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**South Central Jurisdiction
College of Bishops Episcopal Areas Work**

**Criteria for Shaping New Episcopal Area Boundaries
Report on Two Surveys**

Foundational Principles

The following principles were developed by the College and presented to Jurisdictional Conference in July 2008:

- **Mission.** Everything we do is shaped by our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- **A More Vital, Faithful, and Fruitful United Methodist Witness.** We envision an outcome of our work being a stronger United Methodist presence and witness.
- **Listening to God.** Prayer and discernment must undergird and shape all of our deliberations.
- **Listening to Everyone Affected.** One way we will listen to God is by listening to one another across the jurisdiction to hear the wisdom God has given each of us on this matter.

Additional Considerations Presented for Feedback

Additional considerations were presented for feedback and prioritization through a survey of Jurisdictional Conference delegates and a subsequent online survey open to all clergy and laity of the jurisdiction. From the survey results, below is an attempt to sort the considerations in terms of the priority suggested by the survey respondents.

Top Tier

- **Positioned for the future.** What alignment best positions the church to reach mobile populations where they will be living in the coming decades?
- **Work load.** What alignment most balances the work load among the bishops?
- **Stewardship.** What alignment makes best use of money and time?

Second Tier

- **Churches.** Which alignment best balances the number of United Methodist churches among episcopal areas?
- **Geography.** What alignment most balances the physical size of the episcopal areas?
- **Underserved populations.** What alignment best positions the United Methodist Church to reach populations underrepresented today?
- **Clergy.** Which alignment best balances the number of clergy among episcopal areas? 1

Third Tier

- **Membership.** Which alignment best balances the United Methodist membership among episcopal areas?
- **Social and cultural affinities.** What alignment best takes account of social and cultural commonalities?
- **Conferences per bishop.** What alignment best provides the most one conference/one bishop assignments?
- **Simplicity.** What alignment is least disruptive?
- ***Population centers.** What alignment will best ensure episcopal presence in key population centers of the jurisdiction?

Fourth Tier

- **Population.** Which alignment best balances the population among episcopal areas?
- **History.** What alignment most preserves historic connections and relationships?
- **States.** Which alignment best takes account of state boundaries?

*Population centers is the consideration where there was significance difference among respondents. Jurisdictional Conference delegates tended to rate it much higher than did the online survey respondents.

There are obviously overlaps among the considerations, as well as places where mixed messages seem to be sent by survey respondents. For example, “positioned for the future” ranks first from every group and includes in the description provided on the survey language about the church being positioned to “reach mobile populations where they will be living in the coming decades” while other considerations dealing with “population” rated lower.

Jurisdictional Conference Rankings

Ranking When Delegates Were Asked to Rate Each Consideration

(Very Important (counts 4 below), Important (3), Somewhat Important (2), Unimportant (1))

1. Positioned for the Future (905)
2. Stewardship (885)
3. Work load (845)
4. Underserved populations (822)
5. Population centers (776)
6. Social and cultural affinities (763)
7. Geography (745)
8. Churches (739)
9. Conferences per bishop (737)
10. Membership (735)
11. Simplicity (725)
12. Clergy (720)
13. Population (719)
14. States (699)
15. History (591)

Ranking When Delegates Had to Rank Their Top Five

(Scores below reflect the tallying of 5s, 4s, etc.)

1. Stewardship (397)
2. Positioned for the Future (367)
3. Work load (336)
4. Geography (295)
Churches (295)
6. Population centers (279)
7. Membership (275)
8. Underserved populations (257)
9. Social and cultural affinities (256)
10. Clergy (241)
11. Conferences per bishop (239)
12. Simplicity (217)
13. Population (201)
14. States (162)
15. History (106)

Online Survey Rankings

Clergy Responses (551)

Ranking When Asked to Rate Each Consideration

(Very Important (counts 4 below), Important (3), Somewhat Important (2), Unimportant (1))

1. Positioned for the future (1,495)
2. Stewardship (1,432)
3. Work load (1,380)
4. Underserved populations (1,352)
5. Conferences per bishop (1,274)
6. Geography (1,258)
7. Population centers (1,233)
8. Churches (1,228)
9. Social and cultural affinities (1,222)
10. Simplicity (1,184)
11. Clergy (1,168)
12. Population (1,124)
13. Membership (1,105)
14. States (1,104)
15. History (985)

Ranking When Clergy Had to Rank Their Top Five

(Scores below reflect the tallying of 5s, 4s, etc.)

