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**Fact Sheet**

**Subject: 2007 Oldham County Population Estimates Released March 20: Population as of July 1, 2007 Nearly 56,000**

The Census Bureau released the 2007 County Population Estimates on March 20, 2008. The estimated county population as of July 1, 2007 was 55,935. Since the 2000 census, Oldham County has realized a gain of 9,757 people for an overall 21.1 percent increase. The increase since July 1, 2000 (from which yearly estimate data are computed) is an estimated 8,954.

The bureau has adjusted previously released estimates for Kentucky and its counties from 2000 forward, which has resulted in a slight decrease in previous estimates for Oldham County. (An explanation from the Census Bureau with respect to the adjustments is at Appendix A)

For example, the data released last March for the Oldham County population estimate as of July 1, 2006 reflected an estimated 2006 population of 55,285. The data reflect that the Oldham County population grew by an estimated 2.7 percent or 1,471 persons from July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007. This compares to the previously estimated net numeric increase of 1,677 persons from 2005-2006 (3.18 percent population increase) and a population of 54,464 as of July 1, 2006.

Table 1 below summarizes the most current Census Bureau data from 2000 – 2007.

Year	Estimated Population July 1 of Each Year	Numeric Change	Percentage Change
2000 <sup>1</sup>	46,981		-
2001	47,848	867	1.9%
2002	48,974	1,126	2.4%
2003	50,257	1,283	2.6%
2004	51,550	1,293	2.6%
2005	52,787	1,237	2.4%
2006	54,464	1,677	3.2%
2007	55,935	1,471	2.7%

Note: The official 2000 Census population for Oldham County was 46,178 as of 1 April 2000. However, there was an undercount in the western edge of the county that was adjusted to 46,618 to serve as an estimate base for out-year calculations. That estimate has been further adjusted to 46,981 in the latest estimates.

The data, available on the Census Bureau website ([www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)), reflect that Oldham County remains the 16th most populated county of the Commonwealth's 120 counties. The county was ranked 19th in 2000.

Additionally, the data indicate that Oldham County is the 5th fastest growing county in Kentucky since the 2000 census in the percentage increase of population (21.1 percent) and is 8<sup>th</sup> in net numeric increase (9,757 persons).

Table 2 below reflects the 10 fastest growing counties in Kentucky since 2000 in terms of numeric increase.

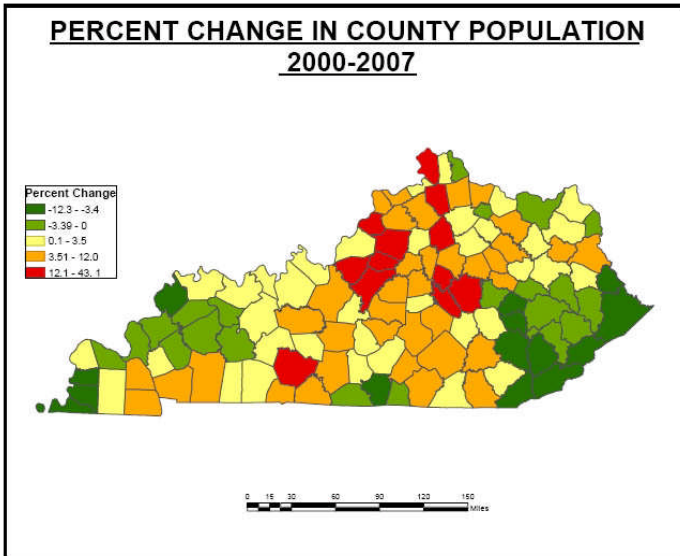
Table 2: Annual Estimates of the Population for Counties of Kentucky: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007						Population Change Census 2000 - 2007
Geographic Area	Census 2000	Population Estimates				Number
		July 1, 2000	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2007	
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>4,041,769</b>	<b>4,049,049</b>	<b>4,067,461</b>	<b>4,204,444</b>	<b>4,241,474</b>	<b>199,705</b>
Boone	85,991	87,005	90,245	109,180	112,459	26,468
Fayette	260,512	261,192	263,330	275,915	279,044	18,532
Jefferson	693,604	694,036	695,188	703,617	709,264	15,660
Bullitt	61,236	61,635	63,200	72,502	73,931	12,695
Warren	92,522	92,819	93,612	102,238	104,023	11,501
Madison	70,872	71,315	72,654	80,234	81,103	10,231
Scott	33,061	33,415	34,495	41,399	42,954	9,893
<b>Oldham</b>	<b>46,178</b>	<b>46,981</b>	<b>47,848</b>	<b>54,464</b>	<b>55,935</b>	<b>9,757</b>
Christian	72,265	72,412	74,786	78,459	80,868	8,603
Shelby	33,337	33,554	34,079	39,377	40,458	7,121

The data indicate that Oldham County's estimated population growth of 9,757 from 2000 to 2007 was the third highest in the Commonwealth of any county with a population less than 100,000 (Bullitt and Madison Counties have realized greater numeric gains).

