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2	Philadelphia city, PA *	28,522
3	Boston town, MA *	18,320
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6	Northern Liberties township, PA *	9,913
7	Salem town, MA	7,921
8	Newport town, RI	6,716
9	Providence town, RI *	6,380
10c	Marblehead town, MA	5,661
10c	Southwark district, PA *	5,661
12	Gloucester town, MA	5,317
13	Newburyport town, MA	4,837
14	Portsmouth town, NH	4,720
15	Sherburne town (Nantucket), MA *	4,620
16	Middleborough town, MA	4,526
17	New Haven city, CT *	4,487
18	Richmond city, VA	3,761
19	Albany city, NY	3,498
20	Norfolk borough, VA	2,959
21	Petersburg town, VA	2,828
22	Alexandria town, VA *	2,748
23	Hartford city, CT *	2,683
24	Hudson city, NY	2,584

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POPULATION OF THE 100 LARGEST CITIES AND OTHER URBAN PLACES IN THE UNITED STATES: 1790 TO 1990

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Abstract

This paper presents decennial census population totals for the 100 largest cities and other urban places in the United States based on the 21 decennial censuses taken from 1790 to 1990. The paper represents the first time that the populations of the largest urban places at each census have been published in a single report and was prepared in response to numerous requests for this type of information.

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