1. Positioned for the future (652)
2. Work load (635)
3. Stewardship (558)
4. Churches (489)
5. Clergy (485)
6. Underserved populations (452)
7. Geography (451)
8. Conferences per bishop (434)
9. Simplicity (390)
10. Social and cultural affinities (357)
11. Membership (336)
12. Population (306)
13. Population centers (302)
14. States (283)
15. History (229)

Lay Responses (181)

Ranking When Asked to Rate Each Consideration

(Very Important (counts 4 below), Important (3), Somewhat Important (2), Unimportant (1))

1. Stewardship (446)
2. Positioned for the future (442)
3. Underserved populations (417)
4. Work load (415)
5. Conferences per bishop (396)
6. Population centers (386)
7. Churches (380)
8. Geography (375)
9. Social and cultural affinities (370)
10. Clergy (365)
11. Population (360)
12. Membership (359)
13. Simplicity (358)
14. States (314)
15. History (302)

Ranking When Lay Persons Had to Rank Their Top Five

(Scores below reflect the tallying of 5s, 4s, etc.)

1. Positioned for the future (183)
2. Work load (176)
3. Churches (169)
4. Stewardship (164)
5. Underserved populations (164)
6. Geography (142)
7. Clergy (131)
8. Social and cultural affinities (131)
9. Membership (126)
10. Conferences per bishop (120)
11. Simplicity (115)
12. History (99)
13. Population centers (88)
14. Population (80)
15. States (64)

Online Survey Respondents

Conference	Clergy	Laity	All	% of Total
Arkansas	48	8	56	7.7%
Central Texas	94	32	126	17.2%
Kansas East	36	18	54	7.4%
Kansas West	23	6	29	4.0%
Louisiana	51	9	60	8.2%
Missouri	53	12	65	8.9%
Nebraska	55	30	85	11.6%
New Mexico	9	0	9	1.2%
North Texas	17	9	26	3.6%
Northwest Texas	13	1	14	1.9%
Oklahoma	60	11	71	9.7%
Oklahoma IM	0	0	0	0.0%
Rio Grande	6	8	14	1.9%
Southwest Texas	60	34	94	12.8%
Texas	26	3	29	4.0%
Total	551	181	732	100.0%

Average for Episcopal Areas (ordered by Sq Miles)

Jurisdiction	Area (Sq Miles)	Membership 2006	Area Population
Western	151,972	64,310	10,680,198
South Central	70,723	159,273	4,173,073
North Central	49,376	143,447	5,550,060
Southeastern	32,871	219,184	4,810,671
Northeastern	20,473	128,127	5,775,204
All US	56,101	154,330	5,753,142

Area	Area (Sq Miles)	Membership 2006	Area Population
NW TX NM	216,829	104,087	4,107,720
Kansas	83,040	158,672	2,757,854
San Antonio	82,883	119,759	5,554,701
Nebraska	72,673	82,000	1,754,865
Oklahoma	68,667	244,986	3,547,884
Missouri	68,384	171,431	5,782,112
Arkansas	52,068	138,814	2,779,154
Houston	45,759	285,652	7,369,532
Louisiana	43,562	125,637	4,523,628
Fort Worth	26,794	161,471	3,318,491
Dallas	17,294	159,490	4,407,857
All US	56,101	154,330	5,753,142

