



MSAs are defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and used by the Census Bureau and other federal government agencies for statistical purposes. The OMB delineates metropolitan (>50,000) and micropolitan (>10,000) statistical areas according to published standards that are applied to Census Bureau data. The general concept of a metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area is that of a core area containing a substantial population nucleus, together with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with that core. The New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner MSA was designated in February 2013 from the US Census 2010 statistics. It consists of the eight parish area of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Tammany Parishes.

The New Orleans-Metairie-Bogalusa Combined Statistical Area (CSA) adds Hammond (Tangipahoa Parish) and Bogalusa (Washington Parish) as micropolitan areas to the eight parish New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner MSA.

Uses of Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas: Questions about how metropolitan or micropolitan statistical areas are used within any particular nonstatistical program should be directed to the agency that administers that particular program. (www.census.com)

**Legend**

- MPO - Urbanized Areas Census 2010
- MPO - Urbanized Areas Adjusted (Smoothed) RPC/LADOTD 2013
- New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) 2013
- New Orleans Metairie-Bogalusa Combined Statistical Area (CSA) 2013 Additional Parishes



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