Albers Equal Area conic projections are used for the five maps on each atlas page.

Selected cities are the largest in each state. Additional cities with populations of at least 750,000 in 2000 also are included.

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, TIGER data for county lines and Census 2000 for city populations; U.S. Geological Survey, GTOPO30 elevation data for terrain shading; Environmental Systems Research Institute, ArcData for North America map.

Cartography: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau.
 Counties in Metropolitan Areas 1990 and 2000

This map identifies the status of counties as either in metropolitan areas (MAs) or not in MAs for the 1990 and 2000 censuses. Boundaries of individual MAs are not shown. Each MA contains a large population center and adjacent communities that have strong commuting ties with that center. MAs are defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and are composed of entire counties. For this map, New England County Metropolitan Areas are used as an alternative to the city- and town-based MAs in New England. Most counties in metropolitan areas include both urban and rural land uses.
