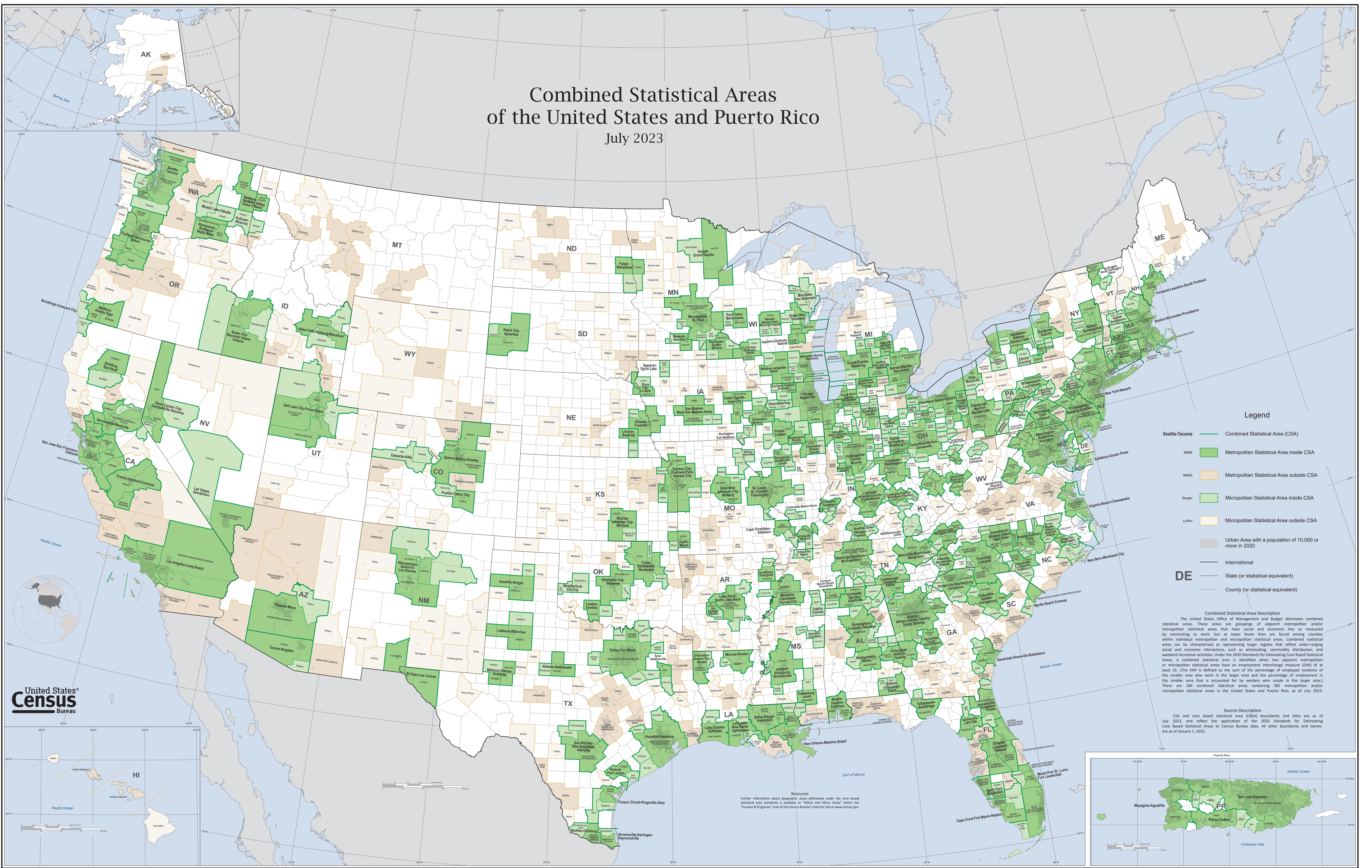


# Combined Statistical Areas of the United States and Puerto Rico

July 2023



### Legend

- Combined Statistical Area (CSA)
- Metropolitan Statistical Area inside CSA
- Metropolitan Statistical Area outside CSA
- Micropolitan Statistical Area inside CSA
- Micropolitan Statistical Area outside CSA
- Urban Area with a population of 10,000 or more in 2020
- International
- State (or statistical equivalent)
- County (or statistical equivalent)

**Combined Statistical Area Description**

The United States Office of Management and Budget delineates combined statistical areas. These areas are groupings of adjacent metropolitan and/or micropolitan statistical areas that have social and economic ties as measured by commuting to work, but at lower levels than are found among counties within individual metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas. Combined statistical areas can be characterized as representing larger regions that reflect wide-ranging social and economic interactions, such as wholesaling, commodity distribution, and weekend recreation activities. Under the 2020 Standards for Delineating Core Based Statistical Areas, a combined statistical area is identified when two adjacent metropolitan or micropolitan statistical areas have an employment interchange measure (EIM) of at least 15. (The EIM is defined as the sum of the percentage of employed residents of the smaller area who work in the larger area and the percentage of employment in the smaller area that is accounted for by workers who reside in the larger area.) There are 184 combined statistical areas containing 582 metropolitan and/or micropolitan statistical areas in the United States and Puerto Rico, as of July 2023.

**Source Description**

CSA and core based statistical area (CBSA) boundaries and titles are as of July 2023, and reflect the application of the 2020 Standards for Delineating Core Based Statistical Areas to Census Bureau data. All other boundaries and names are as of January 1, 2023.

**Resources**

Further information about geographic areas delineated under the core based statistical area standards is available at "Metro and Micro Areas" within the "Surveys & Programs" area of the Census Bureau's internet site at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

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