# Skyscrapers in 40 Most Populated US Cities

A **skyscraper** is a continuously habitable high-rise building that has over 40 floors and is taller than approximately 500 feet. Historically, the 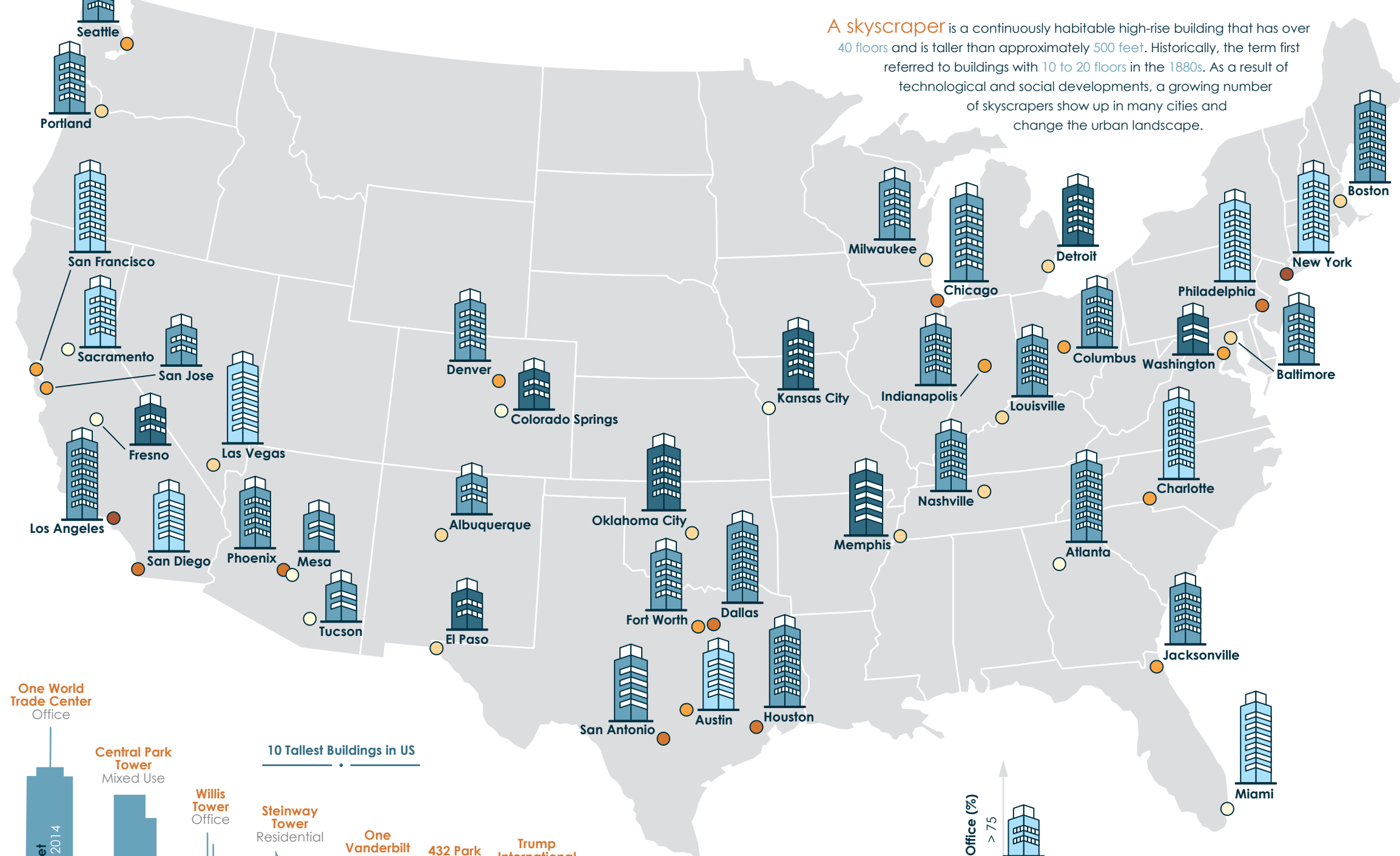