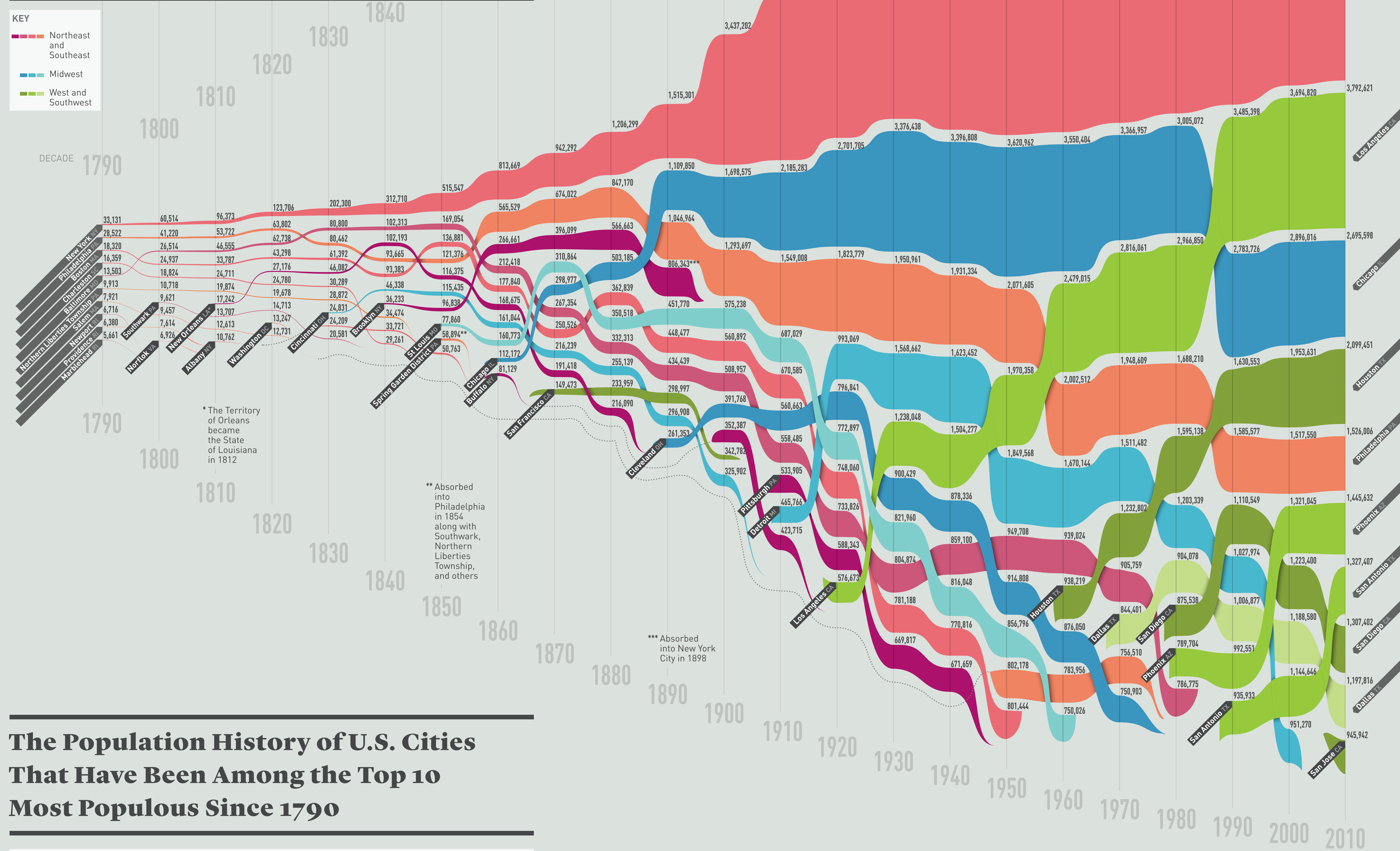


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The 10 Most Populous U.S. Cities Every Decade Since 1790

When the United States first became a sovereign nation in 1776, Philadelphia had the largest population of any American city. By the time the first U.S. census was finished in 1790, New York City had grown to be the most populous and has held that title ever since.



The Population History of U.S. Cities That Have Been Among the Top 10 Most Populous Since 1790

