Micropolitan America: A New and Critical Part of the Nation's Geography

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Introduction

Many different terms are used rather loosely to describe the American landscape: cities, towns, rural, urban, and countryside to name just a few. Regardless of the terminology and definitions used, two fundamental points are important.

First, is the interdependency and interconnectedness across the entire landscape. For example, the nation's most remote towns and villages depend upon their "outside world" to provide them with global news, manufactured products, and a variety of other goods and services. Conversely, the large concentrations of population on either coast are largely dependent upon their "outside world" to provide them with food, energy, water, many recreational opportunities, environmental and ecosystem services such as carbon sinks/sequestration, and much more.

Second, despite these intricate and complex interdependencies there is also value in gaining an understanding of the discrete geographies along the rural-urban continuum.

For example, the fact that urban areas are so dependent on their outside neighbors for food, energy and water does not suggest that their opportunities and challenges are not important to understand within their own microcosm on the geographic continuum, regardless of their dependency status on rural areas for these three essential elements of existence.

Of the various definitional and categorization schemes used, perhaps none has been more important than what was developed by the Office and Management and Budget (OMB) in the late 1940s https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/fedreg/msa.html. The OMB scheme placed each of the nation's counties into one of two categories: Metropolitan or Nonmetropolitan. A "core" Metropolitan county required the existence of an urbanized area with 50,000 or more inhabitants. Adjacent counties exhibiting a high degree of social and economic integration with the core Metropolitan county were also categorized as Metropolitan. All other counties in the United States were categorized as Nonmetropolitan.

The OMB categorization is extremely important because it is so frequently used in programmatic and policy decisions, including the distribution of resources.

It is, of course, intended to use urban as its core measurement. Indeed, it can be argued it is quite pejorative towards the majority of the nation's counties. Instead of defining them in terms of what they are, they are defined in terms of what they are NOT, i.e., NONmetropolitan (emphasis added).

In 2003, OMB made an important adjustment to recognize the inadequacy of the term nonmetro to reflect the varied population distribution and economic systems in this category. At that time, a special category of Nonmetropolitan counties was created: Micropolitan. A "central" Micropolitan county requires the existence of at least one "urban cluster" of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 population. Analogous to the Metropolitan classification, adjacent counties with a high degree of social and economic integration with the urban cluster are categorized as "outlying" Micropolitan counties. (http://www.census.gov/population/metro/about/) Counties that are not part of either a Metropolitan or Micropolitan area are referred to as "Non-Core" counties.



Researchers are beginning to include Micropolitan data in their analysis. However, no concerted intellectual capital, comprehensive research program, or political mobilization has been systematically directed to the Micropolitan geography. Consequently, the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), in conjunction with other institutions and organizations, intends to elevate the status and understanding of Micropolitan America. The long-term goal of this initiative is to create a national research and engagement enterprise to further the role Micropolitan areas can play in supporting American prosperity and resiliency, and in helping to address other national issues, such as equity and environmental concerns.

Why this is Important

There are several compelling reasons to create a national research and engagement enterprise around the nation's Micropolitan geography. First, there are 536 micro areas encompassing 641 counties, representing nearly one-third of all Nonmetropolitan counties and over one-half of the Nonmetropolitan population. Second, micro areas are often the anchor community for a much larger rural region, serving as a trade center and regional hub for commerce, health care services, shopping, and as a source of employment for many people who commute from an extensive surrounding area. Greater attention is needed for a place-based development approach that is not synonymous with the large urban-centric hegemony that tends to drive much of the contemporary thinking. Third, and related to the prior point, these mid-size rural places could become critical anchor points for mobilizing conversations and policy about their role in sustainable development and our nation's spatial population distribution.

This report is the first installment in turning that vision into a reality. The remainder of this short, introductory report is divided into three sections.

- 1) A brief overview of the salient features of Micropolitan America
- 2) A preliminary agenda for future work
- 3) An invitation to engage

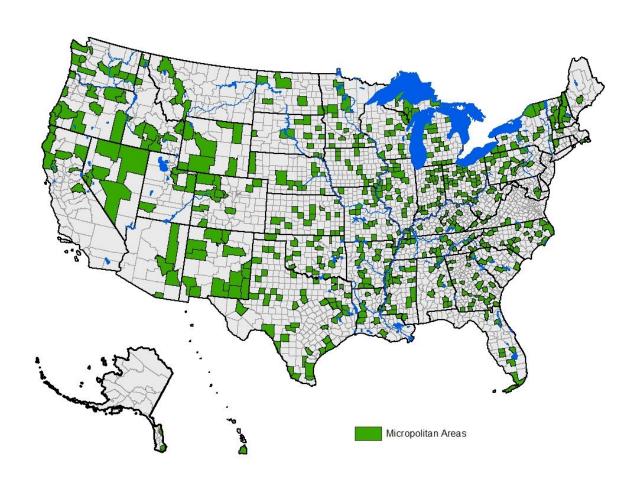


An Overview of Micropolitan America

The United States encompasses **3,143** counties: **1,167** are Metropolitan; **641** are Micropolitan; and **1,335** are Non-Core. See Figure 1 for a map of the nation's **536** Micropolitan areas and the Appendix for a listing of the urban cluster associated with each Micropolitan area.

The data overview in this section is designed to provide a very cursory overview of the Micropolitan population and its demographics, including income/poverty measures, and educational attainment. Data are provided for various years and for Micropolitan counties as well as Non-Core counties. This helps to determine and understand trends and to make comparisons between the Micropolitan counties and Non-Core counties.

Figure 1. Micropolitan Areas of the United States.



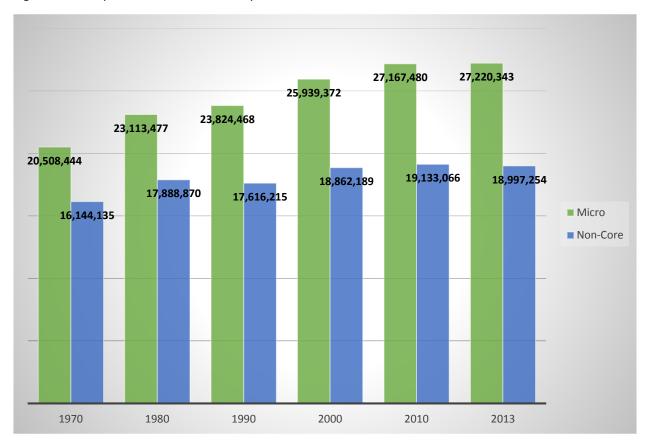


Figure 2. Micropolitan and Non-Core Population.