* all figures do not include Rio Grande and OIMC

Average for Episcopal Areas

Jurisdiction	Number of Local Churches	Number of Pastoral Charges
Southeastern	1,136	888
South Central	706	545
Northeastern	595	459
North Central	485	363
Western	397	340
All US	546	414

Area	Number of Local Churches	Number of Pastoral Charges
Missouri	892	644
Houston	706	545
Kansas	702	492
Arkansas	700	477
Oklahoma	625	509
Louisiana	524	353
Nebraska	399	242
NM & NW TX	366	315
San Antonio	440	382
Dallas	325	275
Fort Worth	317	254
All US	546	414

Some SCJ Comparisons Across Conferences

Confererence Name	Mem 06	As %
Texas	285,652	16.12%
Oklahoma	244,986	13.82%
Missouri	171,431	9.67%
Central Texas	161,471	9.11%
North Texas	159,490	9.00%
Arkansas	138,814	7.83%
Louisiana	125,637	7.09%
Southwest Texas	119,759	6.76%
Kansas West	84,968	4.79%
Nebraska	82,000	4.63%
Kansas East	73,704	4.16%
Northwest Texas	65,229	3.68%
New Mexico	38,858	2.19%
Rio Grande	14,256	0.80%
Oklahoma Indian Miss.	6,274	0.35%
SCJ Membership	1,772,529	100.00%

Confererence Name	AWA 06	As %
Texas	105,877	16.06%
Missouri	84,217	12.77%
North Texas	61,839	9.38%
Oklahoma	61,081	9.26%
Arkansas	56,362	8.55%
Southwest Texas	50,056	7.59%
Central Texas	47,491	7.20%
Louisiana	44,509	6.75%
Kansas West	35,712	5.42%
Nebraska	33,374	5.06%
Kansas East	32,251	4.89%
Northwest Texas	22,649	3.43%
New Mexico	17,046	2.59%
Rio Grande	4,897	0.74%
Oklahoma Indian Miss.	2,034	0.31%
SCJ AWA	659,395	100.00%

Confererence Name	Death Rate 2006
Kansas West	18.07
Nebraska	17.91
New Mexico	17.24
Kansas East	15.94
Missouri	15.31
Northwest Texas	13.80
Arkansas	13.56
Southwest Texas	12.21
Louisiana	11.49
Oklahoma Indian Miss.	11.16
Texas	10.12
North Texas	9.44
Oklahoma	9.43
Central Texas	8.85
Rio Grande	7.86
SCJ Death Rate	12.12

Confererence Name	AWA=1 PF (# of worshippers per PF)
Arkansas	26.23
Louisiana	25.17
Oklahoma Indian Miss.	24.80
Kansas West	24.38
New Mexico	23.87
Rio Grande	23.66
Northwest Texas	23.52
Missouri	22.84
Oklahoma	22.31
Central Texas	21.52
Southwest Texas	20.62
Kansas East	18.56
Texas	18.32
North Texas	17.94
Nebraska	17.04
SCJ 1 PF=AWA	21.05