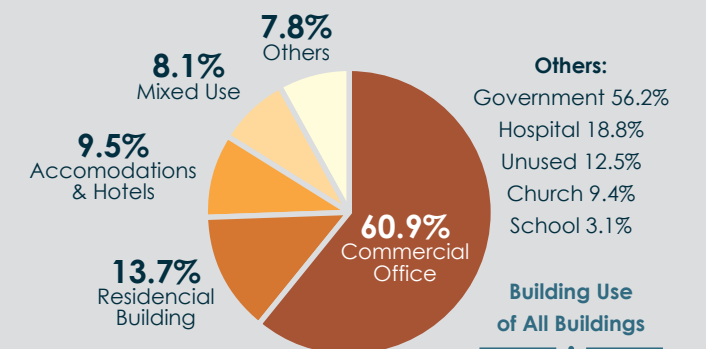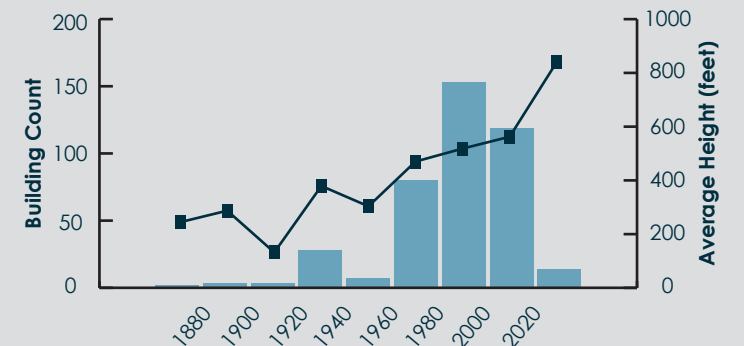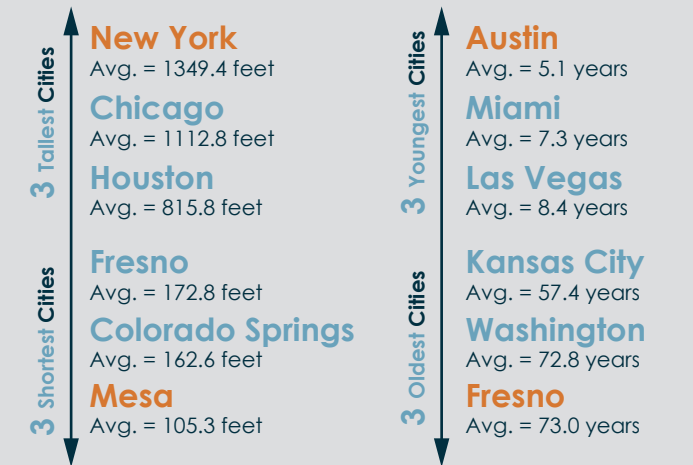term first referred to buildings with 10 to 20 floors in the 1880s. As a result of technological and social developments, a growing