Total Population

- In 2013, the total population of the nation's Micropolitan counties was 27,220,343. In 1970, these same counties had a total population of 20,508,444 and had experienced steady population growth throughout the 1970-2013 time period.
- The Micropolitan population increased by approximately 32.7% between 1970 and 2013. In contrast, Non-Core counties grew by only 17.7 percent.
- There is a huge range in the population of the nation's Micropolitan areas. The Micropolitan area with the smallest population is Craig, CO with a 2013 population of 13,103. The Claremont-Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan area has the largest population, totaling 217,595 in 2013.

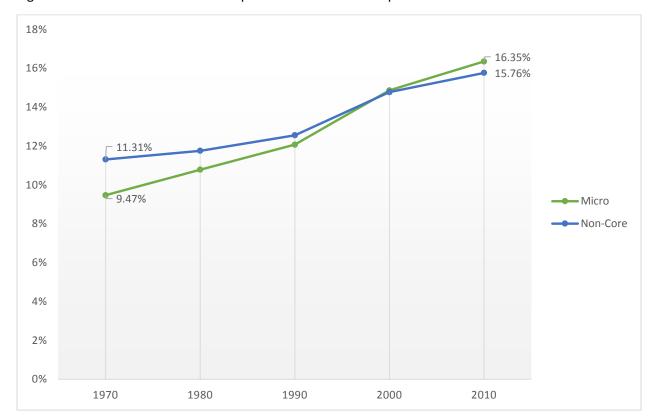


Figure 3. Non-White Percent of Micropolitan and Non-Core Population.

Non-White Population

- There was significant growth between 1970 and 2010 in the proportion of the Micropolitan population that is Non-White, from 9.5% to 16.4%. Although the proportion of the Non-Core population that is Non-White has also increased, it has been less dramatic.
- The Micropolitan area with the smallest proportion of its population Non-White was Spirit Lake, IA (1.7% in 2010). The Micropolitan area with the highest proportion was Gallup, NM with 84.9%.

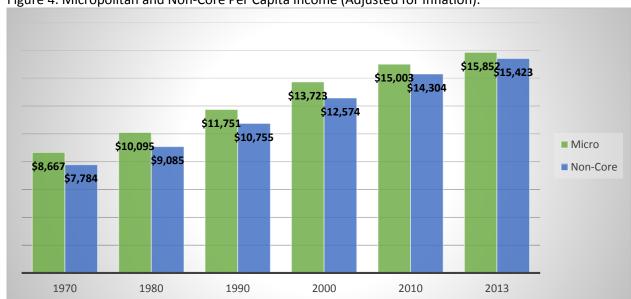


Figure 4. Micropolitan and Non-Core Per Capita Income (Adjusted for Inflation).

Per Capita Income

- Historically, the per capita income of Micropolitan counties has been slightly higher than Non-Core counties.
- The Micropolitan area with the lowest per capita income (adjusted for inflation) in 2013 was Rio Grand City, TX with a per capita income (adjusted for inflation) of \$8,933. At the other end of the spectrum, the per capita income (adjusted for inflation) of the Williston, ND Micropolitan area was \$49,750.

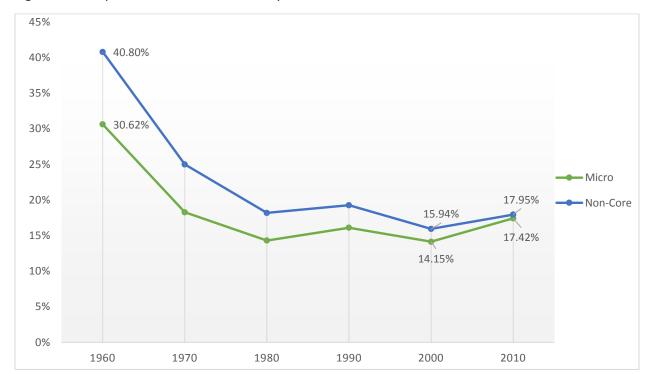


Figure 5. Micropolitan and Non-Core Poverty Rates.

Poverty

- The poverty rate declined in Micropolitan counties between 1970 and 2000, from 30.6% to 14.2%; but increased by about three percent between 2010 and 2013. The poverty rate in Non-Core counties followed a similar historical pattern and by 2013 both types of counties were experiencing very comparable rates of poverty.
- The Micropolitan area with the highest poverty in 2010 was Rio Grand City, TX which experienced a poverty rate of 39.9%. The Los Alamos, NM Micropolitan area had the lowest poverty rate (4.9%).

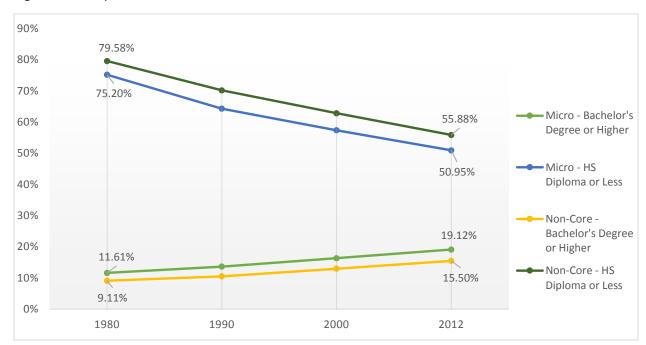


Figure 6. Micropolitan and Non-Core Educational Attainment.

Note: 2012 refers to 2008-12 five year estimates from American Community Survey (ACS).

Educational Attainment

- The proportion of the Micropolitan population 25 years of age and older with at least a bachelor's degree increased significantly between 1980 and 2012, from 11.6% of the population to 19.1%. At the same time, the percentage of the population with only a high school diploma or less declined from 75.2% to 51.0 % over the same period.
- Non-Core counties also saw a significant increase in the proportion of their population with at least a four-year degree. However, these counties continued to have a sizeable gap in this level of educational attainment when compared to Micropolitan counties.

