

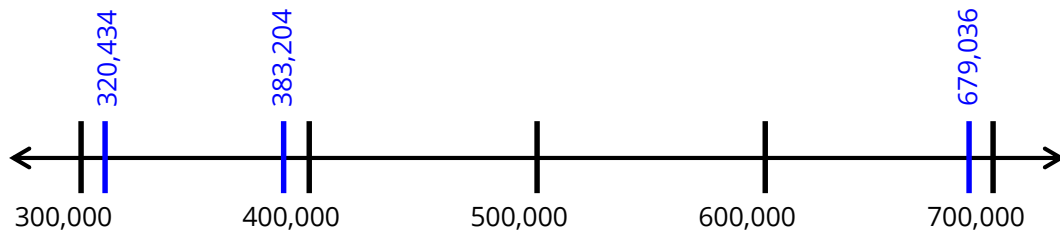
Possible Solutions

All three cities have the same number of digits in their populations. A logical approach is to look at the first digit to see if one is greater than the others. El Paso's population starts with a 6, and the other two start with a 3. That makes El Paso's population more than Arlington and Corpus Christi.

Arlington and Corpus Christi both have a 3 as the next digit, so look at the one after the 3 to decide which one is larger. Arlington has an 8 and Corpus Christi has a 2, so that makes Arlington larger than Corpus Christi.

Thousands				Units		
Hundred Thousand	Ten Thousand	One Thousand	,	Hundred	Ten	One
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When using the number line, round each population to the nearest hundred thousand to get reasonable beginning (300,000) and ending (700,000) benchmarks. Then place each population on the number line according to its value.



In order from greatest to least, the numbers are 679,036; 383,204; and 320,434.

Using inequality symbols, $679,036 > 383,204 > 320,434$.

The other correct representation is $320,434 < 383,204 < 679,036$ (least to greatest).