number of skyscrapers show up in many cities and change the urban landscape.
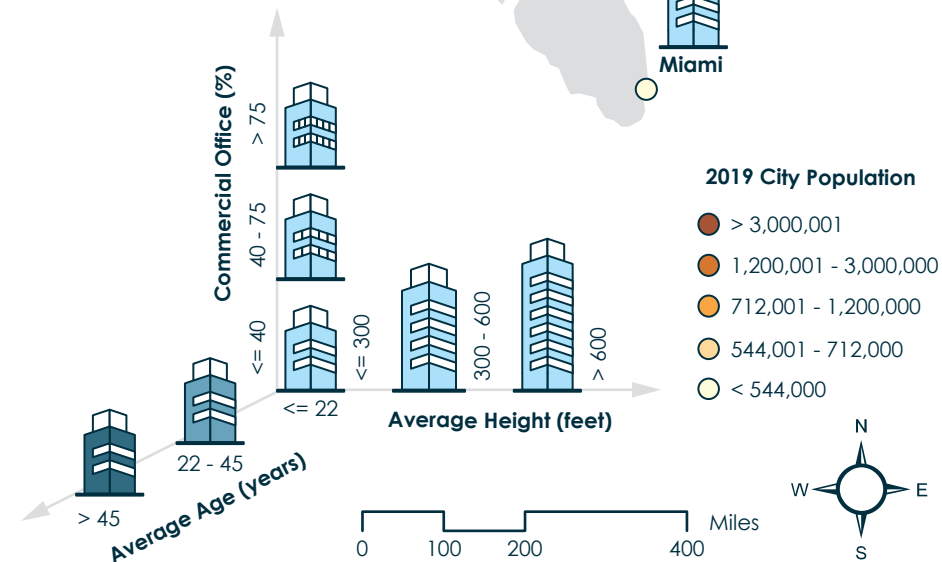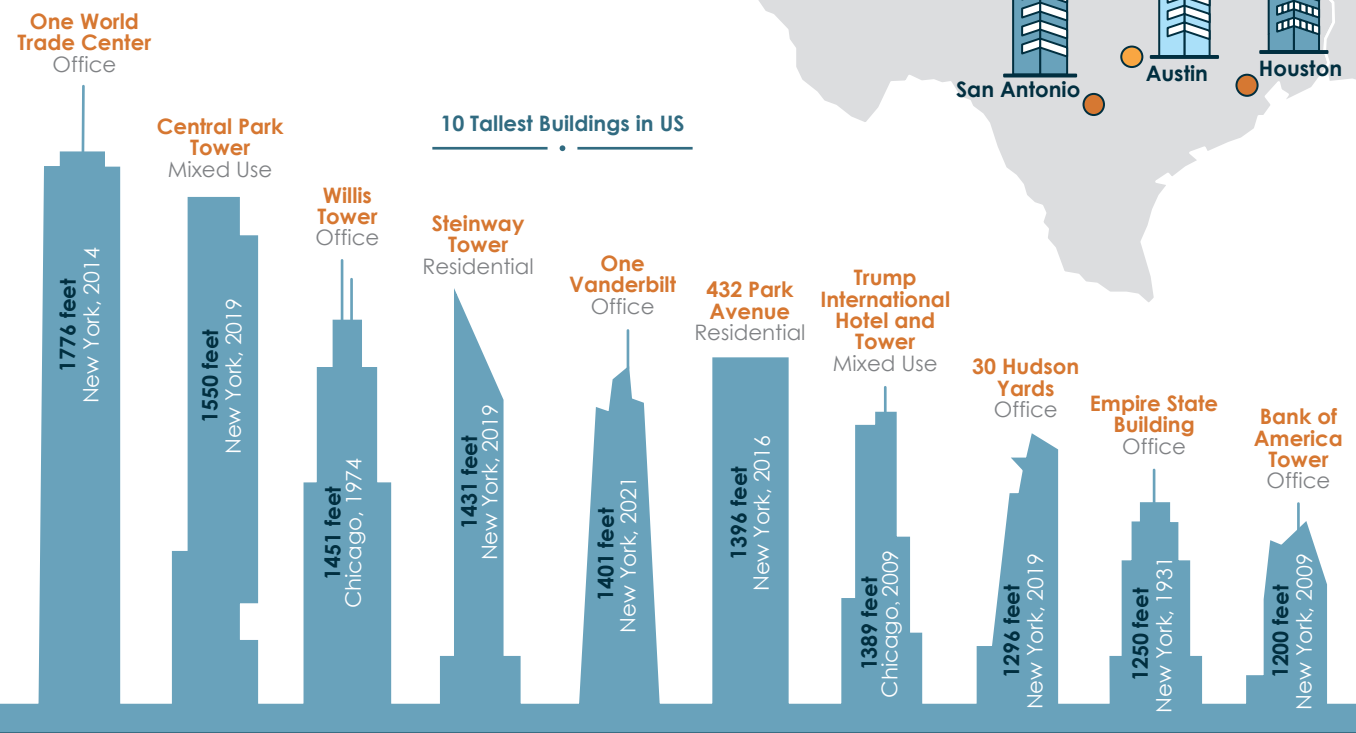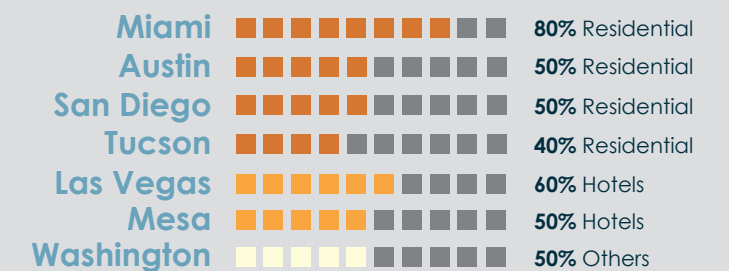
## What do skyscrapers in US cities look like?