A Preliminary Agenda for Future Work

The Micropolitan geography is relatively new and largely unexplored. As a result, we may be missing a key understanding of what factors contribute to an extensive list of crucial social, economic, and environmental outcomes, including economic prosperity and stability, resiliency, sustainability, and social and economic mobility; and how this unexplored geography is linked to and can be supportive of both Metropolitan America and the rest of rural America.

This suggests an important need and opportunity for scholars and practitioners to create and implement an agenda that will deepen the understanding of Micropolitan America, raise the awareness of the particular circumstances of this important geography, and identify challenges and opportunities facing Micropolitan America.



A limited amount of important work is already underway. For example, the Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska is providing funding for scholars at two of their campuses and RUPRI scholars to provide analysis and support for four Micropolitan areas within Nebraska.

As another example, RUPRI plans to follow this introductory report by launching *The Micropolitan Monitor*. The *Monitor* will provide historical data, including data visualizations (maps, charts, graphs, and infographics), on the Micropolitan geography. This will help tell the story of what Micropolitan America is all about and how it contributes to the prosperity, resiliency, and opportunities for social and economic mobility in our nation. These data will be supplemented with the creation of a dashboard of key indicators based on the wealth creation framework (Pender et al 2014). As new data are released, the implications of important changes and trends will be analyzed and discussed in periodic reports.

A plethora of applied research and engagement opportunities associated with the Micropolitan geography exist. Example include the following:

- What are the different functional roles played by Micropolitan counties and what determines how this varies and changes across the nation?
- Are some functional roles played by Micropolitan counties also played by counties with urban clusters of less than 10,000 population, especially in the Western portion of the United States?
- Does OMB's measure of "social and economic integration" do an adequate job of describing the linkages between Micropolitan "central" counties and "outlying" counties? Again, there may be special circumstances associated with the very large counties that are common in the Western U. S.
- What are the common challenges and opportunities facing Micropolitan areas? What are some of the variations and differences that exist; and what patterns and explanations are associated with these variations?
- What conceptual framework(s) make the most sense in framing a future research and engagement agenda for the Micropolitan geography? For example, RUPRI, working with others, has generated a conceptual framework for a wide range of policy research that emphasizes multiple types of assets, i.e., physical, financial, human, intellectual, natural, social, political, and cultural capital (Pender et al). How useful is this framework for framing a future research and engagement agenda? What modifications may be needed? What other frameworks should be considered?
- Do "leaders" of Micropolitan areas—elected, appointed, and the informal leadership structure have enough commonality to be thought of as some type of affinity group? If so, how can that be realized?
- What "products" may be most useful in moving forward with a comprehensive research and engagement agenda focusing on the Micropolitan geography: Conference(s)? Webinar(s)? Special issue of journal(s)? Book(s)? Curriculum? Other products and activities?



An Invitation to Engage

RUPRI is moving forward with discrete pieces of the opportunities noted above, e.g., *The Micropolitan Monitor*. Additionally, the joint proposal funded by the Rural Futures Institute references the possibility of establishing a Micropolitan Studies Program.

What is needed at this juncture are potential stakeholders who are willing to engage in collaborative discussions about the Micropolitan geography and the opportunities it provides for scholars, policymakers, and practitioners. If you are interested in these discussions and becoming involved in this informal network of potential stakeholders, please let us know. In addition, share with us any work you have underway or ideas and insights you may have about the Micropolitan geography. Finally, share with us the names of others—individuals or organizations/institutions—you believe need to be aware of or involved in this Initiative.

If interested, please respond by sending an e-mail to micropolitan@rupri.org, or calling RUPRI Vice President Teresa Kittridge (952-454-7211). We also encourage you to share the attached document with your colleagues and professional networks.

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Appendix: Micropolitan Areas (February 2013 OMB Definition) and Selected Characteristics by State.

		2013	2013 Per Capita	
State Name	Micropolitan Area	Population	Income	Counties Included
Alabama	Albertville	94,760	\$32,243	Marshall
	Cullman	80,811	\$33,370	Cullman
	Enterprise	50,938	\$38,002	Coffee
	Ozark	49,884	\$32,116	Dale
	Scottsboro	52,951	\$32,719	Jackson
	Selma	41,996	\$30,042	Dallas
	Talladega-Sylacauga	91,994	\$32,638	Coosa*
				Talladega
	Troy	33,339	\$35,448	Pike
	Valley	34,162	\$30,082	Chambers
Alaska	Juneau	32,660	\$57,033	Juneau City and Borough
				Ketchikan Gateway
	Ketchikan	13,729	\$56,591	Borough
Arizona	Nogales	46,768	\$27,734	Santa Cruz
	Payson	53,053	\$33,762	Gila
	Safford	37,482	\$27,548	Graham
	Show Low	107,322	\$26,739	Navajo



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Arkansas	Arkadelphia	22,743	\$33,387	Clark
	Batesville	36,997	\$32,574	Independence
	Blytheville	44,765	\$34,080	Mississippi
	Camden	30,243	\$32,334	Calhoun*
			4	Ouachita
	El Dorado	40,694	\$47,139	Union
	Forrest City	27,260	\$27,656	St. Francis
	Harrison	45,460	\$32,023	Boone
		20.000	400.500	Newton*
	Helena-West Helena	20,399	\$33,608	Phillips
	Magnolia	24,164	\$35,364	Columbia
	Malvern	33,500	\$28,619	Hot Spring
	Mountain Home	40,957	\$35,604	Baxter
	Paragould	43,097	\$32,238	Greene
	Russellville	84,440	\$31,716	Pope Yell*
	Searcy	78,483	\$31,813	White
California	Clearlake	63,860	\$37,460	Lake
Camorna	Crescent City	27,873	\$30,818	Del Norte
	Eureka-Arcata-Fortuna	134,493	\$37,646	Humboldt
	Red Bluff	63,057	\$31,810	Tehama
	Sonora	53,874	\$42,116	Tuolumne
	Susanville	32,163	\$33,995	Lassen
	Truckee-Grass Valley	98,200	\$50,148	Nevada
	Ukiah	87,192	\$40,727	Mendocino
Colorado	Breckenridge	28,649	\$49,369	Summit
33.3.443	Cañon City	46,451	\$29,884	Fremont
	Craig	13,103	\$44,956	Moffat
	Durango	53,284	\$46,633	La Plata
	Edwards	52,460	\$50,416	Eagle
	Fort Morgan	28,404	\$37,041	Morgan
	Glenwood Springs	74,681	\$51,004	Garfield
		,		Pitkin*
	Montrose	40,713	\$32,750	Montrose
	Steamboat Springs	23,513	\$59,384	Routt
	Sterling	22,450	\$40,106	Logan
Connecticut	Torrington	186,924	\$56,757	Litchfield
Florida	Arcadia	34,517	\$24,664	DeSoto
	Clewiston	37,471	\$30,973	Hendry
	Key West	76,351	\$57,829	Monroe
	Lake City	67,543	\$29,315	Columbia
	Okeechobee	39,330	\$27,423	Okeechobee
	Palatka	72,577	\$28,594	Putnam
	Wauchula	27,519	\$25,752	Hardee
Georgia	Americus	36,453	\$29,576	Schley*
				Sumter
	Bainbridge	27,359	\$33,264	Decatur
	Calhoun	55,757	\$29,050	Gordon



