CBSAMSA

CBSA MSA Met Status Code

Universe

All persons

Description

CBSAMSA is a Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) associated with at least one urbanized area with a population of at least 50,000, based on the 2000 Census of Population and Housing. A Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) consists of the Central County or counties containing the core urban area, plus adjacent/outlying counties that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the Central County, as measured by commuting patterns. As of June 6, 2003, the OMB has defined a total of 362 Metropolitan Statistical Areas that incorporate 1,090 counties, containing approximately 83% of the US population. While 78% of the counties now classified as “metropolitan” are the same as before, many Metropolitan areas have changed in some way, either by name or geographic composition.

Comparability

CMSAMSA is comparable across years

Question to respondent

Instructions to interviewer