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Missouri Counties Among Nation's Leaders in Population Growth

Jefferson City - - Two Missouri counties--Lincoln and Christian--were among the nation's 100 fastest-growing counties between April 1, 2000 and July 1, 2003, according to new population estimates released today by the Missouri Office of Administration and the U.S. Census Bureau. The two ranked 70th and 71st, respectively, in percentage growth.

In Missouri, the ten fastest-growing counties in percentage terms were Lincoln (13.5%), Christian (13.4%), Pulaski (9.9%), St. Charles (9.7%), Warren (9.5%), Cass (8.2%), Platte (7.6%), Mississippi (7.1%), Webster (6.7%), and Clinton (6.1%). All of these counties, except Mississippi and Pulaski, are in the Kansas City, St. Louis, and Springfield metropolitan areas. Growth in Mississippi County came as a result of an expanding inmate population at the new state prison in Charleston. Pulaski County experienced gains in military personnel at Fort Leonard Wood.

In terms of numerical population growth, St. Charles County led all Missouri counties by a wide margin, gaining nearly 28,000 persons. Clay County was 2nd, with an increase of 10,000 persons.

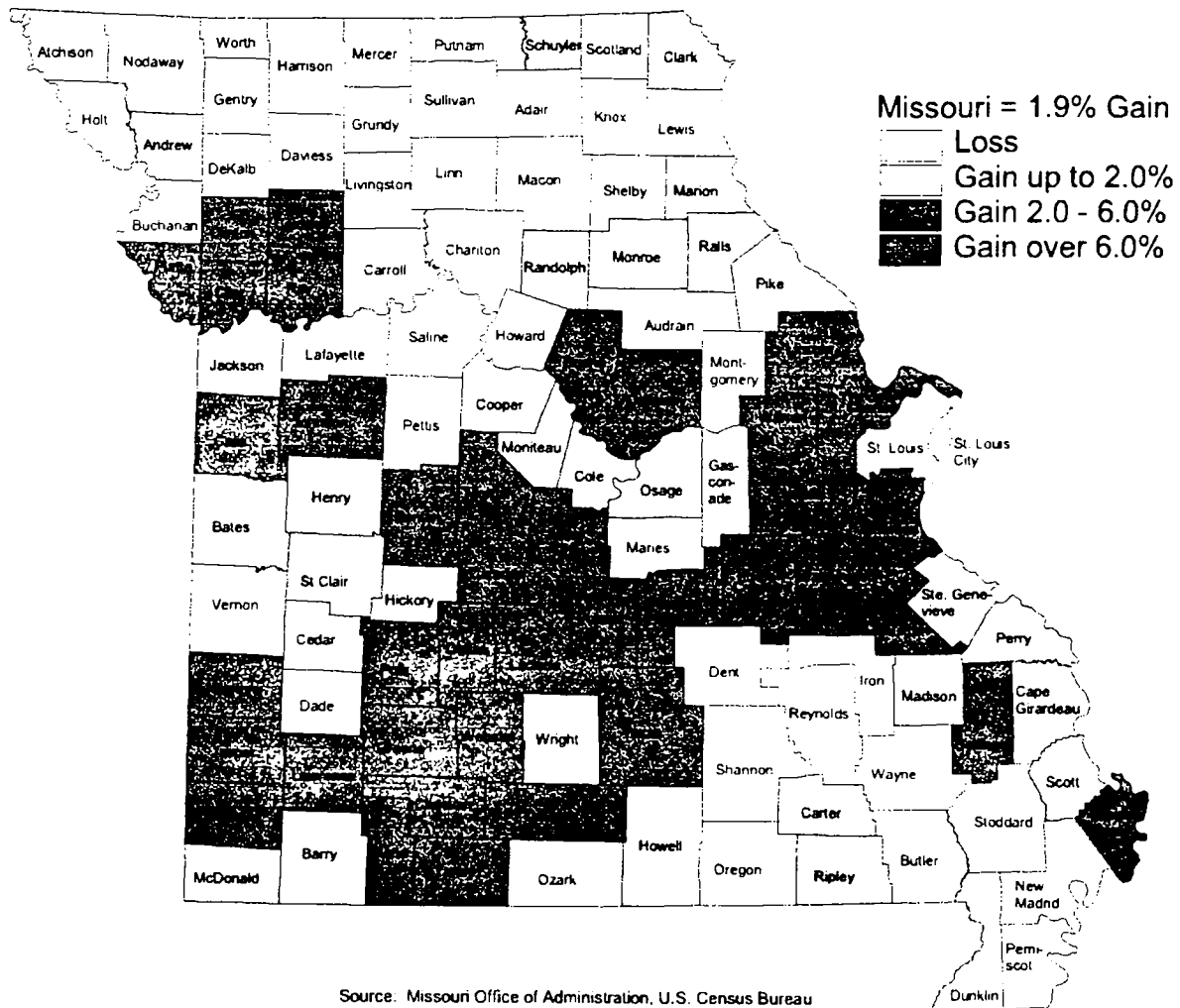
Missouri as a whole grew by a significant amount over the three-year, three-month period. Its population increased by over 100,000 to a total of 5.7 million on July 1, 2003, giving it a ranking of 23rd among all states in total growth. Most of the growth was due to a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 65,000 persons, but there was also substantial migration growth. An estimated 43,000 more persons moved into the state than out of it during this period.