	Cedartown	41,183	\$28,937	Polk
	Cordele	23,336	\$29,091	Crisp
	Cornelia	43,300	\$29,258	Habersham
	Douglas	43,220	\$27,428	Coffee
	Dublin	57,766	\$29,989	Johnson*
				Laurens
	Fitzgerald	17,515	\$28,256	Ben Hill
	Jefferson	61,044	\$33,046	Jackson
	Jesup	30,077	\$30,720	Wayne
	LaGrange	69,053	\$35,461	Troup
	Milledgeville	54,918	\$27,839	Baldwin
	-			Hancock*
	Moultrie	46,275	\$30,170	Colquitt
	St. Marys	51,476	\$33,719	Camden
	Statesboro	71,214	\$27,560	Bulloch
	Summerville	25,138	\$25,801	Chattooga
	Thomaston	26,566	\$30,252	Upson
	Thomasville	44,869	\$38,443	Thomas
	Tifton	40,286	\$33,358	Tift
	Toccoa	25,683	\$33,542	Stephens
	Vidalia	36,294	\$32,810	Montgomery*
				Toombs
	Waycross	54,647	\$29,333	Pierce*
				Ware
Hawaii	Hilo	190,821	\$34,297	Hawaii
	Караа	69,512	\$39,251	Kauai
Idaho	Blackfoot	45,290	\$32,855	Bingham
	Burley	43,623	\$37,727	Cassia
				Minidoka*
	Hailey	27,686	\$60,801	Blaine
				Camas*
				Lincoln*
	Jackson	32,543	\$82,169	Teton*
	Moscow	38,078	\$35,274	Latah
	Mountain Home	26,170	\$38,503	Elmore
	Ontario	53,089	\$30,663	Payette
	Rexburg	50,377	\$25,271	Fremont*
				Madison
	Sandpoint	40,699	\$34,890	Bonner
	Twin Falls	102,471	\$34,789	Jerome*
				Twin Falls
Illinois	Burlington	47,470	\$48,020	Henderson*
	Canton	36,346	\$37,080	Fulton
	Centralia	38,622	\$37,385	Marion
	Charleston-Mattoon	64,636	\$38,382	Coles
				Cumberland*
	Dixon	34,858	\$41,660	Lee
	Effingham	34,307	\$42,790	Effingham



	Fort Madison-Keokuk	61,210	\$36,882	Hancock*
	Freeport	46,740	\$40,790	Stephenson
	Galesburg	52,078	\$38,289	Knox
	Jacksonville	40,289	\$39,110	Morgan
		•	, ,	Scott*
	Lincoln	29,964	\$39,666	Logan
	Macomb	32,464	\$36,698	McDonough
	Mount Vernon	38,644	\$36,402	Jefferson
	Ottawa-Peru	152,040	\$41,774	Bureau
				LaSalle
				Putnam*
	Paducah	98,137	\$39,812	Massac*
	Pontiac	38,186	\$49,789	Livingston
	Quincy	77,282	\$41,837	Adams
	Rochelle	52,385	\$41,695	Ogle
	Sterling	57,557	\$42,076	Whiteside
	Taylorville	34,298	\$41,740	Christian
Indiana	Angola	34,358	\$33,887	Steuben
	Auburn	42,307	\$34,646	DeKalb
	Bedford	45,844	\$33,219	Lawrence
	Connersville	23,861	\$31,286	Fayette
	Crawfordsville	38,177	\$35,320	Montgomery
	Decatur	34,614	\$32,459	Adams
	Frankfort	32,916	\$34,305	Clinton
	Greensburg	26,277	\$38,939	Decatur
	Huntington	36,791	\$35,400	Huntington
	Jasper	55,044	\$45,199	Dubois
				Pike*
	Kendallville	47,570	\$32,472	Noble
	Logansport	38,463	\$34,692	Cass
	Madison	32,458	\$32,484	Jefferson
	Marion	69,126	\$34,793	Grant
	New Castle	49,044	\$32,051	Henry
	North Vernon	28,241	\$34,656	Jennings
	Peru	36,140	\$29,675	Miami
	Plymouth	47,109	\$34,804	Marshall
	Richmond	67,893	\$33,869	Wayne
	Seymour	43,466	\$36,200	Jackson
	Vincennes	37,954	\$40,966	Knox
	Wabash	32,358	\$38,453	Wabash
	Warsaw	77,963	\$41,249	Kosciusko
	Washington	32,407	\$37,261	Daviess
lowa	Boone	26,364	\$44,842	Boone
	Burlington	47,470	\$48,020	Des Moines
	Clinton	48,420	\$40,882	Clinton
	Fairfield	16,810	\$37,032	Jefferson
	Fort Dodge	37,044	\$42,756	Webster
	Fort Madison-Keokuk	61,210	\$36,882	Lee



