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State and County Population Estimates With  
Components of Change for 2005

Missouri's population grew by just under 41,000 persons (about .7%) over the period July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005 according to figures recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau. This rate of growth is consistent with the small but steady rate reported for the state over the 5-year period since the 2000 census. During that time the state has grown by 203,627 persons, or 3.6%. The latest state population estimate is 5,800,310; this figure ranks 18th among all states, compared with the state's rank of 17 at the time of the 2000 Census. St. Charles county continues to be the fastest growing Missouri county measured in terms of persons added, with just over 46,000. There were 3 other smaller counties that had a larger *percentage* increase over the period than St. Charles. Christian county (south of Springfield) grew by ne over the 5-year period, from 54,285 to 67,266. Lincoln (22.6%) and Warren were the other two counties, both of them located on the western edge of the Louis MSA.

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The MCDC has downloaded the data for the entire U.S. and they can be accessed in our data archive using the uexplore/dexter software. The datasets are in the data directory, most easily accessed via the **Datasets.html** directory page. The relevant datasets are **mocom05**, **uscom05**, **mocomgrns05** and **uscomcbsa**. The first two consist of state and county level summaries, while the latter two are the result of our aggregating the data to get **metro area and other county-based region summaries**.

You can access a **new set of reports based on data in the popests data di** at <http://mcdc.missouri.edu/pub/data/popests/Reports>. This page provides to both the reports and to the underlying datasets used to generate them. All [Maps] -- Powerpoint Presentation.

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## All About ... Measures of Income in the Census

We have created the first in a series of "All About..." documents that we plan to make available over the next few months. The initial document is an in depth discussion of the different ways that income and poverty are measured and reported in the census. It can be accessed at

[http://mcdc.missouri.edu/allabout/measures\\_of\\_income](http://mcdc.missouri.edu/allabout/measures_of_income).

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### **New MCDC Filetype Provides 1980 Summary Tape File 3 Extracts**

The MCDC has created a new collection of standard extracts based on the table data stored in the stf803 filetype directory. The best way to access the data is via [uexplore/dexter](#). Use the link to the MCDC Data Archive and follow the path to the 1980 sub-topic of Decennial Census Data. The new filetype is **stf803x2**. We are still working on these datasets to make sure they have all the necessary geocode codes and to enhance the metadata. But the basic variable definitions are set and the data are ready for public use.

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### **Census Bureau Q & A Center Points to MCDC Web Applications**

The Census Bureau web site has an extremely useful **Question and Answer Center** feature that allows users to do keyword searches or even to enter a question. The key to this searchable FAQ (frequently asked questions) system is a carefully indexed FAQ module that includes the Census Bureau responses to questions. The Missouri Census Data Center has two of its web applications referenced within this system, the **Cure for the Common Codes** geocode system and the **CAPS** circular area demographic profile generator (see the **Links** box on this page).

To see how this works go to the Census Bureau web site and click on the **S** button near the top of the page, leaving the FAQs radio button selected. On that page click on the **Question and Answer Center** link (or you could just go to <https://ask.census.gov/>.) The two FAQ entries that reference the MCDC applications are numbered 743 and 688. Try entering "*Looking for a fips place code*" in the *Keywords or Question* box and clicking the *Search* key. FAQ 743 was returned 3rd from this search. Curiously, the #688 entry with a reference to the CAPS application also returned, even though it does not seem relevant to the search question. A search string such as "*circular profile*" will also cause the 688 entry to be returned this time as the first (most relevant) result.

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### **MCDC Quick Tour Updated**

We have completed an extensive revision to our MCDC Quick Tour web page, especially the sections related to [Uexplore/Dexter](#).

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The **Missouri Census Data Center** is a sponsored program of the Missouri State Library within the Missouri Secretary of State. The MCDC has been a partner in the U.S. Census Bureau's **State Data Center** program since 1979.

Questions/Comments regarding this page or this web site are strongly encouraged and can be sent to [mcrc@missouri.edu](#)

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