

Water Fluoridation Status of the 50 Largest U.S. Cities

Forty-two of the fifty largest cities in the U.S. have adopted fluoridation. Two communities (El Paso, TX and Jacksonville, FL) are naturally fluoridated. The remaining six largest cities are **not** fluoridated: Fresno, CA, San Jose, CA, Colorado Springs, CO, Honolulu, HI, Wichita, KS and Portland, OR.

Size Rank 2000	City, State	2000 Census Population	Fluoridation Status	Year*
1	New York, NY	8,008,278	F	1965
2	Los Angeles, CA	3,694,820	F	1999
3	Chicago, IL	2,896,016	F	1956
4	Houston, TX	1,953,631	F	1982
5	Philadelphia, PA	1,517,550	F	1954
6	Phoenix, AZ	1,321,045	F	1990
7	San Diego, CA	1,223,400	Approved**	2000
8	Dallas, TX	1,188,580	F	1966
9	San Antonio, TX	1,144,646	F	2002
10	Detroit, MI	951,270	F	1967
11	San Jose, CA	894,943	NF	N/A
12	Indianapolis, IN	791,926	F	1951
13	San Francisco, CA	776,733	F	1952
14	Jacksonville, FL	735,617	F-Nat	N/A
15	Columbus, OH	711,470	F	1973
16	Austin, TX	656,562	F	1973
17	Baltimore, MD	651,154	F	1952
18	Memphis, TN	650,100	F	1970
19	Milwaukee, WI	596,974	F	1953
20	Boston, MA	589,141	F	1978
21	Washington, DC	572,059	F	1952
22	Nashville – Davidson, TN	569,891	F	1953
23	El Paso, TX	563,662	F-Nat	N/A
24	Seattle, WA	563,374	F	1970
25	Denver, CO	554,636	F	1954
26	Charlotte, NC	540,636	F	1949
27	Fort Worth, TX	534,694	F	1965
28	Portland, OR	529,121	NF	N/A
29	Oklahoma City, OK	506,132	F	1954
30	Tucson, AZ	486,699	Approved**	1992
31	New Orleans, LA	484,674	F	1974
32	Las Vegas, NV	478,434	F	2000
33	Cleveland, OH	478,403	F	1956
34	Long Beach, CA	461,522	F	1971
35	Albuquerque, NM	448,607	F	1974
36	Kansas City, MO	441,545	F	1983
37	Fresno, CA	427,652	NF	N/A
38	Virginia Beach, VA	425,257	F	1952
39	Atlanta, GA	416,474	F	1969
40	Sacramento, CA	407,018	F	2000
41	Oakland, CA	399,484	F	1976
42	Mesa, AZ	396,375	F	1999
43	Tulsa, OK	393,049	F	1953
44	Omaha, NE	390,007	F	1969
45	Minneapolis, MN	382,618	F	1957
46	Honolulu, HI	371,657	NF	N/A
47	Miami, FL	362,470	F	1952
48	Colorado Springs, CO	360,890	F-Nat***	N/A
49	St. Louis, MO	348,189	F	1955
50	Wichita, KS	344,284	NF	N/A

F=fluoridated, NF=not fluoridated, and F-Nat=natural, nonadjusted fluoridation

*Fluoridation implemented ** Voted - not yet implemented ***Portions of the community are naturally fluoridated
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