

Milky Way Fact Sheet

The Milky Way is a barred spiral galaxy.

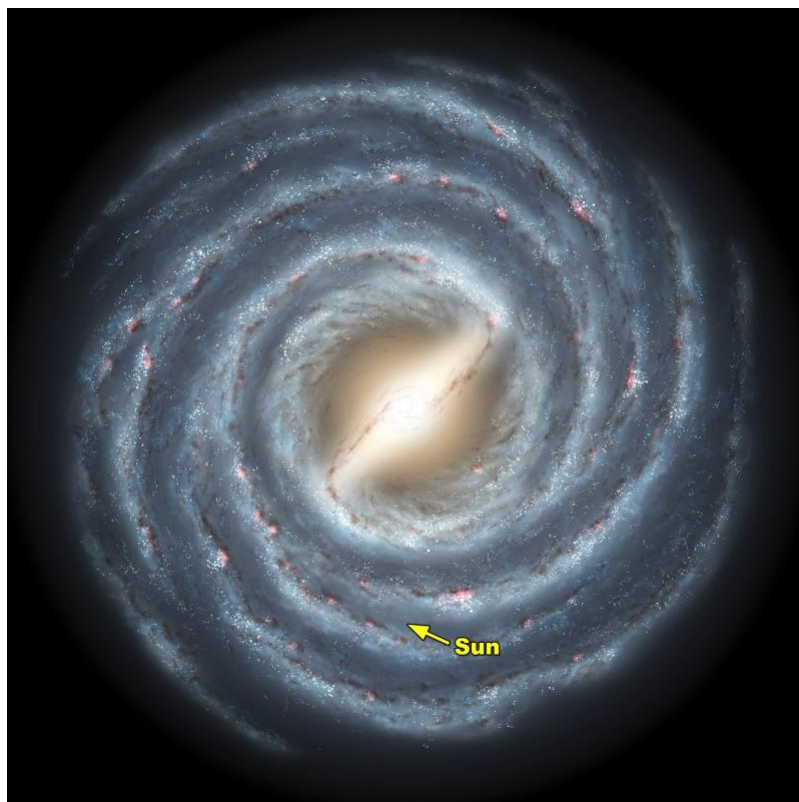
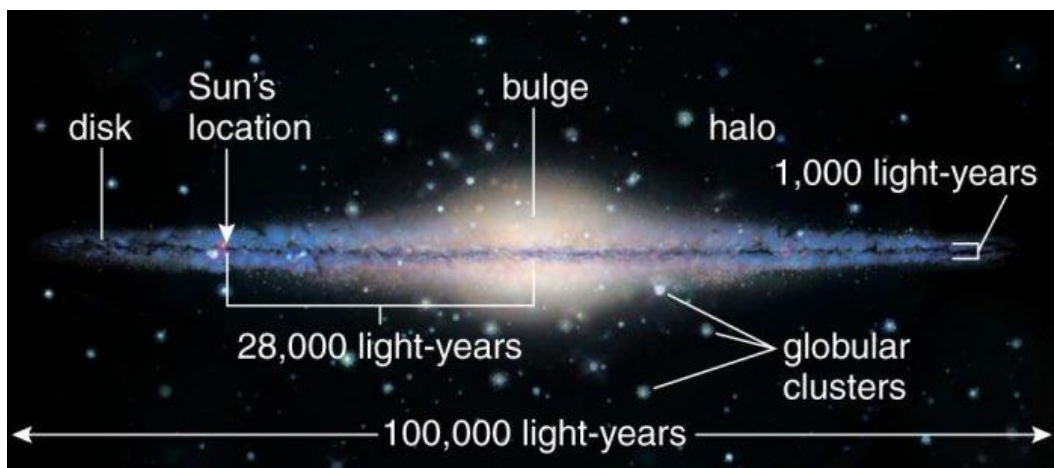
It is 100,000 light years across.

The Sun is 28,000 light years from its center.

It takes about 220 million years for the Sun to orbit around the center of the Milky Way.

There are over 200 billion stars in it.

There is a black hole at the center of the it.



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