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A topological space is said to be base-paracompact if there is a basis for the space with cardinality equal to the weight such that every open cover has a locally finite refinement by members of the basis. Related properties are given, and topological spaces that satisfy these properties are investigated. (Received September 11, 2000)