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**Fact Sheet:** April 9, 2004 U.S. Census Bureau County Estimates and Components of Population Change, 2000-2003

**Latest Census Bureau statistics show Oldham County's growth rate remains near the top of Kentucky counties: Population estimated at 50,517 as of July 1, 2003.**

The Census Bureau in conjunction with the Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates produces annual estimates of the total resident population for the nation, states, and counties. The latest data available, released April 9, 2004 reflects population estimates as of 1 July 2003. Oldham County's population was estimated to be 50,517—officially topping the half-century mark for the first time.

Population estimates are prepared annually for years after the last published decennial census. These estimates for the United States, states, and counties use the Census 2000 data as the estimates base and are updated from July 2002 estimates. The Census Bureau uses data on births, deaths, and domestic and international migration to determine its estimates.

The data are available from the Kentucky State Data Center and Kentucky Population Research, University of Louisville Urban Studies Institute, at <http://ksdc.louisville.edu/kpr/popest/est.htm>.

Table 1 below, extracted from official U.S. Census Bureau data, reflects Oldham County's estimated population, with yearly estimates from the 2000 census. (The Census Bureau revised Oldham County's official 2000 census figure upwards a total of 440 people due to an undercount of citizens living near the Jefferson County line.)

<b>Table 1: Annual Estimates of the Population for Counties of Kentucky:</b>						
<b>April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003</b>						
Geographic Area	Population estimates				April 1, 2000	
	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	Estimates base	Census
<b>Kentucky</b>	4,117,827	4,089,822	4,067,336	4,048,635	4,042,209	4,041,769
<b>Oldham County</b>	<b>50,517</b>	<b>49,192</b>	<b>47,991</b>	<b>47,024</b>	<b>46,618</b>	<b>46,178</b>
Note: The April 1, 2000 Population Estimates base reflects changes to the Census 2000 population from the Count Question Resolution program and geographic program revisions.						
Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, (Kentucky Population Research, Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville)						
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Oldham County continues to experience one of Kentucky's highest growth rates both in percent of growth as well as total population change. This continues the demographic trend from the

1990s in which Oldham County grew nearly 40 percent according to the 2000 Census. Oldham County's July 1, 2003 estimated population of 50,517 reflects a 3,899 person increase from the April 1, 2000 official revised census figure of 46,618. The nearly 4,000 person increase was the fifth highest in Kentucky and is very close to Jefferson County's net increase of an estimated 5,413 persons. However, given the relative sizes of the two counties, Oldham County's increase may be considered more significant in terms of infrastructure impact (schools, roads, sewers, fire, police and rescue, parks, etc.).

The 8.4 percent increase in estimated population growth ranked fourth of the Commonwealth's 120 counties. Oldham County's increase accounted for over five percent of Kentucky's net estimated population increase of 75,618.

Table 2 below shows the top 15 Kentucky counties with respect to estimated population change from April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003. The columns on the right provide the relative rankings of numeric growth and percentage growth respectively.

<b>Table 2: Cumulative Estimates of Population Change for Counties of Kentucky and County Rankings: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003</b>						
Geographic Area	Population estimates		Change, 2000 to 2003		Change, 2000 to 2003	
	July 1, 2003	April 1, 2000 estimates base	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Boone County	97,139	85,991	11,148	13.0	1	2
Fayette County	266,798	260,512	6,286	2.4	2	35
Jefferson County	699,017	693,604	5,413	0.8	3	67
Madison County	74,814	70,872	3,942	5.6	4	12
<b>Oldham County</b>	<b>50,517</b>	<b>46,618</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Bullitt County	64,909	61,236	3,673	6.0	6	10
Scott County	36,726	33,061	3,665	11.1	7	3
Warren County	95,778	92,522	3,256	3.5	8	22
Laurel County	55,488	52,715	2,773	5.3	9	13
Shelby County	35,900	33,337	2,563	7.7	10	6
Spencer	14,301	11,766	2,535	21.5	11	1

County						
Jessamine County	41,508	39,041	2,467	6.3	12	9
Nelson County	39,635	37,477	2,158	5.8	13	11
Hardin County	96,052	94,170	1,882	2.0	14	42
Pulaski County	58,013	56,217	1,796	3.2	15	25
Kentucky	4,117,827	4,042,209	75,618	1.9	(X)	(X)
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Table 3 outlines the cumulative estimates of the components of population change for Kentucky and Oldham County respectively for the period April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003.

<b>Table 3: Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change for Counties of Kentucky: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003</b>							
Geographic Area	Total Population Change*	Natural Increase			Net Migration		
		Total	Births	Deaths	Total	Net International Migration	Net Internal Migration
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>75,618</b>	<b>47,061</b>	<b>177,581</b>	<b>130,520</b>	<b>30,493</b>	<b>17,753</b>	<b>12,740</b>
Oldham County	3,899	883	1,727	844	2,955	104	2,851
*Total population change includes residual - see "State and County Terms & Definitions"							
Note: The April 1, 2000 Population Estimates base reflects changes to the Census 2000 population from the Count Question Resolution program and geographic program revisions.							
Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, (Kentucky Population Research, Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville)							
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While the net migration of new persons into Oldham County accounted for 76 percent of Oldham County's estimated growth, the 1,727 births and resulting net natural increase of 883 are significant for several reasons. The ratio of births to deaths is much higher in Oldham County than in Kentucky as a whole. Oldham County remains a relatively "young county" with respect to the percentage of children in the overall population, a trend borne out in the 2000 census.