This statistics looked into 40 most populated cities in US. From each city, 10 tallest buildings were evaluated. Variables included building height, building age and building use. The result suggests a typical skyscraper for each city, and provides a general profile of US urban landscape.

**3 Tallest Cities**

**New York** Avg. = 1349.4 feet
**Chicago** Avg. = 1112.8 feet
**Houston** Avg. = 815.8 feet

**3 Shortest Cities**

**Fresno** Avg. = 172.8 feet
**Colorado Springs** Avg. = 162.6 feet
**Mesa** Avg. = 105.3 feet

**3 Youngest Cities**

**Austin** Avg. = 5.1 years
**Miami** Avg. = 7.3 years
**Las Vegas** Avg. = 8.4 years

**3 Oldest Cities**

**Kansas City** Avg. = 57.4 years
**Washington** Avg. = 72.8 years
**Fresno** Avg. = 73.0 years

Map city labels: Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Jose, Fresno, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Mesa, Tucson, Denver, Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, Houston, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Chicago, Indianapolis, Detroit, Louisville, Columbus, Nashville, Memphis, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Charlotte, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, New York, Boston, Miami

### Building Count / Average Height (feet)

Years axis: 1880, 1900, 1920, 1940, 1960, 1980, 2000, 2020

### Building Use of All Buildings

- **60.9%** Commercial Office
- **13.7%** Residencial Building
- **9.5%** Accomodations & Hotels
- **8.1%** Mixed Use
- **7.8%** Others

Others:
- Government 56.2%
- Hospital 18.8%
- Unused 12.5%
- Church 9.4%
- School 3.1%

### Cities not dominated by commercial office

- **Miami** 80% Residential
- **Austin** 50% Residential
- **San Diego** 50% Residential
- **Tucson** 40% Residential
- **Las Vegas** 60% Hotels
- **Mesa** 50% Hotels
- **Washington** 50% Others

## 10 Tallest Buildings in US

- **One World Trade Center** Office — 1776 feet, New York, 2014
- **Central Park Tower** Mixed Use — 1550 feet, New York, 2019
- **Willis Tower** Office — 1451 feet, Chicago, 1974
- **Steinway Tower** Residential — 1431 feet, New York, 2019
- **One Vanderbilt** Office — 1401 feet, New York, 2021
- **432 Park Avenue** Residential — 1396 feet, New York, 2016
- **Trump International Hotel and Tower** Mixed Use — 1389 feet, Chicago, 2009
- **30 Hudson Yards** Office — 1296 feet, New York, 2019
- **Empire State Building** Office — 1250 feet, New York, 1931
- **Bank of America Tower** Office — 1200 feet, New York, 2009

### 2019 City Population

- > 3,000,001
- 1,200,001 - 3,000,000
- 712,001 - 1,200,000
- 544,001 - 712,000
- < 544,000

### Chart axes

Commercial Office (%): > 75, 40 - 75, <= 40
Average Height (feet): <= 300, 300 - 600, > 600
Average Age (years): <= 22, 22 - 45, > 45

Miles: 0 100 200 400

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