	Marshalltown	40,994	\$38,709	Marshall
	Mason City	51,116	\$46,070	Cerro Gordo
				Worth*
	Muscatine	42,836	\$43,691	Muscatine
	Newton	36,641	\$36,895	Jasper
	Oskaloosa	22,417	\$39,096	Mahaska
	Ottumwa	44,182	\$34,223	Davis*
				Wapello
	Spencer	16,491	\$47,594	Clay
	Spirit Lake	16,955	\$50,211	Dickinson
	Storm Lake	20,567	\$46,522	Buena Vista
Kansas	Arkansas City-Winfield	36,204	\$40,178	Cowley
	Atchison	16,749	\$33,256	Atchison
	Coffeyville	34,292	\$38,200	Montgomery
	Dodge City	34,819	\$35,732	Ford
	Emporia	33,510	\$31,576	Lyon
	Garden City	41,021	\$39,371	Finney
				Kearny*
	Great Bend	27,509	\$50,022	Barton
	Hays	29,061	\$50,055	Ellis
	Hutchinson	64,190	\$36,503	Reno
	Junction City	37,384	\$41,329	Geary
	Liberal	23,390	\$34,459	Seward
	McPherson	29,569	\$46,213	McPherson
	Ottawa	25,740	\$36,156	Franklin
	Parsons	20,916	\$39,904	Labette
	Pittsburg	39,278	\$32,770	Crawford
	Salina	61,782	\$42,480	Ottawa*
				Saline
Kentucky	Bardstown	44,540	\$35,201	Nelson
	Campbellsville	24,649	\$31,066	Taylor
	Danville	53,383	\$30,002	Boyle
				Lincoln*
	Frankfort	71,459	\$37,717	Anderson*
				Franklin
	Glasgow	53,010	\$30,141	Barren
				Metcalfe*
	London	127,119	\$28,807	Knox
				Laurel
				Whitley
	Madisonville	46,634	\$34,670	Hopkins
	Mayfield	37,451	\$32,623	Graves
	Maysville	17,278	\$34,811	Mason
	Middlesborough	27,885	\$26,708	Bell
	Mount Sterling	45,500	\$28,298	Bath*
				Menifee*
				Montgomery
	Murray	37,657	\$31,744	Calloway



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	Richmond-Berea	102,283	\$30,074	Madison
	Company	62.007	¢20.750	Rockcastle*
	Somerset	63,907	\$30,750	Pulaski
Lautalaua	Union City	37,516	\$34,519	Fulton*
Louisiana	Bastrop	27,057	\$32,749	Morehouse Parish
	Bogalusa	46,419	\$29,349	Washington Parish
	DeRidder	36,167	\$31,951	Beauregard Parish
	Fort Polk South	52,606	\$42,155	Vernon Parish
	Morgan City Natchez	53,543	\$39,903	St. Mary Parish Concordia Parish
	Natchitoches	52,532	\$34,391	Natchitoches Parish
	Opelousas	39,138 83,454	\$34,608 \$37,526	St. Landry Parish
	Ruston	65,454 47,414	\$33,330	Lincoln Parish
Maine	Augusta-Waterville	121,164	\$39,743	Kennebec
	Cambridge	32,660	\$38,216	Dorchester
Maryland	Easton	37,931	\$61,131	Talbot
Massachusetts	Greenfield Town	71,221	\$47,324	Franklin
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Michigan	Adrian	99,188	\$34,408	Lenawee
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	Alpena	29,091	\$35,277	Alpena
	Big Rapids	43,108	\$29,459	Mecosta
	Cadillac	47,696	\$29,737	Missaukee*
	Caumac	47,090	\$29,737	Wexford
	Coldwater	43,649	\$30,541	Branch
	Escanaba	36,905	\$33,630	Delta
	Hillsdale	46,101	\$30,958	Hillsdale
	Holland	112,531	\$36,804	Allegan
	Houghton	38,416	\$30,804	Houghton
	Houghton	30,410	\$31,373	Keweenaw*
	Ionia	64,073	\$27,779	Ionia
	Iron Mountain	30,618	\$40,712	Dickinson
	Ludington	28,605	\$35,319	Mason
	Marinette	65,401	\$37,400	Menominee
	Marquette	67,700	\$35,111	Marquette
	Mount Pleasant	70,436	\$31,125	Isabella
	Owosso	68,900	\$31,120	Shiawassee
	Sault Ste. Marie	38,696	\$31,326	Chippewa
	Sturgis	60,964	\$31,320	St. Joseph
	Traverse City	146,358	\$40,359	Benzie*
	Traverse city	170,330	740,333	Grand Traverse
				Kalkaska*
				Leelanau*
Minnesota	Albert Lea	30,948	\$39,576	Freeborn
	Alexandria	36,545	\$42,448	Douglas
	Allexandra	30,343	774,770	2008103



	Austin	39,327	\$41,129	Mower
	Bemidji	45,670	\$33,978	Beltrami
	Brainerd	91,763	\$37,752	Cass*
				Crow Wing
	Faribault-Northfield	65,049	\$34,524	Rice
	Fergus Falls	57,581	\$40,431	Otter Tail
	Hutchinson	35,918	\$40,242	McLeod
	Marshall	25,487	\$45,745	Lyon
	New Ulm	25,332	\$43,932	Brown
	Owatonna	36,465	\$41,888	Steele
	Red Wing	46,464	\$44,182	Goodhue
	Wahpeton	22,896	\$44,360	Wilkin*
	Willmar	42,410	\$44,542	Kandiyohi
	Winona	51,232	\$39,327	Winona
	Worthington	21,617	\$41,849	Nobles
Mississippi	Brookhaven	34,810	\$29,195	Lincoln
	Clarksdale	25,182	\$34,994	Coahoma
	Cleveland	34,049	\$33,540	Bolivar
	Columbus	59,922	\$36,882	Lowndes
	Corinth	37,316	\$29,195	Alcorn
	Greenville	49,688	\$33,428	Washington
	Greenwood	41,992	\$32,513	Carroll*
				Leflore
	Grenada	21,612	\$30,982	Grenada
	Indianola	27,997	\$30,134	Sunflower
	Laurel	85,431	\$34,477	Jasper*
				Jones
	McComb	52,913	\$29,377	Amite*
				Pike
	Meridian	106,963	\$35,037	Clarke*
				Kemper*
				Lauderdale
	Natchez	52,532	\$34,391	Adams
	Oxford	51,318	\$33,549	Lafayette
	Picayune	55,072	\$30,112	Pearl River
	Starkville	49,043	\$29,653	Oktibbeha
	Tupelo	139,671	\$32,981	Itawamba*
				Lee
				Pontotoc*
	Vicksburg	57,471	\$35,927	Claiborne*
				Warren
Missouri	Branson	84,872	\$31,868	Stone*
				Taney
	Farmington	66,215	\$29,448	St. Francois
	Fort Leonard Wood	53,748	\$39,952	Pulaski
	Fort Madison-Keokuk	61,210	\$36,882	Clark*
	Hannibal	39,096	\$38,123	Marion
				Ralls*