The top ten fastest growing counties in Kentucky in terms of percentage increase since 2000 are depicted in Table 3 below:

Table 3: Annual Estimates of the Population for Counties of Kentucky: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007					Population Change Census 2000 - 2007	
Geographic Area	Census 2000	Population Estimates			Number	Percent
		July 1, 2000	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2007		
Spencer	11,766	11,996	12,691	16,837	5,071	43.1
Boone	85,991	87,005	90,245	112,459	26,468	30.8
Scott	33,061	33,415	34,495	42,954	9,893	29.9
Shelby	33,337	33,554	34,079	40,458	7,121	21.4
<b>Oldham</b>	<b>46,178</b>	<b>46,981</b>	<b>47,848</b>	<b>55,935</b>	<b>9,757</b>	<b>21.1</b>
Bullitt	61,236	61,635	63,200	73,931	12,695	20.7
Jessamine	39,041	39,210	39,747	45,555	6,514	16.7
Garrard	14,792	14,869	15,126	17,041	2,249	15.2
Madison	70,872	71,315	72,654	81,103	10,231	14.4
Nelson	37,477	37,682	38,209	42,517	5,040	13.4

Figure 1 below (from the Kentucky State Data Center) shows the distribution of high growth counties around the Commonwealth. Counties shown in red have experienced population increases ranging from 12.1 percent to 43.1 percent since 2000. With the exception of Warren County, the state's fastest growing counties are located in and around the "Golden Triangle" cities of Louisville, Lexington, and Cincinnati (Northern Kentucky).



While the percentage increase in population is not as great as the county experienced during the 1990's, the yearly numeric increases exceed those in the 1990s and have averaged 1,462 persons the past three years. If recent trends continue, the county population will likely exceed 60,000 persons when the 2010 census is conducted.

The Oldham County population increased by 12,915 persons from 1990 to 2000 and is on track to exceed 14,000 persons during the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

While the Oldham County's growth is significant in terms of numeric and percentage increases, the growth can not be characterized as "explosive". Overall, from July to July of each year since 2000, the county is growing an average of 1,279 persons or 2.5 percent yearly.

### Components of Population Change

It is also important to understand the overall components of population change for Oldham County since 2000. As reflected in Table 4, Oldham County has one of the highest ratios of births to deaths in the Commonwealth. For every death recorded in the county since 2000, there have been 1.99 births (5<sup>th</sup> highest in Kentucky). The high ratios in Christian and Hardin Counties are likely attributable to its large military populations). When factoring net migration into the county population increase this decade (internal and international migration less natural increases), the county absorbed a net 7,458 new persons.

Table 4: Components of Change in Kentucky, Top 10 Counties, Births-to-Deaths Ratio

<b>Table 4: Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change for Counties of Kentucky: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007</b>								
Geographic Area	Total Population Change*	Natural Increase	Vital Events		Births to Deaths Ratio	Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths		Total	International**	Internal
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>199,193</b>	<b>110,877</b>	<b>401,673</b>	<b>290,796</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>94,672</b>	<b>30,881</b>	<b>63,791</b>
Boone County	26,468	7,300	11,581	4,281	2.71	19,571	1,319	18,252
Scott County	9,893	2,682	4,370	1,688	2.59	7,368	286	7,082
Christian County	8,560	6,373	10,604	4,231	2.51	-5,505	-1,197	-4,308
Hardin County	3,779	5,761	10,796	5,035	2.14	-1,555	-58	-1,497
<b>Oldham County</b>	<b>9,317</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>2,054</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>7,458</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>7,275</b>
Grant County	2,777	1,405	2,829	1,424	1.99	1,460	72	1,388
Spencer County	5,071	658	1,356	698	1.94	4,427	22	4,405
Bullitt County	12,695	2,665	5,556	2,891	1.92	7,046	5	7,041
Fayette County	18,532	12,965	27,377	14,412	1.90	6,726	8,022	-1,296
Shelby County	7,121	1,827	3,870	2,043	1.89	5,448	843	4,605

\*Total population change includes residual - see State and County Terms & Definitions at <http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/terms/states.html>.

\*\*Net international migration includes the international migration of both native and foreign-born populations. Specifically, it includes: (a) the net international migration of the foreign born, (b) the net migration between the United States and Puerto Rico, (c) the net migration of natives to and from the United States, and (d) the net overseas movement of the Armed Forces population.

The 2000 Census reflected that Oldham County’s average household size of 2.85 was the highest in the state, compared to the state average of 2.47. Additionally, Oldham County led the state in the percent of owner occupied housing units with 86.9 percent compared to a state average of 70.8 percent. Moreover, Oldham County had the highest percentage of married couples in the Commonwealth (71.5 percent compared to the state average of 53.9 percent.) The 2000 Census reflected 14,856 households in the county and a total of 15,541 housing units of which 14,856 were occupied.

One might infer that Oldham County’s net migration growth since 2000 of 7,458 persons roughly generated the demand for an estimated 2,616 new and existing housing stock in the county (7,458/2.85 persons per household) during that period.

The Census Bureau estimates for 2006 show that the county’s housing unit inventory had grown to 19,882, an increase of 5,026 new housing units, or 33.8 percent since the 2000 Census. Meanwhile the estimated total population in the county grew by 17.9 percent from the 2000 Census through July 1, 2006. The disconnect between population growth and the increase in housing units has resulted in a significant housing surplus for the county for both new and existing homes that remains today.

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## Appendix A

### Census Bureau Explanation for 2007 Population Estimates Adjustments

(The following is a response to an Oldham Ahead request to the Census Bureau for an explanation of the adjustments to prior year Census Bureau estimates)

I was forwarded your message regarding the 2007 county population estimates. In your message you asked if the estimates for the previous years had been revised when we released the 2007 population estimates. Yes, we revised the estimates for all previous years back to 2000 when we released the 2007 estimates. We always revise the population estimates for the previous years when we release a new set of estimates. The revisions are due to updated data on the components of population change, such as births and deaths, and revisions we have made to the estimates methodology. For the 2007 estimates we made revisions to our estimates of internal migration that had the effect of changing the estimates for some counties as you have noticed in Oldham County.

We measure internal migration by analyzing the address information on IRS tax returns. We have revised this process for 2007 so that our estimates show a more accurate picture of people (such as college students and military personnel) who moved and filed an income tax return for the first time.

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