18	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	33,002	33,096
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	28,167	36,411
	Denver, CO PMSA	37,744	35,155
	Greeley, CO PMSA	14,647	18,094
19	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	36,976	30,434
	Ventura, CA PMSA	35,211	39,642
	Orange County, CA PMSA	51,291	36,965
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	39,217	30,511
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	25,632	25,037
20	San Diego, CA MSA	34,219	27,056
21	Columbus, OH MSA	21,356	25,669
22	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	27,175	24,527
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	45,947	63,901
	San Jose, CA PMSA	33,279	31,159
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	27,730	28,663
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	35,637	25,090
	Oakland, CA PMSA	20,872	20,276
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	21,440	19,955
23	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	19,378	22,989
24	Indianapolis, IN MSA	24,219	22,326
25	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	21,160	21,913
	Yolo, CA PMSA	28,242	24,094
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	20,616	21,709
26	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	21,588	21,343

Table 7 (continued)

Rank	Area	Population Per Church	
		1990	2000
27	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	17,353	21,254
28	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	23,826	17,620
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	29,894	24,224
	Miami, FL PMSA	21,056	14,728
29	Orlando, FL MSA	9,721	12,092
30	New Orleans, LA MSA	12,601	12,052
31	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	13,984	12,019
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	19,687	16,686
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	15,174	13,192
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	11,997	10,475
32	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	10,392	10,110
33	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	7,669	8,247
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	6,940	8,320
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	7,826	8,232
34	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	8,875	8,157
35	San Antonio, TX MSA	8,658	8,124
36	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	7,203	7,544
	Houston, TX PMSA	7,672	8,034
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	5,721	5,685
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	4,079	4,396
37	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	7,982	7,233
38	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	6,411	7,224
39	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	6,568	6,831
40	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	5,768	5,383
	Dallas, TX PMSA	6,195	5,915
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	5,078	4,540
41	Atlanta, GA MSA	4,320	5,199
42	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	4,843	5,139
43	Jacksonville, FL MSA	5,181	5,071
44	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	4,809	4,592
45	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	4,224	4,299
46	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	4,817	4,273
47	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	3,180	3,973
48	Nashville, TN MSA	3,760	3,836
49	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	3,303	3,758
50	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	2,537	2,934

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC, and Annual Church Profile, Lifeway Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 8
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas Ranked by Population per Church
Index of Change, 1990 to 2000

Rank	Area	Population Per Church Index of Change 1990 to 2000
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	103.6
	Metropolitan Totals	98.6
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	106.4
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	93.7
	Non-South	90.0
	South	100.7
1	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	162.5
2	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	125.0
3	Orlando, FL MSA	124.4
4	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	122.5
5	Atlanta, GA MSA	120.3
6	Columbus, OH MSA	120.2
7	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	118.6
8	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	115.6
9	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	113.8
10	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	112.7
11	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	111.1
12	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	109.7
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	110.5
	Salem, OR PMSA	104.1
13	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	107.5
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	119.9
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	105.2
14	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	106.1
15	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	105.9
	Akron, OH PMSA	128.3
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	100.4
16	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	104.7
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	107.8
	Houston, TX PMSA	104.7
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	99.4
17	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	104.5
18	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	104.0
19	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	103.6
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	105.3
	Yolo, CA PMSA	85.3

Table 8 (continued)

Rank	Area	Population Per Church Index of Change 1990 to 2000
20	Nashville, TN MSA	102.0
21	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	101.8
22	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	100.3
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	129.3
	Greeley, CO PMSA	123.5
	Denver, CO PMSA	93.1
23	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	98.9
24	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	98.2
	Flint, MI PMSA	105.2
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	105.0
	Detroit, MI PMSA	95.3
25	Jacksonville, FL MSA	97.9
26	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	97.3
27	New Orleans, LA MSA	95.6
28	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	95.5
29	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	94.6
	Racine, WI PMSA	215.8
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	86.1
30	Rochester, NY MSA	94.0
31	San Antonio, TX MSA	93.8
32	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	93.6
	Olympia, WA PMSA	128.6
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	104.8
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	100.9
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	66.4
33	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	93.3
	Dallas, TX PMSA	95.5
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	89.4
34	Indianapolis, IN MSA	92.2
35	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	91.9
36	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	91.0
37	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	90.6
38	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	90.3
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	139.1
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	103.4
	Oakland, CA PMSA	97.1
	San Jose, CA PMSA	93.6
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	93.1
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	70.4