	Kennett	31,712	\$34,234	Dunklin
	Kirksville	29,930	\$30,557	Adair
				Schuyler*
	Lebanon	35,667	\$30,086	Laclede
	Marshall	23,252	\$40,522	Saline
	Maryville	23,261	\$30,674	Nodaway
	Mexico	25,661	\$35,297	Audrain
	Moberly	24,940	\$36,087	Randolph
	Poplar Bluff	43,083	\$36,489	Butler
	Quincy	77,282	\$41,837	Lewis*
	Rolla	44,807	\$34,018	Phelps
	Sedalia	42,205	\$34,117	Pettis
	Sikeston	39,290	\$39,483	Scott
	Warrensburg	54,572	\$32,377	Johnson
	West Plains	40,393	\$29,790	Howell
Montana	Bozeman	94,720	\$40,670	Gallatin
	Butte-Silver Bow	34,523	\$45,047	Silver Bow
	Helena	76,850	\$42,256	Jefferson*
				Lewis and Clark
	Kalispell	93,068	\$38,832	Flathead
Nebraska	Beatrice	21,864	\$48,362	Gage
	Columbus	32,505	\$46,143	Platte
	Fremont	36,515	\$42,920	Dodge
	Hastings	31,610	\$42,960	Adams
	Kearney	54,441	\$56,857	Buffalo
				Kearney*
	Lexington	26,179	\$40,421	Dawson
				Gosper*
	Norfolk	48,561	\$45,490	Madison
				Pierce*
				Stanton*
	North Platte	37,340	\$45,615	Lincoln
				Logan*
				McPherson*
	Scottsbluff	38,920	\$41,387	Banner*
				Scotts Bluff
				Sioux*
Nevada	Elko	54,460	\$42,001	Elko
				Eureka*
	Fallon	24,063	\$47,484	Churchill
	Fernley	51,557	\$30,993	Lyon
	Gardnerville Ranchos	47,118	\$59,826	Douglas
	Pahrump	42,297	\$34,392	Nye
	Winnemucca	17,363	\$47,769	Humboldt
New Hampshire	Berlin	38,208	\$38,631	Coos
	Claremont-Lebanon	217,595	\$46,807	Grafton
			•	Sullivan*
	Concord	146,849	\$48,400	Merrimack
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	Keene	76,610	\$45,849	Cheshire
	Laconia	60,179	\$48,359	Belknap
New Mexico	Alamogordo	65,616	\$32,140	Otero
	Carlsbad-Artesia	55,471	\$46,488	Eddy
	Clovis	50,598	\$41,293	Curry
	Deming	24,659	\$31,827	Luna
	Española	40,072	\$30,106	Rio Arriba
	Gallup	73,308	\$24,383	McKinley
	Grants	27,335	\$27,087	Cibola
	Hobbs	68,062	\$44,040	Lea
	Las Vegas	28,541	\$33,845	San Miguel
	Los Alamos	17,798	\$62,284	Los Alamos
	Portales	19,955	\$35,871	Roosevelt
	Roswell	65,823	\$32,147	Chaves
	Silver City	29,328	\$35,738	Grant
	Taos	33,035	\$32,195	Taos
New York	Amsterdam	49,897	\$35,310	Montgomery
	Auburn	79,477	\$38,666	Cayuga
	Batavia	59,454	\$37,465	Genesee
	Corning	98,650	\$39,572	Steuben
	Cortland	48,976	\$36,092	Cortland
	Gloversville	54,586	\$39,083	Fulton
	Hudson	62,243	\$47,101	Columbia
	Jamestown-Dunkirk-			
	Fredonia	133,080	\$34,533	Chautauqua
	Malone	51,688	\$34,111	Franklin
	Ogdensburg-Massena	111,963	\$32,692	St. Lawrence
	Olean	78,892	\$38,429	Cattaraugus
	Oneonta	61,683	\$37,181	Otsego
	Plattsburgh	81,591	\$38,831	Clinton
	Seneca Falls	35,409	\$36,606	Seneca
North Carolina	Albemarle	60,635	\$32,948	Stanly
	Boone	52,372	\$31,520	Watauga
	Brevard	32,903	\$32,605	Transylvania
	Cullowhee	40,919	\$30,643	Jackson
	Dunn	124,987	\$30,787	Harnett
	Elizabeth City	63,769	\$33,298	Camden*
				Pasquotank
				Perquimans*
	Forest City	66,956	\$28,283	Rutherford
	Henderson	44,808	\$31,583	Vance
	Kill Devil Hills	39,128	\$41,125	Dare
				Tyrrell*
	Kinston	58,914	\$35,990	Lenoir
	Laurinburg	36,025	\$30,140	Scotland
	Lumberton	134,841	\$26,899	Robeson
	Marion	44,961	\$28,459	McDowell
	Morehead City	68,434	\$42,214	Carteret



