

# How so many people in the U.S. live in so little of its space

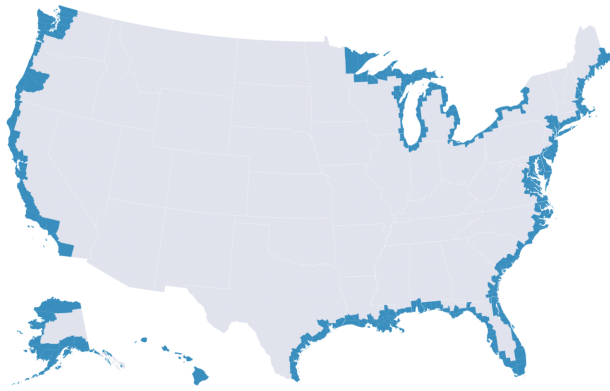
## Map of the Month: September 2015

### Coastal Shoreline Counties

A county is considered a Coastal Shoreline County if it is directly adjacent to the open ocean, major estuaries, or the Great Lakes.

Total population: **124,733,542**  
% of total population: **39.1%**

2014 population estimates



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dadaviz.com

Nearly 40 percent of Americans live close to the coast. This map by Jishai Evers of Dadaviz shows the coastal shoreline counties of the U.S., which are the counties that are directly adjacent to an open ocean, a major estuary, or the Great Lakes. According to 2014 Census data, 39.1 percent of the U.S. population lived in those counties, often within miles of the coast.

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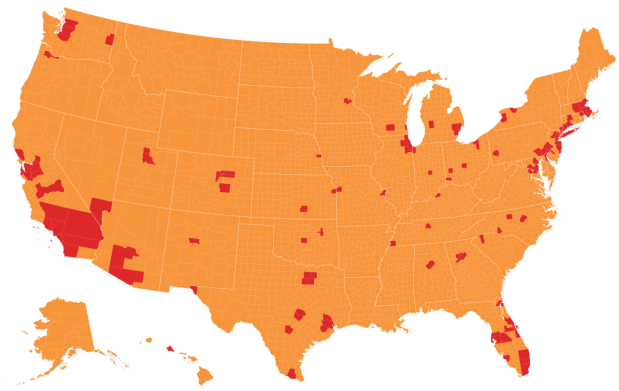
largest counties

population: 159,524,138  
50.03% of total population

2,998

smallest counties

population: 159,332,918  
49.97% of total population



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Population Estimate, as of July 1, 2014

The same number of people live in the orange area as the red area. Fifty percent of the U.S. population lives in the country's 144 largest counties, while the other 50 percent lives in 2,998 counties.

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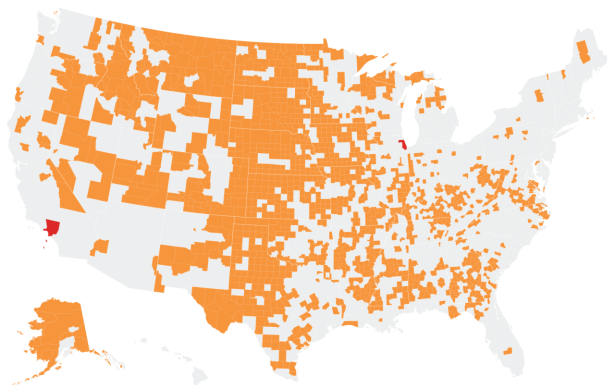
largest counties

population: 15,363,161  
4.82% of total population

1,437

smallest counties

population: 15,372,135  
4.82% of total population



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Population Estimate, as of July 1, 2014

The population of those two counties is equal to the 1,437 smallest counties.

Nearly 5 percent of America's population lives in the counties covering downtown L.A. and downtown Chicago, the same proportion as live in the country's 1,437 smallest counties.

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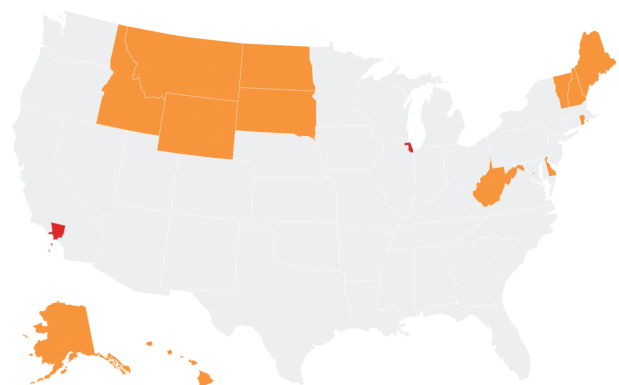
largest counties

population: 15,363,161  
4.82% of total population

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smallest states

population: 14,774,616  
4.63% of total population



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Population Estimate, as of July 1, 2014. Washington, D.C. is included as a state.

America's two biggest counties have the same population as the 14 smallest states.

The counties that cover downtown Los Angeles and downtown Chicago have the same population as all of the states in orange.