

Fluoridation Status of Largest 50 U. S. Cities

Rank 1999	City	State	U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates, 7/1/99	Fluoridation Status	Year
1	New York	NY	7,428,162	Fluoridated	1965
2	Los Angeles	CA	3,633,591	Fluoridated	1999
3	Chicago	IL	2,799,050	Fluoridated	1956
4	Houston	TX	1,845,967	Fluoridated	1982
5	Philadelphia	PA	1,417,601	Fluoridated	1954
6	San Diego	CA	1,238,974	Approved*	2000
7	Phoenix	AZ	1,211,466	Fluoridated	1990
8	San Antonio	TX	1,147,213	Approved*	2000
9	Dallas	TX	1,076,214	Fluoridated	1966
10	Detroit	MI	965,084	Fluoridated	1967
11	San Jose	CA	867,675	Not Fluoridated**	---
12	San Francisco	CA	746,777	Fluoridated	1952
13	Indianapolis	IN	738,907	Fluoridated	1951
14	Jacksonville	FL	695,877	<i>Natural</i>	N/A
15	Columbus	OH	671,247	Fluoridated	1973
16	Baltimore	MD	632,681	Fluoridated	1952
17	El Paso	TX	612,770	<i>Natural</i>	N/A
18	Memphis	TN	606,109	Fluoridated	1970
19	Austin	TX	587,873	Fluoridated	1973
20	Milwaukee	WI	572,424	Fluoridated	1953
21	Boston	MA	555,249	Fluoridated	1978
22	Seattle	WA	537,150	Fluoridated	1970
23	Charlotte	NC	520,829	Fluoridated	1949
24	Washington	DC	519,000	Fluoridated	1952
25	Nashville-Davidson	TN	506,385	Fluoridated	1953

* San Diego (California) and San Antonio (Texas) recently approved fluoridation. Fluoridation has not been implemented yet, however it will commence as soon as fluoridation equipment installation is completed at the jurisdictions' water plants.

** San Jose (California) will be required to fluoridate under California's Mandatory Fluoridation Law (AB733) enacted in 1995.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Census, *Population Estimates*; University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, *Fluoridation Facts*; & Division of Oral Health, U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, *Fluoridation Census, 1992*.

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26	Portland	OR	503,637	Not Fluoridated***	---
27	Fort Worth	TX	502,369	Fluoridated	1965
28	Cleveland	OH	501,662	Fluoridated	1956
29	Denver	CO	499,775	Fluoridated	1954
30	Oklahoma City	OK	475,322	Fluoridated	1954
31	Tucson	AZ	466,591	<i>Natural (partial)</i>	N/A
32	New Orleans	LA	460,913	Fluoridated	1974
33	Kansas City	MO	437,764	Fluoridated	1983
34	Long Beach	CA	435,027	Fluoridated	1971
35	Virginia Beach	VA	433,461	Fluoridated	1952
36	Albuquerque	NM	420,578	Fluoridated	1974
37	Las Vegas	NV	418,658	Fluoridated	2000
38	Sacramento	CA	406,899	Fluoridated	2000
39	Fresno	CA	404,141	Fluoridated (partial)	1954
40	Atlanta	GA	401,726	Fluoridated	1969
41	Honolulu	HI	395,327	Not Fluoridated***	---
42	Omaha	NE	386,742	Fluoridated	1969
43	Tulsa	OK	381,579	Fluoridated	1953
44	Miami	FL	369,253	Fluoridated	1952
45	Mesa	AZ	368,811	Fluoridated	2000
46	Oakland	CA	365,210	Fluoridated	1976
47	Minneapolis	MN	353,395	Fluoridated	1957
48	Colorado Springs	CO	350,199	<i>Natural+Adjusted</i>	N/A
49	Pittsburgh	PA	336,882	Fluoridated	1952
50	Wichita	KS	335,562	Not Fluoridated****	---

*** Portland (Oregon) and Honolulu (Hawai'i) are not fluoridated, however legislation has been introduced in both states' legislatures that will mandate fluoridation in all cities.

**** Wichita (Kansas) replaced fluoridated St. Louis (Missouri) in listing of the 50 largest cities based on the most recent population estimates (July 1, 1999). While it is not fluoridated, extensive local legislative efforts are currently taking place that, if successful, would require Wichita to fluoridate.

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