Population estimates are prepared in the years between censuses by the Office of Administration in a cooperative program with the Census Bureau. The estimates are based on the last census and are updated with demographic procedures using administrative data, such as birth and death records and institutional survey results.

The new Missouri estimates are presented in the following population change map and table. Additional demographic information for Missouri and other areas in the United States is available by clicking on the "Estimates" box at the Missouri Census Data Center's Web site: mcdc.missouri.edu.

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Percent Population Change: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003



Source: Missouri Office of Administration, U.S. Census Bureau

Missouri County Populations and Components of Change: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003

Area	Population				Components of Change		
	July 1, 2003 Estimate	April 1, 2000 Census ^a	Total Change	Percent Change	Births	Deaths	Net Migration ^c
Missouri	5,704,484	5,596,683	107,801	1.9%	245,375	180,689	43,115
Adair County	24,790	24,977	-187	-0.7%	889	765	-124
Andrew County	16,813	16,492	321	1.9%	549	555	327
Atchison County	6,286	6,431	-145	-2.2%	218	305	-58
Audrain County	25,716	25,553	-137	-0.5%	1,153	899	-391
Barry County	34,529	34,010	619	1.8%	1,463	1,140	296
Barton County	12,999	12,541	458	3.7%	549	430	347
Bates County	16,937	16,653	284	1.7%	608	743	359
Benton County	18,076	17,130	895	5.2%	433	798	1,211
Boilinger County	12,318	12,029	289	2.4%	486	428	231
Boone County	141,122	135,454	5,668	4.2%	5,675	2,780	2,773
Buchanan County	84,939	85,988	-1,089	-1.3%	3,567	3,060	-1,556
Butler County	40,854	40,557	-13	0.0%	1,796	1,714	-97
Calderwell County	9,159	8,969	190	2.1%	377	363	176
Callaway County	42,225	40,766	1,459	3.6%	1,590	1,155	1,324
Camden County	38,302	37,051	1,251	3.4%	1,151	1,173	1,273
Cape Girardeau County	59,876	58,590	1,183	1.7%	2,916	2,260	527
Carroll County	10,149	10,235	-135	-1.3%	363	453	-46
Carter County	5,974	5,941	33	0.6%	250	243	26
Cass County	88,834	92,092	-3,742	-4.2%	3,579	2,359	5,522
Cedar County	13,838	13,735	105	0.8%	476	644	273
Charlton County	8,251	8,438	-187	-2.2%	248	442	7
Christian County	51,571	54,235	-2,866	-5.3%	2,664	1,321	5,943
Clark County	7,420	7,419	4	0.1%	274	250	-14
Clay County	184,247	184,005	10,241	5.6%	9,043	4,641	5,945
Clinton County	20,140	18,979	1,161	6.1%	810	657	1,008
Cole County	72,454	71,397	1,057	1.5%	2,955	2,030	118
Cooper County	17,039	16,670	339	2.0%	601	553	291
Crawford County	23,513	22,804	709	3.1%	955	855	599
Dade County	7,845	7,923	-78	-1.0%	254	418	86
Dallas County	16,113	15,551	452	2.9%	692	590	340
Davess County	8,004	8,019	-12	-0.1%	379	316	-75
DeKalb County	13,053	13,073	-19	-0.1%	348	370	12
Dent County	14,921	14,927	-6	0.0%	571	724	147
Douglas County	13,353	13,084	279	2.1%	425	495	349
Dunklin County	32,554	33,155	-601	-1.5%	1,527	1,508	-520
Franklin County	96,935	93,607	3,093	3.3%	4,166	2,917	1,849
Gaston County	15,542	15,342	200	1.3%	548	671	323
Gentry County	6,566	6,861	-295	-4.3%	228	306	-217
Greene County	245,765	240,391	5,374	2.2%	9,742	7,399	3,531
Grundy County	10,311	10,432	-121	-1.2%	396	483	-36
Harrison County	8,828	8,650	-22	-0.2%	322	421	77
Henry County	22,419	21,997	422	1.9%	976	947	393
Hickory County	9,005	8,940	65	0.7%	243	458	280
Holt County	5,145	5,351	-205	-3.8%	138	209	-135
Howard County	10,007	10,212	-205	-2.0%	356	308	-253
Howell County	37,499	37,238	261	0.7%	1,481	1,525	305
Iron County	10,306	10,697	-391	-3.7%	412	555	-248
Jackson County	659,723	654,580	4,643	0.7%	33,426	20,044	-8,539
Jasper County	108,112	104,636	3,476	3.3%	5,496	3,613	1,543
Jefferson County	206,786	198,099	8,687	4.4%	8,493	4,975	5,169
Johnson County	50,252	48,258	2,004	4.2%	2,230	1,076	850
Knox County	4,311	4,351	-50	-1.1%	195	204	-41
Laclede County	33,326	32,513	813	2.5%	1,392	1,107	528
Lafayette County	32,951	32,950	-9	0.0%	1,309	1,278	-40
Lawrence County	36,426	35,204	1,222	3.5%	1,557	1,391	1,056
Lewis County	10,226	10,494	-268	-2.6%	334	356	-246
Lincoln County	44,207	38,944	5,263	13.5%	1,855	1,047	4,454
Linn County	13,460	13,754	-294	-2.1%	586	668	-212
Livingston County	14,387	14,558	-171	-1.2%	526	550	-147