Table 8 (continued)

Rank	Area	Population Per Church Index of Change 1990 to 2000
39	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	89.7
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	140.0
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	107.9
	Gary, IN PMSA	107.3
	Chicago, IL PMSA	85.0
40	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	88.7
41	Hartford, CT NECMA	86.5
42	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	85.9
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	87.3
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	86.9
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	84.8
43	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	82.3
	Ventura, CA PMSA	112.6
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	97.7
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	77.8
	Orange County, CA PMSA	72.1
44	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	79.6
45	San Diego, CA MSA	79.1
46	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	74.0
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	81.0
	Miami, FL PMSA	69.9
47	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	73.2
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	N/A
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	115.5
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	110.1
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	97.9
	Newark, NJ PMSA	93.6
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	77.4
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	72.4
	New York, NY PMSA	68.5
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	60.5
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	57.3
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	54.0
48	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	63.9
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	63.9
49	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	60.1

Table 8 (continued)

Rank	Area	Population Per Church
		Index of Change 1990 to 2000
50	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	38.1
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	85.7
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	35.4
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	31.4
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	27.8

Source: Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Note: The population per church index of change is calculated by dividing the 2000 population per church by the 1990 ratio and multiplying by 100. An index of 100 means that the population per church was the same for both years. Said another way, the rates of growth for the population and for churches were identical. An index greater than 100 means that the population per church ratio worsened from 1990 to 2000. An index less than 100 indicates the ratio improved.

Table 9
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas, Recent SBC Resident Membership Trends,
Ranked by Resident Members, 2000

Rank	Area	Resident Members	
		1990	2000
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	10,570,299	11,392,372
	Metropolitan Totals	6,718,059	7,376,497
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	3,852,240	4,015,875
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	3,421,443	3,852,125
	Non-South	743,126	779,600
	South	2,678,317	3,072,525
1	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	401,684	465,209
	Dallas, TX PMSA	243,614	282,908
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	158,070	182,301
2	Atlanta, GA MSA	349,957	406,918
3	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	280,143	371,225
	Houston, TX PMSA	245,271	333,871
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	20,994	22,060
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	13,878	15,294
4	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	155,881	174,637
5	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	145,535	161,317
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	113,430	126,688
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	30,791	33,308
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	1,314	1,321
6	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	130,753	139,314
7	Nashville, TN MSA	117,346	133,577
8	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	129,114	123,836
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	75,300	54,330
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	35,933	43,608
	Orange County, CA PMSA	13,951	22,705
	Ventura, CA PMSA	3,930	3,193
9	Jacksonville, FL MSA	98,082	120,156
10	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	114,432	117,660
11	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	108,950	114,788
12	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	95,705	98,908
13	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	101,164	97,856
14	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	92,219	96,712
15	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	94,530	92,413
16	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	87,600	91,330
17	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	87,618	90,206
18	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	66,083	87,602
	Miami, FL PMSA	39,476	54,298
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	26,607	33,304

Table 9 (continued)

Rank	Area	Resident Members	
		1990	2000
19	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	87,312	87,155
20	Orlando, FL MSA	67,825	81,155
21	San Antonio, TX MSA	64,199	75,994
22	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	59,067	72,679
23	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	64,857	66,950
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	53,362	53,007
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	11,495	13,943
24	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	42,365	62,404
	Chicago, IL PMSA	31,971	53,556
	Gary, IN PMSA	8,845	7,470
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	910	696
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	639	682
25	New Orleans, LA MSA	38,114	53,934
26	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	55,007	47,516
	Oakland, CA PMSA	26,500	21,082
	San Jose, CA PMSA	12,164	10,448
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	6,391	6,975
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	6,244	5,571
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	2,802	2,997
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	906	443
27	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	53,064	46,414
28	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	11,045	30,038
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	5,017	23,840
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	5,601	5,622
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	255	291
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	172	285
29	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	22,900	29,842
30	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	27,878	24,398
	Detroit, MI PMSA	18,587	16,799
	Flint, MI PMSA	6,281	5,511
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	3,010	2,088
31	Columbus, OH MSA	18,311	20,478
32	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	20,291	19,535
	Denver, CO PMSA	17,715	17,349
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	1,514	1,266
	Greeley, CO PMSA	1,062	920
33	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	12,233	19,500

