America’s Racially Diverse Suburbs: Opportunities and Challenges

50 Largest U.S. Metropolitan Areas

Community types in the 50 largest metropolitan areas

Characteristics of the Community Types in the 50 largest metropolitan areas

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Atlanta Metropolitan Area

Community Types in Atlanta

Characteristics of the Community Types in Atlanta

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## Breakdown of Community Type

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<tr>
<th>Community Type</th>
<th>2010 Population</th>
<th>Share of Metro Population</th>
<th>Share of Suburban Population</th>
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<tr>
<td>Diverse</td>
<td>2,652,779</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>55</td>
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<tr>
<td>Predominantly non-white</td>
<td>1,201,270</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Predominantly white</td>
<td>358,740</td>
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<td>Exurb</td>
<td>642,014</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Central City</td>
<td>420,003</td>
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## Examples of Large Diverse Suburbs

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<th>Community Type</th>
<th>2000 Population</th>
<th>2010 Population</th>
<th>% of Population Non-white</th>
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<tr>
<td>Unincorporated Gwinnett County</td>
<td>469,931</td>
<td>651,695</td>
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<td>Unincorporated Cobb County</td>
<td>455,196</td>
<td>509,539</td>
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<td>Unincorporated Henry County</td>
<td>94,816</td>
<td>143,813</td>
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<td>Unincorporated Paulding County</td>
<td>75,223</td>
<td>126,994</td>
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<td>Unincorporated Douglas County</td>
<td>69,645</td>
<td>95,813</td>
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<td>Sandy Springs city</td>
<td>85,781</td>
<td>93,853</td>
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<td>Roswell city</td>
<td>79,334</td>
<td>88,346</td>
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<td>Johns Creek city</td>
<td>60,628</td>
<td>76,728</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unincorporated Rockdale County</td>
<td>59,422</td>
<td>70,020</td>
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<td>Alpharetta city</td>
<td>34,854</td>
<td>57,551</td>
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<td>Marietta city</td>
<td>58,748</td>
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<td>Smyrna city</td>
<td>40,999</td>
<td>51,271</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unincorporated Fayette County</td>
<td>43,891</td>
<td>48,697</td>
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## Examples of Suburbs in Rapid Transition

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<tr>
<th>Community Type</th>
<th>2000 % of Population Non-white</th>
<th>2010 % of Population Non-white</th>
<th>% Point Change</th>
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<td>Lovejoy city</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>86</td>
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<td>Stockbridge city</td>
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<td>Grayson city</td>
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<td>Hampton city</td>
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<td>Austell city</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>71</td>
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<td>Lawrenceville city</td>
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ATLANTA REGION: Community Type by Municipality and County Unincorporated Area, 2000

Legend
- Central Cities (1)
- Predominantly non-white (14)
- Diverse (48)
- Predominantly white (32)
- Exurb (66)

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