Number of Churches - 2006

Conference	Number of Local Churches	US Average	US Median
WEST VIRGINIA	1,210	579	524
VIRGINIA	1,208	579	524
WEST OHIO	1,166	579	524
MISSISSIPPI	1,149	579	524
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA	1,136	579	524
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,023	579	524
HOLSTON	916	579	524
NORTH GEORGIA	910	579	524
ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS	909	579	524
MISSOURI	892	579	524
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA	879	579	524
KENTUCKY	836	579	524
IOWA	830	579	524
NORTH ALABAMA	829	579	524
NORTH CAROLINA	815	579	524
EAST OHIO	808	579	524
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA	797	579	524
FLORIDA	715	579	524
TEXAS	706	579	524
ARKANSAS	700	579	524
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON	688	579	524
SOUTH INDIANA	672	579	524
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	655	579	524
SOUTH GEORGIA	647	579	524
TENNESSEE	617	579	524
GREATER NEW JERSEY	596	579	524
NORTH INDIANA	553	579	524
OKLAHOMA	539	579	524
NEW ENGLAND	538	579	524
LOUISIANA	524	579	524
WISCONSIN	485	579	524
NEW YORK	481	579	524
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA	459	579	524
DETROIT	458	579	524
MEMPHIS	452	579	524
PENINSULA-DELAWARE	449	579	524
WEST MICHIGAN	418	579	524
NORTH CENTRAL NEW YORK	405	579	524
NEBRASKA	399	579	524
MINNESOTA	389	579	524
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	379	579	524
KANSAS EAST	375	579	524
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC	371	579	524
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA	358	579	524
SOUTHWEST TEXAS	346	579	524
KANSAS WEST	327	579	524
NORTH TEXAS	325	579	524
CENTRAL TEXAS	317	579	524
TROY	298	579	524
WYOMING	297	579	524
DAKOTAS	275	579	524
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	268	579	524
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	267	579	524
WESTERN NEW YORK	258	579	524
NORTHWEST TEXAS	217	579	524
OREGON-IDAHO	212	579	524
NEW MEXICO	149	579	524
DESERT SOUTHWEST	140	579	524
YELLOWSTONE	129	579	524

Number of Charges - 2006

Conference	Number of Pastoral Charges	US Average	US Median
WEST OHIO	955	439	429
VIRGINIA	907	439	429
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA	888	439	429
NORTH GEORGIA	804	439	429
MISSISSIPPI	708	439	429
FLORIDA	683	439	429
SOUTH CAROLINA	675	439	429
NORTH ALABAMA	663	439	429
EAST OHIO	657	439	429
NORTH CAROLINA	651	439	429
KENTUCKY	646	439	429
MISSOURI	644	439	429
HOLSTON	591	439	429
ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS	583	439	429
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON	574	439	429
IOWA	572	439	429
SOUTH INDIANA	567	439	429
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA	550	439	429
WEST VIRGINIA	547	439	429
TEXAS	545	439	429
GREATER NEW JERSEY	544	439	429
NORTH INDIANA	502	439	429
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA	499	439	429
ARKANSAS	477	439	429
NEW ENGLAND	465	439	429
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	465	439	429
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA	445	439	429
SOUTH GEORGIA	443	439	429
OKLAHOMA	439	439	429
NEW YORK	429	439	429
TENNESSEE	397	439	429
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC	391	439	429
DETROIT	372	439	429
WISCONSIN	363	439	429
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA	360	439	429
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	358	439	429
LOUISIANA	353	439	429
WEST MICHIGAN	326	439	429
SOUTHWEST TEXAS	306	439	429
NORTH CENTRAL NEW YORK	300	439	429
MINNESOTA	298	439	429
PENINSULA-DELAWARE	298	439	429
MEMPHIS	276	439	429
NORTH TEXAS	275	439	429
KANSAS EAST	265	439	429
TROY	254	439	429
CENTRAL TEXAS	254	439	429
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	253	439	429
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	252	439	429
NEBRASKA	242	439	429
WESTERN NEW YORK	232	439	429
KANSAS WEST	227	439	429
WYOMING	205	439	429
NORTHWEST TEXAS	187	439	429
DAKOTAS	183	439	429
OREGON-IDAHO	181	439	429
DESERT SOUTHWEST	141	439	429
NEW MEXICO	128	439	429
YELLOWSTONE	88	439	429

