

**COUNTY POPULATION ESTIMATES  
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGION  
JULY 1, 2000 TO JULY 1, 2004**

The Census Bureau has recently released the July 1, 2004 county population estimates for the State of Missouri. The table on the following page illustrates the population estimates for the counties in the Southeast Missouri Region as of July 1 of each year since the decennial census in April of 2000.

The only county that has consistently declined in population during the period 2000 to 2004 has been Iron County. The Census Bureau estimates show Iron County losing population each year, with the exception of 2004, when it showed a slight gain of 0.11%. Over the time span covered in the table, Iron County's population has declined by 3.44%.

Madison and Perry Counties each registered a decline in their estimated population for one of the years in the table. Madison County declined by 0.81% in 2003 and Perry County declined by 0.13% in 2001.

Overall, six of the seven counties have shown an increase in population. The most dramatic increase is St. Francois County, which the Census Bureau estimates has grown over 9% since the 2000 Census. Other than Iron County, which has declined in population, the slowest growth has been in Madison and Perry Counties. Madison County grew by 1.25%, while Perry County grew by only 0.87%. The Southeast Missouri Region's population grew by 4% in the time frame covered.

**Table 1: Annual Estimates of the Population for the seven counties of Southeast Missouri:  
April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2004**

Geographic Area	Population Estimates					April 1, 2000	
	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	Estimates Base	Census
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>5,754,618</b>	<b>5,719,204</b>	<b>5,679,770</b>	<b>5,642,575</b>	<b>5,606,246</b>	<b>5,596,683</b>	<b>5,595,211</b>
Bollinger County	12,341	12,311	12,300	12,280	12,065	12,029	12,029
Cape Girardeau County	70,730	69,775	69,489	69,212	68,763	68,693	68,693
Iron County	10,329	10,318	10,482	10,576	10,634	10,697	10,697
Madison County	11,948	11,789	11,885	11,823	11,807	11,800	11,800
Perry County	18,289	18,219	18,210	18,128	18,151	18,132	18,132
Ste. Genevieve County	18,264	18,186	18,058	18,016	17,913	17,842	17,842
St. Francois County	60,724	58,003	56,809	56,140	55,769	55,641	55,641
<b>Total</b>	<b>202,625</b>	<b>198,601</b>	<b>197,233</b>	<b>196,175</b>	<b>195,102</b>	<b>194,834</b>	<b>194,834</b>

**Table 1: Annual Estimates of the Population for Counties of Missouri: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2004 (CO-EST2004-01-29)**

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

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