

How Metropolitan are You?

Living in or around a large metropolitan area is different from living in the rural, less populated countryside. In the U.S. today most people live in suburban or urban settings. The closer to the city you want to live the more metropolitan you tend to be. This assessment indicates how metropolitan you really are. Fill out each question about yourself. Consult the key after having completed the assessment.

- 1 T/F. I feel safe having many people close by
- 2 T/F. I love the diversity of people
- 3 T/F. I like to focus on my personal life and not be bothered with the details of the lives of others
- 4 T/F. I am very tolerant of differences among people
- 5 T/F. Riding the metro is intriguing to me
- 6 T/F. I thrive on museums, art exhibits, shows, etc...
- 7 T/F. I enjoy many different types of foods
- 8 T/F. Big cities are stimulating
- 9 T/F. I need access to major sporting events
- 10 T/F. I like being a part of/or setting the latest trend
- 11 T/F. Families need to be relatively small
- 12 T/F. I prefer an apartment over a piece of land with a house on it
- 13 T/F. I like to visit ethnic sections of the city
- 14 T/F. Traffic is part of life
- 15 T/F. I enjoy the social scene found in the city
- 16 T/F. The city has its problems but that's part of life
- 17 T/F. There are strange people in the cities just as they are in the countryside
- 18 T/F. I like the freedom to be who I really am
- 19 T/F. Many city dwellers are better educated
- 20 T/F. I like the sometimes unpredictable nature of city life
- 21 T/F. Crime happens everywhere
- 22 T/F. I like to see old neighborhoods get remodeled
- 23 T/F. I have fond memories of certain buildings, parks, etc... in the city
- 24 T/F. The city is home
- 25 T/F. There are many people like myself in the city
- 26 T/F. Sometimes I like to leave the city for a vacation
- 27 T/F. Children grow up better in the city
- 28 T/F. The best shopping is in the city
- 29 T/F. The city kinda grows on you
- 30 T/F. It takes sophistication to live in the city

Key:1-30=True. My score _____? This assessment is obviously biased toward cosmopolitan lifestyles and preferences. A score of **30** indicates very high level and a score of **0** indicates very low levels of this lifestyle. How do your preferences for cosmopolitanism play into your life, life cycle, and life pursuits? Discuss these issues with your spouse, close friend, or family member. If you could live in accordance with these preferences what would have to be traded off (if anything)? Do you and your partner/spouse see eye to eye on these issues?