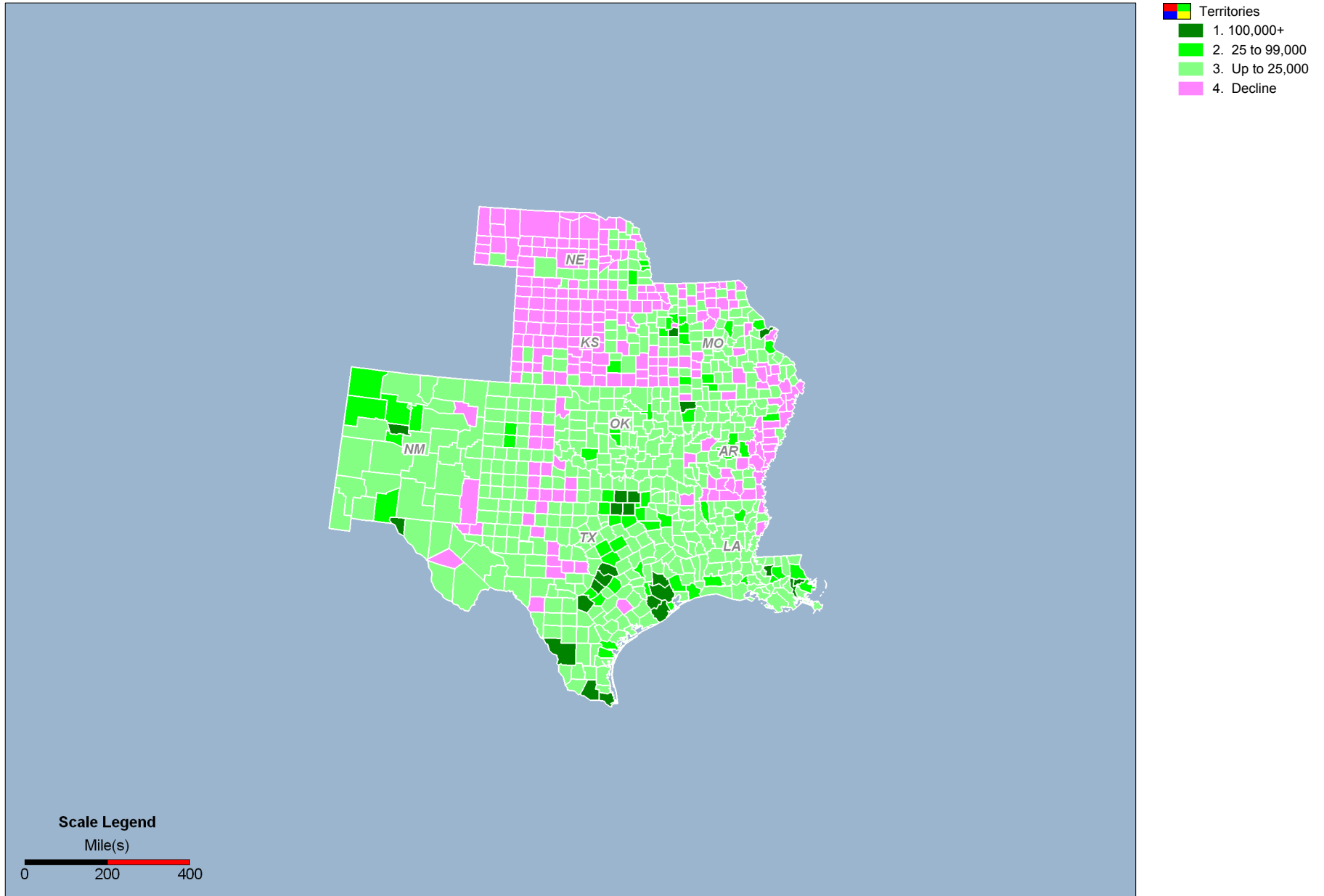
Square Miles - 2006			
Conference	Area (Sq Miles)	US Average	US Median
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	171,967	47,882	34,681
DESERT SOUTHWEST	164,533	47,882	34,681
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA	156,348	47,882	34,681
NEW MEXICO	154,873	47,882	34,681
YELLOWSTONE	154,451	47,882	34,681
DAKOTAS	114,250	47,882	34,681
OREGON-IDAHO	104,449	47,882	34,681
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	86,959	47,882	34,681
SOUTHWEST TEXAS	82,883	47,882	34,681
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC	73,125	47,882	34,681
NEBRASKA	72,673	47,882	34,681
MINNESOTA	71,236	47,882	34,681
OKLAHOMA	68,667	47,882	34,681
MISSOURI	68,384	47,882	34,681
NORTHWEST TEXAS	61,956	47,882	34,681
KANSAS WEST	59,892	47,882	34,681
IOWA	56,470	47,882	34,681
WISCONSIN	52,590	47,882	34,681
NEW ENGLAND	52,073	47,882	34,681
ARKANSAS	52,068	47,882	34,681
MISSISSIPPI	48,140	47,882	34,681
ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS	46,368	47,882	34,681
TEXAS	45,759	47,882	34,681
FLORIDA	44,445	47,882	34,681
LOUISIANA	43,562	47,882	34,681
SOUTH GEORGIA	36,507	47,882	34,681
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	36,363	47,882	34,681
KENTUCKY	35,282	47,882	34,681
VIRGINIA	35,119	47,882	34,681
DETROIT	34,681	47,882	34,681
SOUTH CAROLINA	30,109	47,882	34,681
NORTH CAROLINA	29,894	47,882	34,681
WEST OHIO	26,960	47,882	34,681
CENTRAL TEXAS	26,794	47,882	34,681
WEST VIRGINIA	25,770	47,882	34,681
NORTH ALABAMA	23,952	47,882	34,681
WEST MICHIGAN	23,351	47,882	34,681
KANSAS EAST	23,148	47,882	34,681
NORTH GEORGIA	22,085	47,882	34,681
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA	21,836	47,882	34,681
NORTH CENTRAL NEW YORK	21,537	47,882	34,681
HOLSTON	21,522	47,882	34,681
TROY	21,496	47,882	34,681
SOUTH INDIANA	20,261	47,882	34,681
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA	19,989	47,882	34,681
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA	19,070	47,882	34,681
EAST OHIO	18,859	47,882	34,681
TENNESSEE	17,995	47,882	34,681
NORTH TEXAS	17,294	47,882	34,681
NORTH INDIANA	17,099	47,882	34,681
NEW YORK	13,186	47,882	34,681
MEMPHIS	13,044	47,882	34,681
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	11,639	47,882	34,681
WESTERN NEW YORK	10,380	47,882	34,681
WYOMING	10,249	47,882	34,681
GREATER NEW JERSEY	9,924	47,882	34,681
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA	8,660	47,882	34,681
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON	7,592	47,882	34,681
PENINSULA-DELAWARE	5,278	47,882	34,681