The births, combined with net internal migrations of children included in the total of 2,955 persons, will most likely continue to challenge the Oldham County Board of Education's efforts to build facilities and accompanying teaching and administrative personnel strength in the coming years.

Oldham County estimated net internal migration since the 2000 census is 2,851 compared to Jefferson County's net internal migration loss of 8,616. Clearly, Oldham County remains a choice relocation area for in and out-of state moves and job transferees.

Table 4 breaks shows the annual estimates of the components of population change for Kentucky and Oldham County for the one year period July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2003. Trends from the previous years continued.

<b>Table 4: Annual Estimates of the Components of Population Change for Counties of Kentucky: July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2003</b>							
Geographic Area	Total Population Change*	Natural Increase			Net Migration		
		Total	Births	Deaths	Total	Net International Migration	Net Internal Migration
<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>28,005</b>	<b>14,385</b>	<b>55,140</b>	<b>40,755</b>	<b>14,008</b>	<b>5,416</b>	<b>8,592</b>
Oldham County	1,325	285	523	238	1,023	32	991
*Total population change includes residual - see "State and County Terms & Definitions"							
Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, (Kentucky Population Research, Urban Studies Institute, University of Louisville)							
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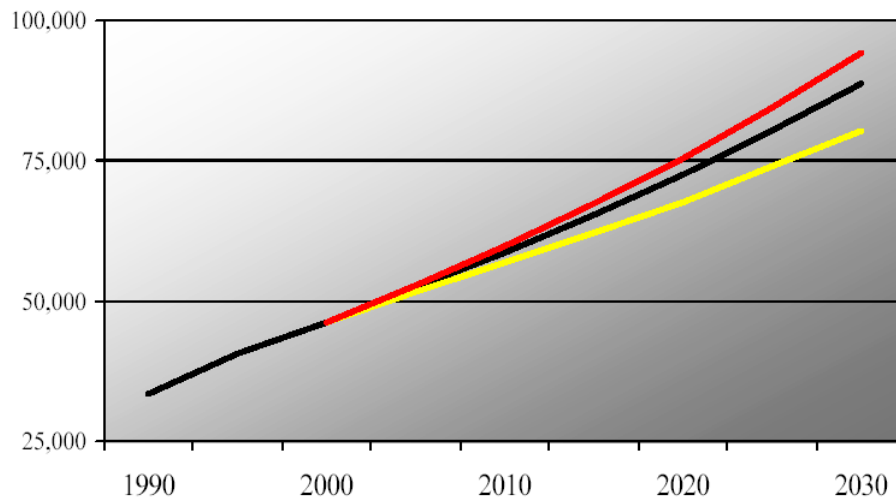
Additionally, the University of Louisville Urban Studies Institute produces projections of Kentucky state and county resident populations by age and sex. These projections are based on assumptions about future births, deaths, and migration. Although the Institute provides three alternative series—low, middle, and high—the middle series is preferred and generally recommended for planning purposes. Projections are revised periodically. The projections released August 5, 2003 replaced all previous forecasts produced by the Institute.

A summary table and chart from the University of Louisville Urban Studies Institute for Oldham County are provided below:

**Table 5: Populations 1990-2000, with Middle, Low, and High Projections 2005-2030.**

1990	1995	2000			2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
33,263	40,611	46,178		Middle	52,448	58,666	65,238	72,416	80,334	88,683
<b>Oldham County</b>				Low	51,637	56,766	62,028	67,684	73,859	80,171
				High	52,919	59,795	67,177	75,343	84,432	94,139

### Oldham County Population Projections: Low, Middle, & High Series



While the Urban Studies Institute recommends using the middle series for planning purposes, Oldham Ahead's analysis of the 2000 census data and subsequently released Census estimate data indicate that the county would be prudent to use the high series and potentially adjust even higher based upon actual growth rates. Oldham County's annual growth rates for the 1990's through the 2003 estimates exceed both the middle and high series annual rates. As one of the fastest growing counties in the state and the country, (Oldham County's rate of growth for the 1990's was 164<sup>th</sup> out of 3,141 U.S. counties), government and private sector planners should recognize that Oldham County does not fit the Kentucky norm, and adjust out-year housing, infrastructure and budget requirements accordingly.

Oldham Ahead periodically reviews and analyzes census data to provide objective data to Oldham County citizens and public officials. An awareness and understanding of Census estimates and projections are critical for making informed growth management and economic development policy decisions for the county. We invite interested persons to visit the Oldham Ahead website at [www.oldhamahead.org](http://www.oldhamahead.org) to review Oldham County census data.

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