The United States government defines both metropolitan and micropolitan areas for statistical purposes. Broadly, a metropolitan area is composed of counties associated with an urban core of at least 50,000 people. At the time of the 2010 census, metropolitan areas ranged in size from Carson City’s 55,274 to New York City’s 18,897,109. Micropolitan areas are composed of counties associated with smaller urban cores still having at least 10,000 people. Many counties are not associated with either metropolitan or micropolitan areas.