

List of Cities with a Great View of the Eclipse

Only one large city has a great view. Congratulations if you're one of the 609,000 people lucky enough to live in Nashville. The city center and parts north of it will experience 2+ minutes of totality. Unfortunately, that's the only large city with a great view. In the tally below, column 1 lists 25 other large metropolitan areas. The second column shows the amount of the Sun's surface the Moon will cover as seen by viewers in each city.

Atlanta	97 percent
Boston	63 percent
Chicago	87 percent
Cincinnati	91 percent
Dallas	76 percent
Denver	92 percent
Detroit	79 percent
Houston	67 percent
Indianapolis	91 percent
Las Vegas	72 percent
Los Angeles	62 percent
Memphis	93 percent
Miami	78 percent
Milwaukee	83 percent
Minneapolis	83 percent
New Orleans	75 percent
New York City	72 percent
Oklahoma City	84 percent
Philadelphia	75 percent
Phoenix	63 percent
Pittsburgh	81 percent
Portland	99 percent
Salt Lake City	91 percent
Seattle	92 percent
Washington, D.C.	81 percent

Now a brief follow-up: about half of both Kansas City (pop. = 464,000) and Saint Louis (pop. = 318,000) lie within the path of totality. Unfortunately, the center line doesn't pass through either of them. An educated guess then, tells me that most residents interested in the eclipse will drive 30 minutes or so for an extra two minutes of totality.