Members - 2006

Conference	Mem 2006	US Average	US Median
NORTH GEORGIA	345,640	133,995	118,244
VIRGINIA	339,626	133,995	118,244
FLORIDA	317,965	133,995	118,244
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA	293,772	133,995	118,244
TEXAS	285,652	133,995	118,244
OKLAHOMA	244,986	133,995	118,244
SOUTH CAROLINA	241,103	133,995	118,244
NORTH CAROLINA	236,564	133,995	118,244
WEST OHIO	224,342	133,995	118,244
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON	194,073	133,995	118,244
IOWA	192,094	133,995	118,244
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA	189,182	133,995	118,244
MISSISSIPPI	186,208	133,995	118,244
EAST OHIO	177,788	133,995	118,244
MISSOURI	171,431	133,995	118,244
HOLSTON	166,976	133,995	118,244
CENTRAL TEXAS	161,471	133,995	118,244
NORTH TEXAS	159,490	133,995	118,244
KENTUCKY	152,459	133,995	118,244
NORTH ALABAMA	151,792	133,995	118,244
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	149,186	133,995	118,244
ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS	147,656	133,995	118,244
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA	143,851	133,995	118,244
ARKANSAS	138,814	133,995	118,244
SOUTH GEORGIA	136,805	133,995	118,244
LOUISIANA	125,637	133,995	118,244
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA	124,755	133,995	118,244
NEW YORK	122,636	133,995	118,244
SOUTHWEST TEXAS	119,759	133,995	118,244
TENNESSEE	118,244	133,995	118,244
SOUTH INDIANA	111,004	133,995	118,244
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	105,274	133,995	118,244
WEST VIRGINIA	104,802	133,995	118,244
DETROIT	100,384	133,995	118,244
GREATER NEW JERSEY	99,217	133,995	118,244
NORTH INDIANA	97,028	133,995	118,244
NEW ENGLAND	93,458	133,995	118,244
PENINSULA-DELAWARE	91,271	133,995	118,244
WISCONSIN	90,282	133,995	118,244
MEMPHIS	87,639	133,995	118,244
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC	87,082	133,995	118,244
KANSAS WEST	84,968	133,995	118,244
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA	84,504	133,995	118,244
NEBRASKA	82,000	133,995	118,244
MINNESOTA	79,623	133,995	118,244
NORTH CENTRAL NEW YORK	76,348	133,995	118,244
KANSAS EAST	73,704	133,995	118,244
WEST MICHIGAN	67,773	133,995	118,244
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	67,505	133,995	118,244
NORTHWEST TEXAS	65,229	133,995	118,244
WYOMING	62,913	133,995	118,244
WESTERN NEW YORK	56,415	133,995	118,244
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	56,376	133,995	118,244
TROY	50,480	133,995	118,244
DESERT SOUTHWEST	41,773	133,995	118,244
DAKOTAS	41,221	133,995	118,244
NEW MEXICO	38,858	133,995	118,244
OREGON-IDAHO	33,171	133,995	118,244
YELLOWSTONE	15,446	133,995	118,244

Population - 2006			
Conference	Area Population	US Average	US Median
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC	23,425,196	4,936,519	3,597,494
NEW YORK	15,830,961	4,936,519	3,597,494
