# Fluoridation Status of Largest 50 U. S. Cities

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* San Diego (California) and San Antonio (Texas) recently approved fluoridation. Fluoridation has not been implemented yet, however it will commence as soon as fluoridation equipment installation is completed at the jurisdictions’ water plants.

** San Jose (California) will be required to fluoridate under California’s Mandatory Fluoridation Law (AB733) enacted in 1995.


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*** Portland (Oregon) and Honolulu (Hawai‘i) are not fluoridated, however legislation has been introduced in both states’ legislatures that will mandate fluoridation in all cities.

**** Wichita (Kansas), while not fluoridated, is experiencing extensive local legislative efforts that, if successful, would require Wichita to fluoridate.


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