

2010 Census Data for the MARC Region

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released population data from the 2010 Census for both Kansas and Missouri. In the coming months, local and state governments will use this data to redraw voting districts to ensure balanced representation. This process, called redistricting, happens after every decennial census.

In Missouri, redistricting will be especially important this year as the state will lose a congressional seat. Congressional district boundaries across the nation must be redrawn to ensure that each of the 435 districts represents an equal number of people, and some other states grew faster than Missouri. Many local governments will also need to make changes to city council districts, community college districts, school districts and other boundaries to reflect shifting populations.

The new census data includes counts of total population and voting age population (those aged 18 and over) by race and Hispanic origin down to the block level. It also includes counts of total occupied housing units and vacant units. The race and Hispanic origin data is required to ensure fair representation regardless of race or ethnic origin.

MARC's Research Services Department has compiled census data for the MARC region in several formats that are available for download.

- An [Excel spreadsheet](#) with total population numbers for counties and cities in the MARC region.
- A [series of maps](#) showing changes in population density and race, with analysis (requires Adobe Flash player)
- Population change maps (using blue "bubbles" to indicate increases in population and red to indicate decreases, compared to 2000 data) in PDF format:
 - [Total population change](#) by census tract
 - Population change by race: [White](#) [Black](#) [Hispanic](#) [Asian](#)
- [Change in the number of households](#) by census tract
- Change in vacancy rates by census tract
 - [By percentage](#) [By vacant units per square mile](#)
- **Additional sets of Census maps and data are [available on the GIS website](#).**

More PDF maps and several zip files with detailed GIS data down to the block group and block level are available through MARC's FTP site. To access this data, paste the following address into the address bar in **Windows Explorer** (NOT Internet Explorer):

<ftp://www.marc2.org/Outgoing/Census/>. For assistance, contact [Andrea Repinsky](#).

This is the first release of 2010 Census data at the local level. The next major release of data, coming this summer, will include much more detail on the age of the population. It will also describe the types of households in an area. For example, it will measure the number of singles living alone or with a roommate, the number married couples living alone or with their own

children, and the number of single parents, as well as other, more complex family types. The data being released this summer will also include data on the number of households who are homeowners vs. renters. (See the Census Bureau's [product release schedule](#).)

Other regional data is available from MARC's Research Services Department online on the [MetroDataline](#) and [GIS](#) web pages.