

Allergies Across America™

SPECIAL ADDITION

30 Worst Big Cities for Ragweed Ranking

Rank	City	Ragweed Sensitization Rate
1	Phoenix	29.3
2	Las Vegas	25.7
3	Kansas City	24.1
4	Riverside-San Bernardino	23.9
5	Dallas	23.6
6	Chicago	23.1
7	Sacramento	22.9
8	Philadelphia	22.6
9	Denver	22.3
10	Washington, D.C.	21.7
10	Minneapolis/St. Paul	21.7
11	New York	21.2
12	Cincinnati	21.1
13	Baltimore	20.5
14	Cleveland	20.3
15	St. Louis	19.9
15	Detroit	19.9
16	Atlanta	19.4
17	Boston	18.1
18	Pittsburgh	17.8
19	Orlando	17.6
20	Los Angeles	17.4
20	San Antonio	17.4
21	Houston	16.6
22	Seattle	15.6
23	San Diego	15.0
24	Tampa	14.3
25	Portland	14.2
26	San Francisco	11.4
27	Miami	10.8

The ranking is based on allergen IgE sensitization rates to common ragweed over a 4-year period in the most populous 30 metropolitan statistical areas ("MSAs" or "cities"), as defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget in 2009. Rate of allergen sensitization refers to the percentage of patients tested who showed sensitization to common ragweed.