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[Oldham County 2000 Census Data Fact Sheet # 4](#)

Subject: Profile of General Demographic Characteristics

The Census Bureau released the Table DP-1 Profile of General Demographic Characteristics for Kentucky on May 17. Detailed Excel spread sheets for Kentucky's counties and cities have been posted on the State Data Center's website at www.cbpa.louisville.edu/ksdc/. The information displayed in this fact sheet has been extracted and computed from the raw data posted on the site.

We have analyzed the data to determine some of the demographic strengths and weaknesses of Oldham County relative to the other 119 Kentucky counties. As expected, Oldham County is a leader in a number of significant areas.

Oldham County is a leader in percentage of married couples; average household size and average family size; percentage of children 5 to 14 years of age; percentage of adults aged 45-54; numbers and percentage of institutionalized persons; percentage of owner-occupied housing units; and lowest rental vacancy rates.

Oldham County continues to lead the State—by a large margin—with respect to the percent of married couples living in the county. This reinforces the family oriented nature of the county that is a well known drawing card for the county and plays an important role in the quality of the public school system within the county. The top seven counties are listed below.

**Percent Married Couples
 Counties with Highest Percentages
 (State Average = 53.9)**

Ranking	County	Percent
1	Oldham	71.5%
2	Spencer	67.9%
3	Bullitt	65.4%
4	Hancock	64.4%
5	Meade	64.0%
6	Pendleton	62.8%
7	Anderson	62.8%

Given the data above, it is not unexpected to see that Oldham County has the third lowest percent of unmarried couples in the State. The seven counties with the lowest percentages are displayed below:

**Percent Unmarried Couples
Counties with Lowest Percentages
(State Average = 1.76 Percent)**

Ranking	County	Percent
1	Morgan	1.02%
2	Harlan	1.02%
3	Oldham	1.08%
4	Letcher	1.12%
5	Pike	1.12%
6	Hickman	1.12%
7	Magoffin	1.13%

Because of the married family statistics, it would follow that Oldham County is a leader the average household size and average family size in the Commonwealth. That data are presented below.

**Average Household Size
Counties with Highest Average Household Sizes
(State Average = 2.47)**

Ranking	County	Avg Size
1	Oldham	2.85
2	Meade	2.77
3	Pendleton	2.75
4	Bullitt	2.75
5	Spencer	2.74
6	Boone	2.73
7	Grant	2.72

**Average Family Size
Counties with Highest Average Family Sizes
(State Average = 2.97)**

Ranking	County	Avg Size
1	Oldham	3.17
1	Boone	3.17
3	Meade	3.15
4	Pendleton	3.14
5	Christian	3.12
6	Kenton	3.11
6	Gallatin	3.11

The medium age of Oldham County citizens for the 2000 Census was 36.7 years compared to 33.1 years a decade ago. However, the unusually high percentage of institutionalized population distorts that figure upward and distorts the age segment percentages of Oldham County's youth population downward. Backing out the prison population better reflects the challenges facing the Oldham County Board of Education and other youth service providers in the coming years. Our calculations show that Oldham County is actually ranked second in the state in the percentage of under-18 population with age segment 5-9 years ranked second statewide and age segment 10-14 ranked first.

Percent Children Under 5 Years of Age:

State Avg = 6.6%
Oldham Unadjusted = 6.6% (41st in the State)
Adjusted = 7.13% (16th in the State)

Percent Children 5 to 9 Years:

State Avg = 6.9%
Oldham Unadjusted = 7.8% (11th in the State)
Oldham Adjusted = 8.48 (2nd in the State)

Percent Children 10 to 14 Years:

State Avg = 6.91%
Oldham Unadjusted = 8.28% (2nd in the State)
Oldham Adjusted = 8.98% (1st in the State)

Percent Children 15 to 19 Years:

State Avg = 7.2%
Oldham Unadjusted = 6.9% (86th in the State)
Oldham Adjusted = 7.52% (30th in the State)

The data for the baby boomer and older populations are also interesting. The data are somewhat skewed because of the incarcerated population, but not to the extent of the 19-44 year population segments. (We will not be able to determine the exact overall impact of the prison population until the demographic profiles are released down to the Census Tract and Block levels).

Percent Adults 45-54 Years:

State Avg = 13.8%
Oldham = 16.8% (1st in the State)

Percent Adults 60-64 Years:

State Avg = 4.2%
Oldham = 3.3% (117th in the State)

Percent Adults 65-74 Years:

State Avg = 6.8%
Oldham = 4.2% (120th [last] in the State)

One can probably safely conclude that the percent of adults 45-54 years for which Oldham County led the state, and the percentages of children from one-to-14 years are closely related as the migration of baby boomers and their children account for a large percentage of Oldham County's growth the past decade. Meanwhile, the percentage of the county's older population—from ages 60 and up—rank among the lowest in the State—even though each age segment increased the past ten years.

The institutionalized population in Oldham County is important due to its size and its impact to the overall demographics of the county. The tables below provide some additional insights to the raw numbers. It is important to recognize that the Census Bureau definition for *Institutionalized Population* includes people under formally authorized, supervised care or custody in institutions at the time of enumeration and includes correctional institutions, nursing homes, and juvenile institutions.

Institutionalized Population
Counties with Highest Numbers of Institutionalized Persons
(Total State Institutionalized Population = 62,057)

Ranking	County	Total
1	Jefferson	7,699
2	Fayette	4,722
3	Oldham	3,789
4	Clay	2,159
5	Morgan	1,814
6	Boyd	1,754
7	Boyle	1,592

Percent Institutionalized Population
Counties with Highest Institutionalized Person Percentage
(State Average = 1.54%)

Ranking	County	Percent
1	Lyon	19.1%
2	Morgan	13.0%
3	Lee	8.9%
4	Clay	8.8%
5	Oldham	8.2%
6	Marion	6.0%
7	Boyle	5.6%

Oldham County had a total of 14,856 occupied housing units in 2000. Of those, 12,913 (86.9 percent) were owner-occupied housing units, and 1,943 (13.1 percent) were renter-occupied housing units.

The county experienced a 45.6 percent increase in owner-occupied homes the past decade, compared to an overall population increase of 38.8 percent (35.5 percent if the prison population is excluded). Its percentage increase was the highest in the Louisville metropolitan area.

Oldham County leads the Commonwealth in the percentage of owner-occupied housing units.

**Owner-Occupied Housing Units
Counties with Highest Percentage of Owner-Occupied Housing Units
(State Average = 70.8)**

Ranking	County	Percent
1	Oldham	86.9%
2	Edmonson	85.6%
3	Livingston	85.2%
4	Bullitt	83.9%
5	Carlisle	83.8%
6	Muhlenberg	82.8%
7	Spencer	82.6%
7	Marshall	82.8%

Oldham County's homeowner vacancy rate percentage was 1.7 percent, just below the State average of 1.8 percent. However, its rental vacancy rate was among the State's lowest.

**Rental Vacancy Rate
Counties with Lowest Rental Vacancy Rates
(State Average = 8.7%)**

Ranking	County	Percent
1	Washington	4.0%
2	Bracken	4.1%
3	Oldham	4.4%
4	Magoffin	5.1%
5	Jessamine	5.2%
6	Lewis	5.2%
7	Wolfe	5.3%

For additional census information and analyses, visit the Oldham Ahead website at www.oldhamahead.org. We will update the Census 2000 data as it is released from the Census Bureau and the Kentucky State Data Center and provide both raw data from the bureau as well as tailored Oldham County data.

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