	Mount Airy	73,050	\$32,411	Surry
	North Wilkesboro	69,023	\$34,509	Wilkes
	Oxford	58,275	\$32,087	Granville
	Pinehurst-Southern Pines	91,587	\$40,758	Moore
	Roanoke Rapids	74,292	\$32,457	Halifax
				Northampton*
	Rockingham	46,405	\$29,159	Richmond
	Sanford	60,266	\$32,251	Lee
	Shelby	97,047	\$33,680	Cleveland
	Washington	47,464	\$34,455	Beaufort
	Wilson	81,667	\$35,972	Wilson
North Dakota	Dickinson	28,212	\$73,800	Stark
	Jamestown	21,120	\$46,411	Stutsman
	Minot	76,520	\$52,096	McHenry*
				Renville*
				Ward
	Wahpeton	22,896	\$44,360	Richland
	Williston	29,595	\$115,897	Williams
Ohio	Ashland	53,043	\$31,625	Ashland
	Ashtabula	99,811	\$32,736	Ashtabula
	Athens	64,681	\$29,955	Athens
	Bellefontaine	45,481	\$38,471	Logan
	Bucyrus	42,808	\$33,642	Crawford
	Cambridge	39,636	\$34,168	Guernsey
	Celina	40,784	\$41,405	Mercer
	Chillicothe	77,910	\$32,512	Ross
	Coshocton	36,760	\$33,699	Coshocton
	Defiance	38,532	\$36,232	Defiance
	Findlay	75,773	\$43,046	Hancock
	Fremont	60,098	\$35,952	Sandusky
	Greenville	52,376	\$37,503	Darke
	Jackson	32,783	\$30,714	Jackson
	Marietta	61,310	\$37,094	Washington
	Marion	65,905	\$34,316	Marion
	Mount Vernon	60,810	\$35,680	Knox
	New Philadelphia-Dover	92,672	\$34,000	Tuscarawas
	Norwalk	58,889	\$32,910	Huron
	Point Pleasant	57,747	\$30,667	Gallia
	Port Clinton	41,153	\$42,752	Ottawa
	Portsmouth	78,153	\$30,691	Scioto
	Salem	105,893	\$33,237	Columbiana
	Sandusky	76,048	\$42,097	Erie
	Sidney	49,192	\$37,030	Shelby
	Tiffin	55,914	\$33,668	Seneca
	Urbana	39,455	\$34,498	Champaign
	Van Wert	28,459	\$38,745	Van Wert
	Wapakoneta	45,920	\$43,000	Auglaize
	Washington Court House	28,800	\$37,669	Fayette



	Wilmington	41,945	\$34,414	Clinton
	Wooster	115,071	\$33,952	Wayne
	Zanesville	85,231	\$33,885	Muskingum
Oklahoma	Ada	37,992	\$37,807	Pontotoc
	Altus	26,088	\$36,126	Jackson
	Ardmore	48,491	\$42,189	Carter
	Bartlesville	51,577	\$46,072	Washington
	Duncan	44,919	\$46,376	Stephens
	Durant	44,244	\$31,514	Bryan
	Elk City	23,637	\$44,707	Beckham
	Enid	62,267	\$45,812	Garfield
	Guymon	22,081	\$37,505	Texas
	McAlester	44,703	\$35,430	Pittsburg
	Miami	32,245	\$32,950	Ottawa
	Muskogee	70,303	\$34,223	Muskogee
	Ponca City	45,633	\$39,146	Kay
	Shawnee	71,158	\$36,170	Pottawatomie
	Stillwater	79,066	\$37,146	Payne
	Tahlequah	48,017	\$30,536	Cherokee
	Weatherford	29,377	\$41,876	Custer
	Woodward	21,221	\$47,972	Woodward
Oregon	Astoria	37,244	\$37,989	Clatsop
	Brookings	22,339	\$34,675	Curry
	Coos Bay	62,282	\$35,291	Coos
	Hermiston-Pendleton	88,056	\$34,986	Morrow*
				Umatilla
	Hood River	22,675	\$38,428	Hood River
	Klamath Falls	65,910	\$32,220	Klamath
	La Grande	25,652	\$34,792	Union
	Newport	46,350	\$37,079	Lincoln
	Ontario	53,089	\$30,663	Malheur
	Prineville	20,815	\$33,234	Crook
	Roseburg	106,940	\$33,821	Douglas
	The Dalles	25,477	\$37,002	Wasco
Pennsylvania	Bradford	42,979	\$37,501	McKean
	DuBois	81,174	\$34,999	Clearfield
	Huntingdon	45,694	\$32,200	Huntingdon
	Indiana	87,745	\$39,018	Indiana
	Lewisburg	44,867	\$34,957	Union
	Lewistown	46,616	\$33,109	Mifflin
	Lock Haven	39,954	\$35,491	Clinton
	Meadville	87,376	\$34,702	Crawford
	New Castle	89,333	\$36,888	Lawrence
	Oil City	53,907	\$35,940	Venango
	Pottsville	146,920	\$35,820	Schuylkill
	Sayre	62,316	\$38,430	Bradford
	Selinsgrove	39,865	\$33,863	Snyder
	Somerset	76,520	\$35,384	Somerset



