

DEMOGRAPHIA

## Core Municipality Population Change from Pre-1980s Peak

Pre-1980s Peak Population 500,000 & Over: Fully Developed in 1950 and Retaining 1950 Borders  
Western Europe, Japan, Canada, United States

Nation	Core Municipality	Peak Year pre-1980s	Peak Population	Latest Year	Latest Population	Change	Annual	Rank
Austria	Vienna	1910	2,031,000	2011	1,714,000	-15.6%	-0.17%	15
Canada	Montreal (Pre-Amalgamation)	1971	1,214,000	2001	1,040,000	-14.3%	-0.51%	40
Canada	Toronto (Pre-Amalgamation)	1971	713,000	1996	653,000	-8.4%	-0.35%	27
Denmark	Kobenhavn	1950	768,000	2011	540,000	-29.7%	-0.58%	43
France	Lyon	1950	536,000	2011	491,000	-8.4%	-0.14%	12
France	Paris	1921	2,906,000	2012	2,266,000	-22.0%	-0.27%	22
Germany	Berlin	1939	4,339,000	2011	3,292,000	-24.1%	-0.38%	31
Germany	Bremen	1971	606,000	2011	542,000	-10.6%	-0.28%	23
Germany	Dortmund	1961	652,000	2011	571,000	-12.4%	-0.26%	21
Germany	Dresden	1939	630,000	2011	512,000	-18.7%	-0.29%	24
Germany	Duisburg	1981	592,000	2011	488,000	-17.6%	-0.64%	44
Germany	Dusseldorf	1961	702,000	2011	587,000	-16.4%	-0.36%	28
Germany	Essen	1961	729,000	2011	566,000	-22.4%	-0.50%	38
Germany	Frankfurt	1961	688,000	2011	668,000	-2.9%	-0.06%	9
Germany	Hamburg	1961	1,841,000	2011	1,707,000	-7.3%	-0.15%	14
Germany	Hanover	1961	574,000	2011	506,000	-11.8%	-0.25%	20
Germany	Koln	1981	1,014,000	2011	1,006,000	-0.8%	-0.03%	7
Germany	Leipzig	1939	707,000	2011	503,000	-28.9%	-0.47%	34
Germany	Munich	1981	1,315,000	2011	1,408,000	7.1%	0.23%	1
Germany	Stuttgart	1981	649,000	2011	586,000	-9.7%	-0.34%	26
Greece	Athens	1981	886,000	2011	664,000	-25.1%	-0.96%	52
Ireland	Dublin	1969	545,000	2011	528,000	-3.1%	-0.08%	11
Italy	Genova	1971	844,000	2011	586,000	-30.6%	-0.91%	51
Italy	Milano	1971	1,687,000	2011	1,242,000	-26.4%	-0.76%	48
Italy	Napoli	1971	1,267,000	2011	962,000	-24.1%	-0.69%	46
Italy	Palermo	1981	702,000	2011	658,000	-6.3%	-0.22%	18
Italy	Torino	1971	1,142,000	2011	872,000	-23.6%	-0.67%	45
Japan	Kitakyushu	1970	1,058,000	2010	977,000	-7.7%	-0.20%	16
Japan	Osaka	1965	3,156,000	2010	2,665,000	-15.6%	-0.38%	30

Japan	Tokyo (former 23 ku municipality)	1965	8,893,000	2010	8,946,000	0.6%	0.01%	5
Netherlands	Amsterdam	1961	868,000	2011	780,000	-10.1%	-0.21%	17
Netherlands	Hague	1960	605,000	2011	495,000	-18.2%	-0.39%	32
Netherlands	Rotterdam	1961	731,000	2011	610,000	-16.6%	-0.36%	29
Portugal	Lisboa	1961	818,000	2011	553,000	-32.4%	-0.78%	49
Spain	Barcelona	1971	1,828,000	2011	1,611,000	-11.9%	-0.32%	25
Spain	Madrid	1981	3,159,000	2011	3,199,000	1.3%	0.04%	4
Sweden	Stockholm	1960	808,000	2011	847,000	4.8%	0.09%	2
United Kingdom	Birmingham	1951	1,113,000	2011	1,085,000	-2.5%	-0.04%	8
United Kingdom	Glasgow	1931	1,088,000	2011	475,000	-56.3%	-1.03%	53
United Kingdom	Leeds	1961	511,000	2011	475,000	-7.0%	-0.15%	13
United Kingdom	Liverpool	1931	857,000	2011	552,000	-35.6%	-0.55%	42
United Kingdom	London(GLA)	1939	8,615,000	2011	8,250,000	-4.2%	-0.06%	10
United Kingdom	Manchester	1931	766,000	2011	511,000	-33.3%	-0.50%	37
United Kingdom	Sheffield	1981	558,000	2011	518,000	-7.2%	-0.25%	19
United States	Baltimore	1950	950,000	2010	621,000	-34.6%	-0.71%	47
United States	Boston	1950	801,000	2010	618,000	-22.8%	-0.43%	33
United States	Buffalo	1950	580,000	2010	261,000	-55.0%	-1.32%	56
United States	Chicago	1950	3,621,000	2010	2,696,000	-25.5%	-0.49%	36
United States	Cincinnati	1950	504,000	2010	297,000	-41.1%	-0.88%	50
United States	Cleveland	1950	915,000	2010	397,000	-56.6%	-1.38%	57
United States	Detroit	1950	1,850,000	2010	714,000	-61.4%	-1.57%	58
United States	Minneapolis	1950	522,000	2010	383,000	-26.6%	-0.51%	41
United States	New Orleans	1960	628,000	2010	344,000	-45.2%	-1.20%	54
United States	New York (Excludes Staten Island)	1950	7,700,000	2010	7,706,000	0.1%	0.00%	6
United States	Philadelphia	1950	2,072,000	2010	1,526,000	-26.4%	-0.51%	39
United States	Pittsburgh	1950	677,000	2010	306,000	-54.8%	-1.31%	55
United States	San Francisco	1950	775,000	2010	805,000	3.9%	0.06%	3
United States	St. Louis	1950	857,000	2010	319,000	-62.8%	-1.63%	59
United States	Washington	1950	802,000	2010	602,000	-24.9%	-0.48%	35

**EXHIBITS (PARTS OF MUNICIPALITIES ABOVE, NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMARY TOTALS BELOW)**

France	Paris: Core (1-IV Arrondissements)	1861	379,000	2012	105,000	-72.3%	-0.85%
France	Paris: Inner (1-XI Arrondissements)	1901	1,268,000	2012	620,000	-51.1%	-0.64%
United Kingdom	London: Inner	1901	4,536,000	2011	3,232,000	-28.7%	-0.31%
United States	New York: Manhattan	1910	2,332,000	2010	1,586,000	-32.0%	-0.38%

**SUMMARY TOTALS**

Population Losses (53)	1957	66,315,000	2010	52,391,000	-21.0%	-0.44%
Population Gains (6)	1965	22,650,000	2011	22,911,000	1.2%	0.02%
Total (59)	1958	88,965,000	2010	75,302,000	-15.4%	-0.32%

**NOTES**

Census data used where available

Chicago annexation of land for O'Hare International Airport not considered significant with regard to densification.

Manhattan population excludes the Bronx before its establishment

Paris I-IV Arrondissements peak population date unknown. Arrondissement boundaries changed in 1861: No earlier comparable data

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*(All of the above municipalities lost population between their pre-1980s peaks and 2000.)*