

NBA FRANCHISE MOVEMENT

The Kings are one of two teams (along with the Hawks) to have played in four different cities, having moved steadily across the country over the course of three decades. They nearly moved to a fifth city (Seattle) in 2013, but a new ownership group acquired the team with the intention of keeping it in Sacramento.

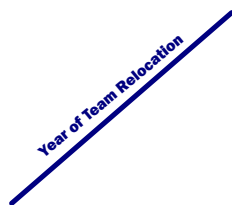
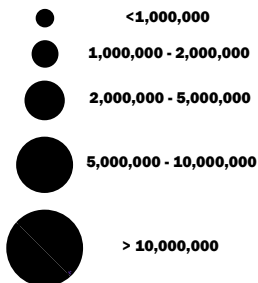
San Diego is the only former NBA city to have hosted two separate franchises: the Rockets (from 1967-71) and the Clippers (from 1978-1984). As both teams moved due to horrendous attendance numbers, it seems unlikely that a third franchise will ever find its way there.

Sheboygan, home of the Red Skins for a single season in 1949-50, is the smallest city ever to have hosted an NBA franchise. With a current population of 115,009, it's less than 1/150 the size of New York City.

The Nets, founded as the Americans in 1967, have never left the New York metropolitan area—but they have played in four different municipalities, migrating from Teaneck to Long Island to East Rutherford before opening a new arena in Brooklyn in 2012.

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Population of Metropolitan Statistical Area (2012 Estimate)



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 Projection: North America Equidistant Conic
 - Central Meridian: 96° W
 - Standard Parallels: 20° N and 60° N
 Data Source: Wikipedia

