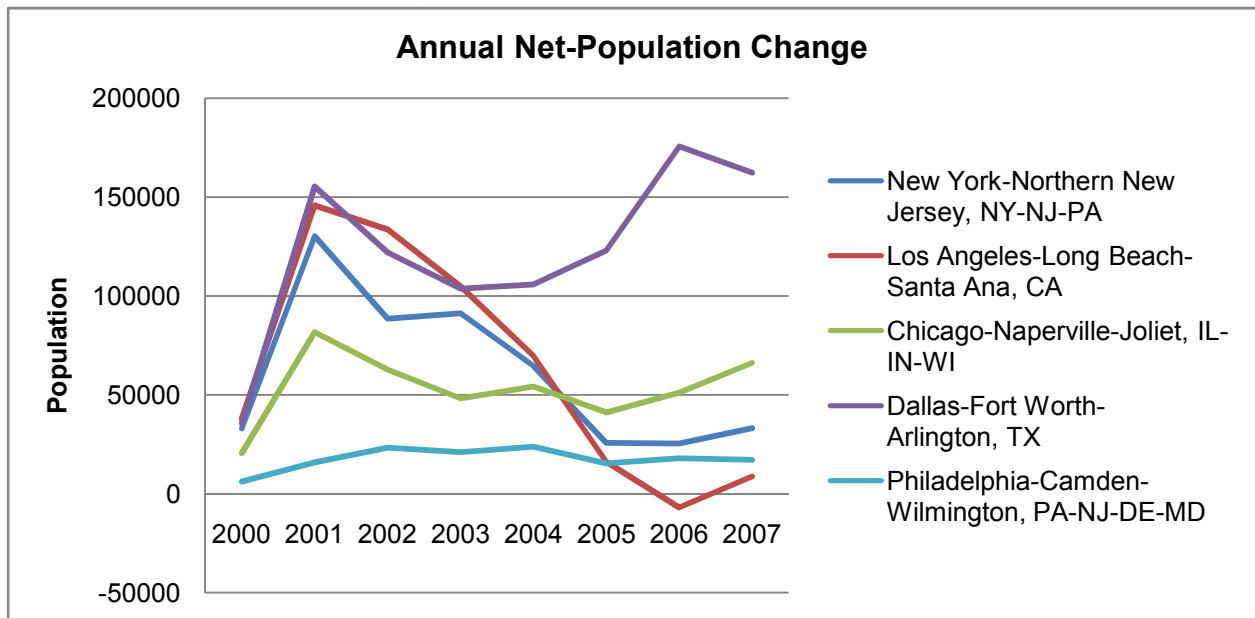


## Top 5 U.S. Metro Areas (Ranked by Population)

The Dallas Fort Worth Arlington metropolitan statistical area is generally known as Dallas Fort Worth or DFW. In 2007, the region reported 6.1 million residents, making it the largest metropolitan area in Texas, fourth largest in the U.S. and larger than 33 states.

Rank	Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)	2007 Population	% Change 2000-2007
1	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	18,815,988	2.7%
2	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	12,875,587	4.1%
3	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	9,524,673	4.7%
<b>4</b>	<b>Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX</b>	<b>6,145,037</b>	<b>19.1%</b>
5	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	5,827,962	2.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007



- ▶ 6,145,037 people now call Dallas-Fort Worth home.
- ▶ From 2000-2007 the Dallas-Fort Worth region experienced a population increase of 19.1% compared to the United States growth rate of 7%.
- ▶ Dallas-Fort Worth has outpaced the nations five largest metropolitan areas in both absolute growth and percentage change.
- ▶ Of the nations five largest metros, Dallas-Fort Worth is the only region to consistently experience double digit growth.
- ▶ The regions high growth stems from the ability to attract the best and brightest from around the globe.