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA	14,563,957	4,936,519	3,597,494
FLORIDA	14,462,106	4,936,519	3,597,494
NEW ENGLAND	11,683,664	4,936,519	3,597,494
GREATER NEW JERSEY	9,516,610	4,936,519	3,597,494
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	9,308,976	4,936,519	3,597,494
DESERT SOUTHWEST	7,617,847	4,936,519	3,597,494
TEXAS	7,369,532	4,936,519	3,597,494
VIRGINIA	6,730,309	4,936,519	3,597,494
DETROIT	6,709,182	4,936,519	3,597,494
NORTH GEORGIA	6,666,783	4,936,519	3,597,494
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	6,543,942	4,936,519	3,597,494
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	6,345,194	4,936,519	3,597,494
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON	5,901,465	4,936,519	3,597,494
WEST OHIO	5,850,973	4,936,519	3,597,494
MISSOURI	5,782,112	4,936,519	3,597,494
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA	5,746,028	4,936,519	3,597,494
EAST OHIO	5,613,069	4,936,519	3,597,494
SOUTHWEST TEXAS	5,554,701	4,936,519	3,597,494
WISCONSIN	5,504,317	4,936,519	3,597,494
MINNESOTA	5,091,519	4,936,519	3,597,494
OREGON-IDAHO	4,551,825	4,936,519	3,597,494
LOUISIANA	4,523,628	4,936,519	3,597,494
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA	4,513,717	4,936,519	3,597,494
NORTH TEXAS	4,407,857	4,936,519	3,597,494
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,255,083	4,936,519	3,597,494
NORTH CAROLINA	4,232,459	4,936,519	3,597,494
KENTUCKY	3,879,889	4,936,519	3,597,494
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA	3,597,494	4,936,519	3,597,494
OKLAHOMA	3,547,884	4,936,519	3,597,494
ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS	3,454,395	4,936,519	3,597,494
WEST MICHIGAN	3,401,233	4,936,519	3,597,494
CENTRAL TEXAS	3,318,491	4,936,519	3,597,494
NORTH INDIANA	3,295,720	4,936,519	3,597,494
SOUTH INDIANA	2,976,253	4,936,519	3,597,494
IOWA	2,966,334	4,936,519	3,597,494
MISSISSIPPI	2,921,088	4,936,519	3,597,494
NEW MEXICO	2,892,568	4,936,519	3,597,494
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA	2,811,151	4,936,519	3,597,494
ARKANSAS	2,779,154	4,936,519	3,597,494
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA	2,699,835	4,936,519	3,597,494
NORTH ALABAMA	2,698,401	4,936,519	3,597,494
HOLSTON	2,692,480	4,936,519	3,597,494
SOUTH GEORGIA	2,389,753	4,936,519	3,597,494
TENNESSEE	2,268,748	4,936,519	3,597,494
NORTH CENTRAL NEW YORK	1,850,622	4,936,519	3,597,494
NEBRASKA	1,754,865	4,936,519	3,597,494
MEMPHIS	1,719,804	4,936,519	3,597,494
WEST VIRGINIA	1,713,150	4,936,519	3,597,494
KANSAS EAST	1,554,797	4,936,519	3,597,494
TROY	1,545,785	4,936,519	3,597,494
WESTERN NEW YORK	1,429,429	4,936,519	3,597,494
DAKOTAS	1,328,627	4,936,519	3,597,494
PENINSULA-DELAWARE	1,270,734	4,936,519	3,597,494
NORTHWEST TEXAS	1,215,152	4,936,519	3,597,494
KANSAS WEST	1,203,057	4,936,519	3,597,494
YELLOWSTONE	1,033,225	4,936,519	3,597,494
WYOMING	741,467	4,936,519	3,597,494

