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Fact Sheet

Oldham County Population Estimates Released March 22: Population as of July 1, 2006 Exceeds 55,000

The Census Bureau released the 2006 County Population Estimates on Thursday, March 22, 2007. The data reflect that the Oldham County population grew by an estimated 3.4 percent or 1,826 person from July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2006. The county's population was an estimated 55,285 as of July 1, 2006.

This compares to an estimated net numeric increase of 1,452 persons from 2004-2005 (2.8 percent population increase) and a population of 53,459 as of July 1, 2005.

Nation-wide, Oldham County's percentage growth since 2000 was ranked 177th of the nation's 3,141 counties (top six percent). Its numeric estimated growth was ranked 411th from 2000-2006. In comparison, Oldham County's percentage growth from 1990-2000 was 164th nationally (38.8 percent) and its numeric growth was 489th.

Since 2000, the population has increased by an estimated 9,107 persons (19.7 percent) realizing a significant numeric and percentage increase from 2005 to 2006. The 2006 gain of 1,826 represents a 22 percent increase over the net gain of 1,439 from 2004-2005. Overall, the county is growing an average of 3.1 percent each year since 2000.

Year	Estimated Population July 1 of Each Year	Numeric Change	Percentage Change
2000 ¹	46,618		-
2001	48,016	1,398	2.9%
2002	49,173	1,157	2.4%
2003	50,591	1,346	2.7%
2004	52,020	1,429	2.8%
2005	53,459	1,439	2.7%
2006	55,285	1,826	3.4%

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.

The data, available on the Census Bureau website (www.census.gov), reflect that Oldham County remains the 16th most populated county of the Commonwealth's 120 counties. The county was ranked 20th in 2000.

Additionally, the data indicate that Oldham County is the 4th fastest growing county in Kentucky since the 2000 census in the percentage increase of population (19.7 percent) and is 4th in net numeric increase (9,107 persons).

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

Annual Estimates of the Population for Counties of Kentucky: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006					Population Change 2000-2006	
Geographic Area	Population Estimates			Census 2000	Number	Percent
	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2000			
Kentucky	4,206,074	4,172,608	4,049,260	4,041,769	164,305	4.1
Spencer	16,475	15,637	12,016	11,766	4,709	40.0
Boone	110,080	106,278	87,015	85,991	24,089	28.0
Scott	41,605	39,530	33,436	33,061	8,544	25.8
Oldham	55,285	53,459	47,031	46,178	9,107	19.7
Shelby	39,717	38,216	33,570	33,337	6,380	19.1
Bullitt	72,851	71,440	61,651	61,236	11,615	19.0
Jessamine	44,790	43,402	39,214	39,041	5,749	14.7
Garrard	16,933	16,538	14,888	14,792	2,141	14.5
Nelson	42,102	41,066	37,696	37,477	4,625	12.3
Trimble	9,074	9,036	8,173	8,125	949	11.7

The data also indicate that Oldham County's estimated population growth of 9,107 from 2000 to 2006 was the second highest in the Commonwealth of any county with a population less than 100,000 (Bullitt County has gained 11,615 since 2000). The county's estimated numeric growth was only 1,170 persons less than the numeric growth of Fayette County and has exceeded Jefferson County's numeric increase by 1,211 during that time frame. The top ten Kentucky counties in terms of numeric growth since 2000 are depicted below:

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Fayette	270,789	267,929	260,945	260,512	10,277	3.9

Oldham	55,285	53,459	47,031	46,178	9,107	19.7
Warren	101,266	98,929	92,802	92,522	8,744	9.5
Scott	41,605	39,530	33,436	33,061	8,544	25.8
Madison	79,015	77,740	71,267	70,872	8,143	11.5
Jefferson	701,500	699,051	693,907	693,604	7,896	1.1
Shelby	39,717	38,216	33,570	33,337	6,380	19.1
Jessamine	44,790	43,402	39,214	39,041	5,749	14.7

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 1,565 persons the past three years. If recent trends continue, the county will likely exceed 61,000 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 14-15,000 persons during the first decade of the 21st century.

Oldham County's estimated population is greatly exceeding Census Bureau population projections from which the 2002 County Comprehensive Plan was partly based. The 2010 population projection for the county reflected in Table 2.4 of Outlook 2020, Oldham County Comprehensive Plan, was 57,004. Based on current trends, the county's population has reached that already, which will likely be validated by the 2007 population estimates to be released in March 2008.

The 2020 population projection for the county was 62,986. The county will most likely reach that figure by 2011.

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