	Sunbury	94,076	\$37,468	Northumberland
	Warren	40,885	\$37,940	Warren
South Carolina	Bennettsville	28,003	\$26,784	Marlboro
	Gaffney	55,885	\$29,401	Cherokee
	Georgetown	60,440	\$39,655	Georgetown
	Greenwood	94,730	\$31,811	Abbeville*
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	Newberry	37,521	\$32,595	Newberry
	Orangeburg	90,942	\$31,067	Orangeburg
	Seneca	75,045	\$34,684	Oconee
South Dakota	Aberdeen	41,948	\$52,106	Brown
		•	, ,	Edmunds*
	Brookings	32,968	\$42,862	Brookings
	Huron	18,080	\$48,570	Beadle
	Mitchell	23,228	\$49,417	Davison
		-, -	1 - 7	Hanson*
	Pierre	21,926	\$53,915	Hughes
		,	1 /	Stanley
				Sully*
	Spearfish	24,910	\$37,250	Lawrence
	Vermillion	13,935	\$48,901	Clay
	Watertown	27,853	\$44,120	Codington
	Yankton	22,696	\$39,308	Yankton
Tennessee	Athens	52,341	\$30,948	McMinn
	Cookeville	107,117	\$33,355	Jackson*
		•	, ,	Overton*
				Putnam
	Crossville	57,466	\$32,505	Cumberland
	Dayton	32,513	\$28,221	Rhea
	Dyersburg	38,213	\$37,032	Dyer
	Greeneville	68,267	\$34,324	Greene
	Lawrenceburg	41,990	\$28,715	Lawrence
	Lewisburg	31,130	\$27,825	Marshall
	Martin	34,450	\$33,975	Weakley
	McMinnville	39,965	\$29,532	Warren
	Newport	35,479	\$27,508	Cocke
	Paris	32,210	\$36,706	Henry
	Sevierville	93,570	\$34,684	Sevier
	Shelbyville	45,901	\$34,315	Bedford
	Tullahoma-Manchester	100,787	\$35,826	Coffee
				Franklin*
				Moore*
	Union City	37,516	\$34,519	Obion
Texas	Alice	41,680	\$44,885	Jim Wells
	Andrews	16,799	\$49,997	Andrews
	Athens	78,675	\$35,429	Henderson
	Bay City	36,592	\$35,426	Matagorda
	Beeville	32,799	\$31,135	Bee
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	Big Spring	37,398	\$38,483	Glasscock*
	Dannar	24.040	¢44.0C7	Howard
	Borger	21,819	\$41,967	Hutchinson
	Brenham	34,147	\$50,396	Washington
	Brownwood	37,749	\$33,760	Brown
	Corsicana	48,038	\$36,985	Navarro
	Del Rio	48,623	\$32,137	Val Verde
	Dumas	22,141	\$35,924	Moore
	Eagle Pass	55,932	\$23,440	Maverick
	El Campo	41,216	\$40,559	Wharton
	Fredericksburg	25,357	\$54,527	Gillespie
	Gainesville	38,467	\$58,815	Cooke
	Hereford	19,177	\$36,401	Deaf Smith
	Huntsville	83,210	\$28,652	Trinity* Walker
	Jacksonville	50,878	\$31,893	Cherokee
	Kerrville	49,953	\$46,898	Kerr
	Kingsville	32,513	\$37,691	Kenedy* Kleberg
	Lamesa	13,810	\$34,782	Dawson
	Levelland	23,530	\$50,312	Hockley
	Lufkin	87,441	\$36,112	Angelina
	Marshall	66,886	\$47,391	Harrison
	Mineral Wells	27,889	\$38,820	Palo Pinto
	Mount Pleasant	32,581	\$29,680	Titus
	Nacogdoches	65,330	\$31,592	Nacogdoches
	Palestine	57,938	\$30,065	Anderson
	Pampa	23,043	\$45,773	Gray
	Paris	49,426	\$36,509	Lamar
	Pecos	13,965	\$25,630	Reeves
	Plainview	35,764	\$29,606	Hale
	Port Lavaca	21,806	\$35,858	Calhoun
	Raymondville	21,921	\$27,196	Willacy
	Rio Grande City	61,963	\$20,811	Starr
	Snyder	17,302	\$56,643	Scurry
	Stephenville	39,658	\$32,800	Erath
	Sulphur Springs	35,565	\$35,172	Hopkins
	Sweetwater	15,037	\$38,072	Nolan
	Uvalde	26,926	\$39,286	Uvalde
	Vernon	13,131	\$40,628	Wilbarger
	Zapata	14,390	\$30,223	Zapata
Utah	Cedar City	46,780	\$26,699	Iron
	Heber	26,437	\$30,519	Wasatch
	Price	20,988	\$33,999	Carbon
	Summit Park	38,486	\$82,558	Summit
	Vernal	35,555	\$32,728	Uintah
Vermont	Barre	59,319	\$49,084	Washington
- 3•	Bennington	36,659	\$45,199	Bennington
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	Berlin	38,208	\$38,631	Essex*
	Claremont-Lebanon	217,595	\$46,807	Orange*
				Windsor
	Rutland	60,622	\$45,433	Rutland
Virginia	Big Stone Gap	60,092	\$30,678	Dickenson*
				Norton city
				Wise
	Bluefield	106,087	\$34,162	Tazewell
	Danville	105,333	\$33,244	Danville city
				Pittsylvania
	Martinsville	66,372	\$32,546	Henry
				Martinsville city
Washington	Aberdeen	71,078	\$32,892	Grays Harbor
	Centralia	75,081	\$33,424	Lewis
	Ellensburg	41,765	\$37,775	Kittitas
	Moses Lake	91,878	\$34,717	Grant
	Oak Harbor	78,801	\$43,306	Island
	Othello	19,067	\$40,993	Adams
	Port Angeles	72,312	\$40,586	Clallam
	Pullman	46,570	\$35,356	Whitman
	Shelton	60,497	\$34,425	Mason
West Virginia	Bluefield	106,087	\$34,162	Mercer
	Clarksburg	94,289	\$38,972	Doddridge*
				Harrison
			4	Taylor*
	Elkins	29,415	\$33,074	Randolph
	Fairmont	56,868	\$39,249	Marion
	Logan	35,987	\$33,317	Logan
	Point Pleasant	57,747	\$30,667	Mason
Wisconsin	Baraboo	63,162	\$40,524	Sauk
	Beaver Dam	88,344	\$39,189	Dodge
	Iron Mountain	30,618	\$40,712	Florence*
	Manitowoc	80,654	\$41,336	Manitowoc
	Marinette	65,401	\$37,400	Marinette
	Menomonie	44,122	\$36,332	Dunn
	Merrill	28,684	\$36,564	Lincoln
	Platteville	51,069	\$38,351	Grant
	Shawano	45,960	\$35,784	Menominee*
	Characa Daint	70.200	¢40.467	Shawano
	Stevens Point	70,380	\$40,167	Portage
	Watertown-Fort Atkinson	84,509	\$37,950	Jefferson
	Whitewater-Elkhorn	102,945	\$38,566	Walworth
	Wisconsin Rapids- Marshfield	72.050	\$42.252	Wood
Wyoming	Evanston	73,959 21,066	\$42,252 \$46,640	Uinta
vv younnig	Gillette	48,176	\$46,640	Campbell
	Jackson	48,176 32,543	\$50,969	Teton
	Laramie	37,422	\$41,611	Albany



Riverton	40,998	\$43,781	Fremont
Rock Springs	45,237	\$58,077	Sweetwater
Sheridan	29,824	\$52,325	Sheridan

Appendix Table Notes

- 1. Population and per capita incomes reported are based on Micropolitan aggregates (all counties) and do not necessarily represent the population or per capita income of individual counties within the Micropolitan area. For Micropolitan areas that include counties in multiple states, the Micropolitan area statistics represent the aggregate population and per capita income of the entire Micropolitan area across all states, not the individual state's proportion of the Micropolitan total.
- 2. Per capita income is calculated as total personal income divided by population and is unadjusted for inflation.
- 3. No Micropolitan counties exist in the 2013 OMB definition for the states of Delaware and Rhode Island.
- 4. Counties with an asterisk represent outlying counties of their respective Micropolitan Statistical Area.