Table 9 (continued)

Rank	Area	Resident Members	
		1990	2000
34	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	16,752	17,471
	New York, NY PMSA	8,668	9,285
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	1,743	1,613
	Newark, NJ PMSA	1,885	1,372
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	942	1,167
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	612	1,098
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	1,081	1,090
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	245	923
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	912	698
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	174	130
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	176	95
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	314	0
35	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	12,786	15,705
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	7,720	9,136
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	3,508	5,015
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	877	977
	Olympia, WA PMSA	681	577
36	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	17,577	14,822
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	16,990	14,068
	Yolo, CA PMSA	587	754
37	Indianapolis, IN MSA	12,122	14,590
38	San Diego, CA MSA	16,022	13,716
39	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	12,566	12,616
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	10,862	11,102
	Akron, OH PMSA	1,704	1,514
40	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	7,434	9,925
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	6,732	9,114
	Salem, OR PMSA	702	811
41	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	7,078	9,206
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	7,078	9,206
42	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	4,298	7,209
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	3,963	6,912
	Racine, WI PMSA	335	297
43	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	3,438	4,837
44	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	2,605	3,352
45	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	1,871	1,920
46	Hartford, CT NECMA	1,531	1,605
47	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	808	1,230
48	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	1,332	1,128
49	Rochester, NY MSA	519	678
50	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	1,440	459

Source: Annual Church Profile, Lifeway Christian Resources, Nashville, Tenn.; compiled by Research Services, NAMB, Alpharetta, Ga.

Table 10
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas, Recent Trends in SBC Baptisms,
Ranked by Baptisms, 2000

Rank	Area	Baptisms	
		1990	2000
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	384,675	414,246
	Metropolitan Totals	251,493	275,906
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	133,182	138,340
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	133,674	152,445
	Non-South	34,228	37,129
	South	99,446	115,316
1	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	15,695	17,802
	Dallas, TX PMSA	9,381	10,311
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	6,314	7,491
2	Atlanta, GA MSA	12,944	15,805
3	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	12,094	15,204
	Houston, TX PMSA	10,566	13,942
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	912	790
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	616	472
4	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	6,417	8,630
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	3,048	3,740
	Orange County, CA PMSA	1,046	2,434
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	2,080	2,255
	Ventura, CA PMSA	243	201
5	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	4,704	5,998
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	3,359	4,566
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	1,318	1,369
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	27	63
6	Jacksonville, FL MSA	5,033	5,432
7	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	3,774	5,369
	Miami, FL PMSA	1,975	3,087
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	1,799	2,282
8	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	5,181	5,121
9	Nashville, TN MSA	3,824	4,966
10	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	3,793	4,669
11	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	5,228	4,332
12	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	4,081	4,293
13	Orlando, FL MSA	3,296	3,577
14	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	3,481	3,469
15	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	2,693	3,276
16	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	1,826	3,268
	Chicago, IL PMSA	1,448	3,002
	Gary, IN PMSA	319	230
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	33	20
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	26	16

Table 10 (continued)

