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## Chicago Metro Area home to fourth Fastest-Growing County

The Chicago metro area was home to the fourth-fastest-growing county, Kendall, and the Atlanta metro area was home to fifth-ranked Forsyth County. In Texas, the Austin metro area was the location of sixth-ranked Williamson and 10th-ranked Hays, San Antonio includes eighth-ranked Kendall, and Dallas-Fort Worth includes ninth-ranked Rockwall. Only seventh-ranked Geary, Kan., did not belong to a large metro area.

All in all, 94 of the 100 counties (with a population of 10,000 or more) with the fastest population growth last year were in either the South (71 counties) or the West (23 counties). The remaining six were in the Midwest.

### 2007-2008:

#### Counties

Eight of the 10 fastest-growing counties between April 1, 2000, and July 1, 2008, were located in metro areas with 2008 populations of 2 million or more. The exceptions were Flagler, Fla., and Lincoln, S.D. (a county within the Sioux Falls metro area). The fastest-growing county during the period was Kendall, Ill. (part of the Chicago metro area), which grew by 89.6 percent. Three of the top 10 counties were part of the Atlanta metro area: Forsyth, sixth, at 70.8 percent; Paulding, eighth, at 63.2 percent; and Henry, ninth, at 60.5 percent.

The Census Bureau's Internet tables show July 1 population estimates for 2000 through 2008, as well as the April 1, 2000, census counts. Also included are rankings and estimates of components of population change (births, deaths, net domestic migration and net international migration) for all metro areas, micro areas and counties. The county-level data in this news release on percent change apply only to those with total populations of 10,000 or more.

Population Estimates for the 100 Fastest Growing U.S. Counties with 10,000 or More Population in 2008						
Rank in percent change	Geographic Area		Population Estimates		Change, 2007 to 2008	
			July 1, 2008	July 1, 2007	Number	Percent
1	St. Bernard Parish	Louisiana	37,722	33,439	4,283	12.8
2	Pinal County	Arizona	327,301	300,873	26,428	8.8
3	Orleans Parish	Louisiana	311,853	288,113	23,740	8.2
4	Kendall County	Illinois	103,460	96,566	6,894	7.1
5	Forsyth County	Georgia	168,060	158,111	9,949	6.3