

42 cities in greater Midwest less than 500,000 population

1. [Kansas City, Missouri](#); 476,974
2. [Omaha, Nebraska](#); 463,081
3. [Minneapolis, Minnesota](#); 420,324
4. [Wichita, Kansas](#); 389,938
5. [Cleveland, Ohio](#); **388,812**
6. [St. Louis, Missouri](#); 314,867
7. [St. Paul, Minnesota](#); **304,547**
8. [Cincinnati, Ohio](#); **298,957**
9. [Toledo, Ohio](#); **279,455**
10. [Lincoln, Nebraska](#); 277,315
11. [Fort Wayne, Indiana](#); **262,450**
12. [Madison, Wisconsin](#); **248,856**
13. [Des Moines, Iowa](#); 214,778
14. [Aurora, Illinois](#); **200,946**
15. [Grand Rapids, Michigan](#); **195,355**
16. [Akron, Ohio](#); **198,252**
17. [Overland Park, Kansas](#); 186,147
18. [Sioux Falls, South Dakota](#); 170,401
19. [Springfield, Missouri](#); 165,785
20. [Kansas City, Kansas](#); 151,042
21. [Rockford, Illinois](#); **148,640**
22. [Joliet, Illinois](#); **148,172**
23. [Naperville, Illinois](#); **146,431**
24. [Dayton, Ohio](#); **140,939**
25. [Warren, Michigan](#); **135,147**
26. [Olathe, Kansas](#); 134,368
27. [Sterling Heights, Michigan](#); **131,996**
28. [Cedar Rapids, Iowa](#); 130,330
29. [Topeka, Kansas](#); 127,139
30. [Evansville, Indiana](#); **119,806**
31. [Ann Arbor, Michigan](#); **119,303**
32. [Columbia, Missouri](#); 118,620
33. [Fargo, North Dakota](#); 118,099
34. [Independence, Missouri](#); 117,369
35. [Springfield, Illinois](#); **116,313**
36. [Peoria, Illinois](#); **115,424**
37. [Lansing, Michigan](#); **115,222**
38. [Rochester, Minnesota](#); **112,683**
39. [Elgin, Illinois](#); **112,628**
40. [Green Bay, Wisconsin](#); **104,796**
41. [Davenport, Iowa](#); 102,268
42. [South Bend, Indiana](#); **101,928**
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23 cities in six states of the Great Lakes that are under 400,000 population

South Bend shows its pioneer spirit once again:

South Bend can lead the way for its companion cities throughout the Great Lakes: there are 23 cities in the six Great Lakes states with a population of less than 400,000. These are the cities that were hit the hardest by the exodus of manufacturing over the last several decades. Rebuilding new economies and urban centers on those still strong communities is the goal of the next generation of leaders. The Modern Streetcar is a significant city-building tool.