Rank	Area	Baptisms	
		1990	2000
17	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	2,573	2,955
18	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	2,397	2,882
19	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	2,671	2,856
20	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	2,336	2,691
21	San Antonio, TX MSA	3,174	2,681
22	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	2,125	2,596
23	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	2,317	2,387
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	1,894	1,889
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	423	498
24	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	1,909	2,334
25	New Orleans, LA MSA	1,549	2,188
26	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	3,336	2,064
27	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	2,886	1,666
	Oakland, CA PMSA	1,534	747
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	342	445
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	332	182
	San Jose, CA PMSA	547	148
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	107	114
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	24	30
28	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	467	1,570
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	247	1,304
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	170	224
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	39	27
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	11	15
29	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	945	1,244
30	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	881	1,203
31	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	1,183	1,157
	Detroit, MI PMSA	860	775
	Flint, MI PMSA	224	267
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	99	115
32	Columbus, OH MSA	761	1,129
33	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	1,118	1,091
	Denver, CO PMSA	994	922
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	68	127
	Greeley, CO PMSA	56	42
34	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	928	986
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	358	535
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	404	326
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	101	90
	Olympia, WA PMSA	65	35
35	San Diego, CA MSA	884	870
36	Indianapolis, IN MSA	468	754

Table 10 (continued)

Rank	Area	Baptisms	
		1990	2000
37	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	810	594
	New York, NY PMSA	407	273
	Newark, NJ PMSA	75	79
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	38	55
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	22	52
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	47	46
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	127	43
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	28	30
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	49	8
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	7	4
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	6	4
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	4	0
38	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	824	588
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	824	588
39	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	852	563
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	810	523
	Yolo, CA PMSA	42	40
40	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	443	539
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	407	469
	Salem, OR PMSA	36	70
41	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	561	489
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	467	403
	Akron, OH PMSA	94	86
42	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	246	413
43	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	375	236
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	359	220
	Racine, WI PMSA	16	16
44	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	137	177
45	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	98	89
46	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	116	88
47	Hartford, CT NECMA	105	49
48	Rochester, NY MSA	55	42
49	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	57	37
50	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	23	26

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Table 11
Fifty Largest Metropolitan Areas, Recent Trends in Baptism Ratios per 1,000
Population, Ranked by Baptism Ratio, 2000

Rank	Area	Baptisms per 1,000 Population	
		1990	2000
	UNITED STATES TOTAL	1.55	1.47
	Metropolitan Totals	1.27	1.22
	Non-Metropolitan Totals	2.65	2.50
	Top 50 Metropolitan Areas	0.94	0.94
	Non-South	0.33	0.32
	South	2.59	2.46
1	Jacksonville, FL MSA	5.55	4.94
2	Nashville, TN MSA	3.88	4.03
3	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	5.45	4.00
4	Atlanta, GA MSA	4.37	3.84
5	Memphis, TN-AR-MS MSA	4.05	3.78
6	Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC MSA	4.46	3.42
7	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX CMSA	3.89	3.41
	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX PMSA	4.64	4.40
	Dallas, TX PMSA	3.51	2.93
8	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX CMSA	3.24	3.26
	Houston, TX PMSA	3.18	3.34
	Brazoria, TX PMSA	4.76	3.27
	Galveston-Texas City, TX PMSA	2.83	1.89
9	Richmond-Petersburg, VA MSA	2.45	2.61
10	Austin-San Marcos, TX MSA	2.83	2.31
11	Greensboro--Winston-Salem--High Point, NC MSA	2.54	2.28
12	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	2.01	2.28
13	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC MSA	2.72	2.27
14	Orlando, FL MSA	2.69	2.18
15	Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC MSA	1.86	2.09
16	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL MSA	1.83	1.95
17	San Antonio, TX MSA	2.40	1.68
18	Kansas City, MO-KS MSA	1.63	1.66
19	New Orleans, LA MSA	1.21	1.64
20	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL CMSA	1.18	1.39
	Fort Lauderdale, FL, PMSA	1.43	1.41
	Miami, FL PMSA	1.02	1.37
21	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	1.39	1.32
22	Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN CMSA	1.27	1.21
	Hamilton-Middletown, OH PMSA	1.45	1.50
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN PMSA	1.24	1.15
23	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA	1.09	1.10

Table 11 (continued)

