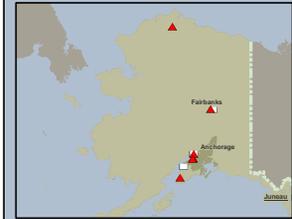


# Level of Gang Involvement in Drug Activities within Urban, Suburban, and Rural Areas in the United States



**Analysis Criteria for Urban, Suburban, and Rural Areas**

**Urban Areas:** are defined as Census Block Groups with a density greater than or equal to 2,000 people per square mile, or places that have a total population greater than or equal to 100,000 and a density greater than or equal to 2,000 people per square mile. Urban areas are also places that have a total population greater than or equal to 200,000 people.

**Suburban Areas:** are defined as Census Block Groups no more than 30 Miles from urban areas or Census Block Groups with a density greater than or equal to 500 people per square mile and less than 2,000 people per square mile.

**Rural Areas:** are defined as Census Block Groups with a density less than 500 people per square mile.

Places are defined as populated place areas that include census designated places, consolidated cities, and incorporated places within the United States identified by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Population Data Source: 2000 U.S. Census

**Gang Involvement in Drug Activities for 2007**

- ▲ Increase
- ◻ Stayed the Same
- ▼ Decreased

Urban Areas  
 Suburban Areas  
 Rural Areas

Source: 2007 National Drug Threat Survey  
 Note: The Labels for State Capitals are Underlined.



Map 5. Level of Gang Involvement in Drug Activities within Urban, Suburban, and Rural Areas in the United States