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New York city with the most spyware

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No one disputes the far-reaching scourge of spyware and adware, but few have studied who is most likely to be targeted in the USA. Until now.

Folks in the New York/Northern New Jersey/Long Island and Los

Angeles/Long Beach/Santa Ana metropolitan areas are most prone to spyware problems, according to analysis by Enigma Software Group, makers of anti-spyware [SpyHunter](#).

When findings were adjusted for each state's population, Alaska, Colorado and New Hampshire had the highest rates of infection. California had the most infections, but it also has the most people and PCs.

The numbers come from a [city-by-city and state-by-state analysis](#) of new customer sales data in the U.S. since 2007, says Enigma President Alvin Estevez.

The Top 25 Infected U.S. Metropolitan Areas (2007 to present):

- 1: New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island
- 2: Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana
- 3: Chicago-Naperville-Joliet
- 4: Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington
- 5: Washington-Arlington-Alexandria
- 6: Boston-Cambridge-Quincy
- 7: Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington
- 8: Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown
- 9: Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta
- 10: Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach
- 11: San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont
- 12: Seattle-Tacoma-Bellvue
- 13: Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale
- 14: Detroit-Warren-Livonia
- 15: Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington
- 16: Denver-Aurora
- 17: San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos
- 18: Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater
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