Rank	Area	Baptisms per 1,000 Population	
		1990	2000
24	Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV CMSA	0.70	0.79
	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV PMSA	0.80	0.93
	Baltimore, MD PMSA	0.55	0.54
	Hagerstown, MD PMSA	0.22	0.48
25	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	1.03	0.77
26	Columbus, OH MSA	0.57	0.73
27	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ MSA	1.49	0.63
28	Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA CMSA	0.44	0.53
	Orange County, CA PMSA	0.43	0.86
	Riverside-San Bernardino, CA PMSA	0.80	0.69
	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	0.34	0.39
	Ventura, CA PMSA	0.36	0.27
29	Indianapolis, IN MSA	0.34	0.47
30	Denver-Boulder-Greeley, CO CMSA	0.56	0.42
	Denver, CO PMSA	0.61	0.44
	Boulder-Longmont, CO PMSA	0.30	0.44
	Greeley, CO PMSA	0.42	0.23
31	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI CMSA	0.22	0.36
	Gary, IN PMSA	0.53	0.36
	Chicago, IL PMSA	0.20	0.36
	Kankakee, IL PMSA	0.27	0.15
	Kenosha, WI PMSA	0.26	0.13
32	Sacramento-Yolo, CA CMSA	0.58	0.31
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	0.60	0.32
	Yolo, CA PMSA	0.30	0.24
33	Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT MSA	0.23	0.31
34	San Diego, CA MSA	0.35	0.31
35	Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA CMSA	0.31	0.28
	Tacoma, WA PMSA	0.69	0.47
	Bremerton, WA PMSA	0.53	0.39
	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA PMSA	0.18	0.22
	Olympia, WA PMSA	0.40	0.17
36	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD CMSA	0.08	0.25
	Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD PMSA	0.33	0.38
	Philadelphia, PA-NJ PMSA	0.05	0.26
	Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ PMSA	0.08	0.10
	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ PMSA	0.12	0.08
37	Portland-Salem, OR-WA CMSA	0.25	0.24
	Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA	0.27	0.24
	Salem, OR PMSA	0.13	0.20

Table 11 (continued)

Rank	Area	Baptisms per 1,000 Population	
		1990	2000
38	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA CMSA	0.46	0.24
	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA PMSA	0.76	0.86
	Oakland, CA PMSA	0.73	0.31
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	0.28	0.25
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	0.10	0.12
	San Francisco, CA PMSA	0.21	0.11
	San Jose, CA PMSA	0.37	0.09
39	Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI CMSA	0.23	0.21
	Flint, MI PMSA	0.52	0.61
	Ann Arbor, MI PMSA	0.20	0.20
	Detroit, MI PMSA	0.20	0.17
40	Cleveland-Akron, OH CMSA	0.20	0.17
	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH PMSA	0.21	0.18
	Akron, OH PMSA	0.14	0.12
41	Milwaukee-Racine, WI CMSA	0.23	0.14
	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI PMSA	0.25	0.15
	Racine, WI PMSA	0.09	0.08
42	Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, MA-NH-ME-CT CMSA	0.14	0.10
	Boston-Brockton-Nashua,, MA-NH NECMA	0.14	0.10
43	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY MSA	0.10	0.08
44	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	0.06	0.08
45	Hartford, CT NECMA	0.09	0.04
46	Providence-Warwick, RI NECMA	0.06	0.04
47	Rochester, NY MSA	0.05	0.04
48	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	0.04	0.03
49	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA CMSA	0.04	0.03
	Jersey City, NJ PMSA	0.05	0.05
	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ PMSA	0.04	0.05
	Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ PMSA	0.05	0.04
	Newark, NJ PMSA	0.04	0.04
	Bergen-Passaic, NJ PMSA	0.02	0.04
	New York, NY PMSA	0.05	0.03
	New Haven-Bridgeport-Stamford-Danbury-Waterbury, CT NECMA	0.08	0.03
	Dutchess County, NY PMSA	0.03	0.01
	Newburgh, NY-PA PMSA	0.02	0.01
	Nassau-Suffolk, NY PMSA	0.02	0.00
	Trenton, NJ PMSA	0.01	0.00
50	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI MSA	0.02	0.02

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