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McDonald County	21,973	21,681	292	1.3%	1,159	655	-211
Macon County	15,577	15,762	-185	-1.2%	615	742	-58
Madison County	11,804	11,800	4	0.0%	448	472	28
Marion County	8,841	8,903	-62	-0.7%	355	307	-110
Marion County	28,289	28,289	0	0.0%	1,357	1,055	-282
Mercer County	3,596	3,757	-161	-4.3%	110	150	-121
Miller County	24,255	23,564	691	2.9%	1,018	897	670
Mississippi County	14,386	13,427	959	7.1%	703	541	797
Moniteau County	14,965	14,627	338	0.9%	593	453	31
Monroe County	9,386	9,311	75	0.9%	352	332	64
Montgomery County	12,058	12,138	-80	-0.6%	528	525	-71
Morgan County	20,000	19,309	691	3.6%	736	848	801
New Madrid County	19,187	19,760	-573	-2.9%	501	845	-629
Newton County	54,033	52,636	1,397	2.7%	2,342	1,803	858
Nodaway County	21,743	21,912	-169	-0.8%	634	634	-229
Oregon County	10,301	10,344	-43	-0.4%	354	473	76
Osage County	13,134	13,062	72	0.6%	504	425	-7
Ozark County	9,458	9,542	-84	-0.5%	332	397	21
Pemiscot County	19,729	20,047	-318	-1.6%	1,151	757	-722
Perry County	18,225	18,132	93	0.5%	816	635	-89
Pettis County	39,344	39,403	-59	-0.1%	1,784	1,397	-445
Phelps County	41,668	39,825	1,843	4.6%	1,605	1,417	1,655
Pike County	18,519	18,351	168	0.9%	695	637	120
Platte County	79,350	73,781	5,609	7.6%	3,355	1,548	3,802
Polk County	28,091	26,992	1,099	4.0%	1,100	890	881
Pulaski County	45,254	41,165	4,089	9.9%	1,958	944	3,065
Putnam County	5,148	5,223	-75	-1.4%	155	253	-8
Ralls County	9,653	9,626	27	0.3%	251	332	98
Randolph County	25,045	24,663	382	1.5%	1,124	957	225
Ray County	23,926	23,354	572	2.4%	921	723	374
Reynolds County	6,581	6,689	-108	-1.6%	239	272	-74
Ripley County	13,781	13,509	272	2.0%	502	582	252
St. Charles County	311,531	283,893	27,638	9.7%	13,456	5,497	19,549
St. Clair County	9,579	9,652	-73	-0.3%	322	435	141
Ste. Genevieve County	18,094	17,842	252	1.4%	586	651	317
St. Francois County	57,929	55,641	2,288	4.1%	2,354	2,319	2,313
St. Louis County	1,013,123	1,016,300	-3,177	-0.3%	40,763	31,888	-12,052
Saline County	22,857	23,758	-869	-3.7%	972	947	-894
Schuyler County	4,209	4,170	39	0.9%	142	184	81
Scotland County	4,905	4,983	-78	-1.6%	206	248	-36
Scott County	40,779	40,422	357	0.9%	1,873	1,265	-251
Shannon County	8,293	8,324	-31	-0.4%	302	295	-38
Shelby County	6,702	6,799	-97	-1.4%	276	285	-88
Stoddard County	29,526	29,705	-179	-0.3%	1,016	1,255	160
Stone County	29,941	28,658	1,283	4.5%	911	1,062	1,434
Sullivan County	7,080	7,219	-139	-1.9%	363	307	-195
Taney County	41,403	39,703	1,700	4.3%	1,795	1,455	1,371
Texas County	24,142	23,003	1,139	5.0%	892	901	1,158
Vernon County	20,283	20,454	-171	-0.8%	642	750	-263
Warren County	26,852	24,525	2,337	9.5%	1,054	671	1,944
Washington County	23,884	23,344	540	2.3%	1,075	695	164
Wayne County	13,090	13,259	-169	-1.3%	562	611	-120
Webster County	33,124	31,045	2,079	6.7%	1,516	871	1,434
Worth County	2,270	2,382	-112	-4.7%	60	121	-51
Wright County	18,186	17,955	231	1.3%	829	691	93
St. Louis city	332,223	348,189	-15,966	-4.6%	17,925	13,741	-20,154

^a Reflects changes to the census from the Count Question Resolution Program and geographic program revisions.

^b Includes domestic and international migration, and a small residual adjustment.

Source: Missouri Office of Administration, U.S. Census Bureau