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Summary: 64 of the 91 large cities did demographically better—registering larger population gains, smaller declines, or flips from declines to gains in 2022–2023 compared to the prime pandemic year of 2020–2021. This was especially true for the 38 cities with at least 500,000 residents. Seven of the nine cities with populations of at least 1 million, and 27 of the remaining 29 cities with populations between 500,000 and 1 million, exhibited demographic progress in terms of population gains or slowing population decline. Among the 34 very large U.S. cities that did demographically better in 2022–2023 than in the prime pandemic year, 15 flipped from declines to gains, including Boston, Denver, Detroit, Washington DC, and Atlanta; 8 posted larger gains including San Antonio and Charlotte; and 11 experienced smaller declines, including Los Angeles and Chicago.

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