

Land Cover and Use Variables

Percent Forest Cover:	22.2
Percent Grassland, Savanna and Shrubland:	28.5
Percent Wetlands:	20.0
Percent Cropland:	35.8
Percent Irrigated Cropland:	3.1
Percent Dryland Area:	46.7
Percent Urban and Industrial Area:	12.6
Percent Loss of Original Forest Cover:	51.7

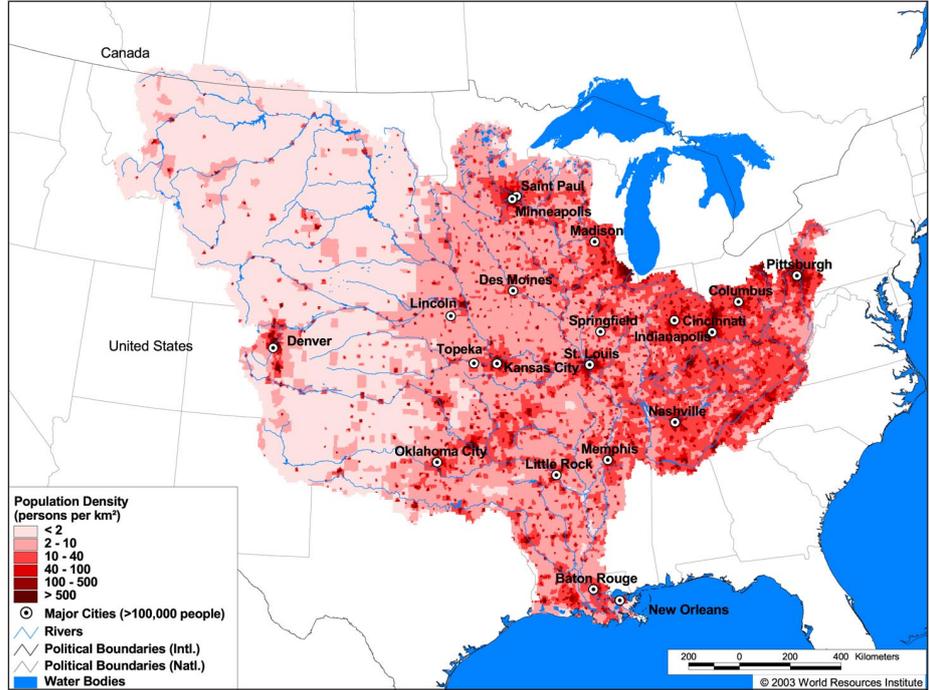


Watersheds of North and Central America

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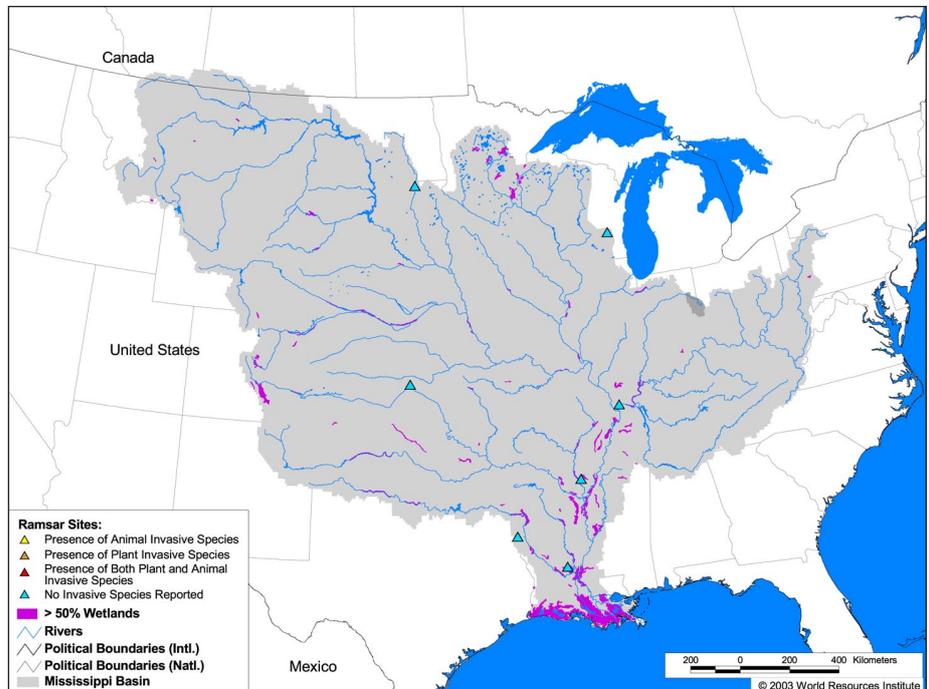
Basin Indicators

Basin Area (sq. km.):	3,202,185
Average Population Density (people per sq. km.):	21
Number of Large Cities (>100,000 people):	20
Water Supply per Person (1995)(m ³ /year):	8,973
Degree of river fragmentation:	High
Number of Dams (>15m high) in Basin:	2091
Number of Dams (>150m high) in Basin:	154
Number of Dams (>60m high) under Construction:	0
Number of Dams (>15m high) on Main Stem of River:	8
Number of Dams (>150m high) on Main Stem of River:	0



Biodiversity Information and Indicators

Number of Fish Species:	375
Number of Fish Endemics:	85-127
Number of Amphibian Species:	33
Number of Ramsar Sites:	7
Number of Wetland-Dependent IBAs:	-
Number of Endemic Bird Areas:	0
Percent Protected Area:	1.5



US Environmental Protection Agency's Mississippi River Basin Website: <http://www.epa.gov/msbasin/index.htm>