

## The Sprawl Index

Atlanta, GA

**Overall Sprawl Index Score: 57.66**

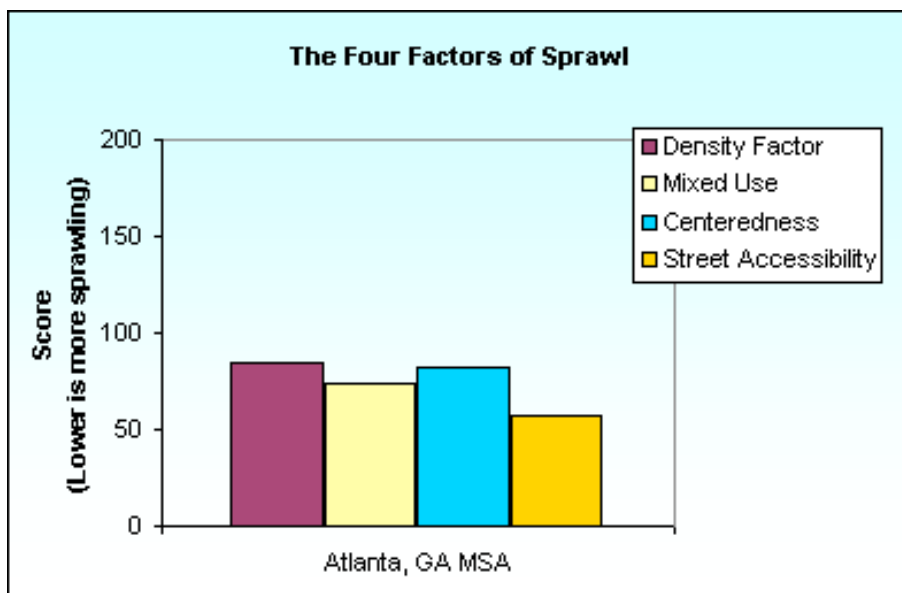
*ranking it 4th most sprawling of 83 metro areas measured.*

A lower score on the index indicates a greater degree of sprawl. The average score for all metros ranked is 100. A lower score indicates below average conditions among these 83 U.S. metro areas: for example, less compact housing, a poorer mix of homes and jobs, poor street connectivity, or weaker than average town centers. A score above 100 indicates above average performance, when compared to the other metro areas ranked. Most metro areas score between 50 and 150 on the scale.

### What Makes a Place Sprawling:

The sprawl index measured sprawl in four ways. Below are index scores for this metro area. See the report for a full explanation of each factor.

| Sprawl Factor                      | Index Score | Ranking out of 83<br><i>(most to least sprawling)</i> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Residential Density Factor         | 84.50       | 15                                                    |
| Mix of homes, jobs & services      | 73.70       | 13                                                    |
| Strength of town centers/downtowns | 82.31       | 21                                                    |
| Accessibility of street network    | 57.00       | 3                                                     |



## The Impact of Sprawl:

### *Outcomes Affected by Sprawl in Atlanta*

|                                             |       |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|
| Peak 8-hour ozone level (parts per billion) | 120   |
| Fatal accidents per 100,000 persons         | 13.86 |
| Daily Miles Driven per person (DMVT)        | 33.80 |
| Average number of vehicles per household    | 1.81  |
| Percent of commuters using Transit          | 3.92% |
| Percent of commuters walking to work        | 1.31% |
| Average commute time, in minutes            | 31.31 |
| Average annual traffic delay, in hours      | 32.69 |

**2000 Population:** 3,945,450

*MSA is Metropolitan Statistical Area. For more information on MSAs, PMSAs, CMSAs, and NECMAs, see the Census Bureau.*