South Central Jurisdiction Population Change by 2030 by County



The Largest 50 Metropolitan Areas and their Major Constituent Cities in South Central Jurisdiction

2007

Rank	Metro	Population
7	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	6,145,037
9	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas	5,628,101
18	Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX	4,111,529
25	St Louis, Mo.-Ill.	2,803,707
41	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	2,033,508
43	San Antonio, Texas	1,990,675
44	Kansas City, Mo.-Kan.	1,985,429

Table 1. Annual Estimates of the Population of Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007 (CBSA-EST2007-01)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

Release Date: March 27, 2008

<http://www.census.gov/popest/metro/tables/2007/CBSA-EST2007-01.xls>

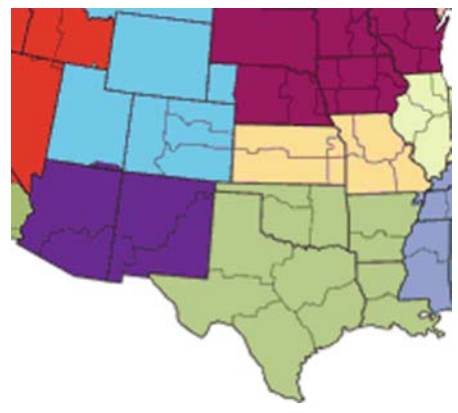
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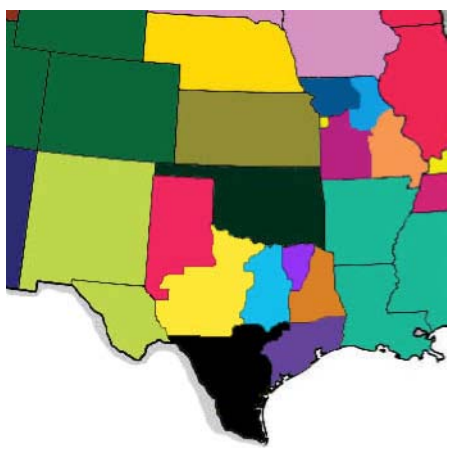
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