

The 25 counties with the highest median household income

Only counties with at least 50,000 households in 2005 are included. Half of the 25 most affluent counties sit in the northeast corridor; and the Chicago and San Francisco metros each include three counties on the list. As with the growth markets, most of the highest income counties are suburban.

Rank	County	MSA	Median Household Income
1	Douglas, CO	Denver-Aurora, CO	87,984
2	Loudoun, VA	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	85,301
3	Fairfax, VA	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	85,207
4	Morris, NJ	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	83,262
5	Somerset, NJ	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	82,731
6	Howard, MD	Baltimore-Towson, MD	79,481
7	Hamilton, IN	Indianapolis, IN	77,498
8	Nassau, NY	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	76,607
9	Marin, CA	San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	76,197
10	Santa Clara, CA	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	76,122
11	Montgomery, MD	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	75,344
12	Williamson, TN	Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro, TN	74,359
13	Collin, TX	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	74,328
14	San Mateo, CA	San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	73,309
15	Delaware, OH	Columbus, OH	72,979
16	Rockland, NY	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	72,709
17	Livingston, MI	Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	72,352
18	DuPage, IL	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	72,032
19	Washington, MN	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	71,592
20	Lake, IL	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	71,247
21	Chester, PA	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	70,767
22	Prince William, VA	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	70,649
23	Sussex, NJ	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	70,116
24	Fairfield, CT	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	69,783
25	McHenry, IL	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	69,632