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**PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM PL 94-171**

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## Introduction

This is the first of a series of reports that will analyze the Year 2000 Census as it pertains to the City of St. Louis. Questions concerning this and future census reports should be referred to the Research Division of the St. Louis Planning and Design Agency.

The Public Law 94 - 171 data refers to a few variables that must be released by April of the year following the decennial census. This is in order to assist communities with redistricting and to preserve the principle of one person — one vote. The variables include:

- Total Population
- Population by Race
- Hispanic Population
- Population Over Age 18

Although the data may be limited, it is still useful, especially because it is tabulated all the way down to census block level. In the City of St. Louis, there are about 5,698 census blocks which are generally, but not always contiguous with city blocks. Census blocks combine into some 450 census block groups, which, in turn combine into 113 census tracts.

## Caveats

The reader should be aware of several things:

1. *Accuracy* This information has just been released by the Census Bureau; thus there has been no opportunity to examine the data for possible mistakes. If any are discovered, we will work with the Census Bureau to get the changes made and we will post the corrections to the web.
2. *Undercount* At this time, the Department of Commerce has decided to release only one set of numbers. These numbers reflect the raw counts and have not been adjusted for any undercounting.

## Total Population

During the 1990's, the net loss of population continued for the City of St. Louis. This has been considered the result of limited overall metropolitan population growth and considerable development at the urban fringe. The City lost 48,496, or 12 percent during the decade. In terms of absolute numbers this was less than the 1970's (171,124 or 27.5 percent lost between 1970 and 1980). However, among cities of more than 100,000 people, the percentage loss was among the worst.

**Table 1  
Population by Decade**

		1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
		816,048	856,796	750,026	622,236	451,112	396,685	348,189
<b>1940</b>	816,048							
<b>1950</b>	856,796	5.0%						
<b>1960</b>	750,026	-8.1%	-12.5%					
<b>1970</b>	622,236	-23.8%	-27.4%	-17.0%				
<b>1980</b>	451,112	-44.7%	-47.3%	-39.9%	-27.5%			
<b>1990</b>	396,685	-51.4%	-53.7%	-47.1%	-36.2%	-12.1%		
<b>2000</b>	348,189	-57.3%	-59.4%	-53.6%	-44.0%	-22.8%	-12.2%	

**Racial Characteristics**

The new census significantly changed the way by which households were asked to identify their racial characteristics. In the 1990 Census, individuals were allowed to list themselves as members of one race, whereas the 2000 Census allowed individuals to list themselves as members of as many racial groups as they so chose. Thus, comparing the 1990 to the 2000 figures is somewhat problematic. For purposes of this report we have reported both figures where respondents only selected one race alone, and where respondents may have selected two or more races. For Comparisons between 1990 and 2000, race figures for 2000 are based on figures where only one race was selected.

**Table 2  
Population by Race**

	1990	2000	Percent Change
<b>Census 2000 Total Population</b>	396,685	348,189	-12.2%
<b>Hispanic Or Latino (Separate From Race Category)</b>	5,124	7,022	37%
<b>Total Population Selecting Only One Race</b>		341,650	
<b>White Alone</b>	202,085	152,666	-24%
<b>Black Alone</b>	188,408	178,266	-5%
<b>American Indian / Alaska Native Alone</b>	950	950	0%
<b>*Asian and Hawaiian / Pacific Islander Alone</b>	3,733	6,985	87%
<b>*Asian Alone</b>		6,891	
<b>*Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander Alone</b>		94	
<b>Some Other Race Alone</b>	1,509	2,783	84%
<b>Total Population Selecting Two Or More Races</b>		6,539	

\* In 1990, Asian/Hawaiian / Pacific Islander was one category, whereas in 2000, Asian was separate. Although the 2000 figures are still presented for the new, separate categories, Asian was collapsed back into the Asian/Hawaiian / Pacific Islander category for comparison to 1990 figures.

## Youth

The Public Law data provides some insight into the number of people age 18 and under within the City and the way that has changed over the past decade. It is evident that youth population has risen slightly (by 1 percent) in proportion to the older population. We will have to wait until the summer in order to get a more definitive breakdown of people by age and gender. That is when the release of the basic questionnaire results (the short form) is anticipated.

**Table 3  
Population by Youth versus Older Adults – Percent Differences**

Category	1990	Percent	2000	Percent
Population 18 and Under	100,040	25%	89,657	26%
Population Over 18	296,645	75%	258,532	74%
Total	396,685	100%	348,189	100%

**Table 4  
Population by Youth versus Older Adults – Percent Changes**

Category	1990	2000	Percent Change Between Decades
Population 18 and Under	100,040	89,657	-10%
Population Over 18	296,645	258,532	-13%
Total	396,685	348,189	-12%

## Neighborhoods

The City of St. Louis has been divided into 79 neighborhoods. These are designations that are used for various planning and operational purposes. The numbers presented below are slightly different for the 1990 population than is reflected in other locations. That is principally because previous publications tended to use the Census Bureau's numbers associated with block groups and the sample (long form) survey.

**Table 5  
Population by Neighborhood**

Code	Neighborhood	1990	2000	Numerical Change	Percent Change
1	Carondelet	10,111	9,684	-427	-4%
2	Patch	3,680	2,995	-685	-19%
3	Holly Hills	3,730	3,698	-32	-1%
4	Boulevard Heights	8,979	8,503	-476	-5%
5	Bevo Mill	12,667	13,319	652	5%

**Table 5 (continued)**  
**Population by Neighborhood**

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6	Princeton Heights	8,267	8,238	-29	0%
7	South Hampton	7,562	7,793	231	3%
8	St. Louis Hills	7,510	7,560	50	1%
9	Lindenwood Park	10,525	10,207	-318	-3%
10	Ellendale	1,812	1,656	-156	-9%
11	Clifton Heights	3,570	3,444	-126	-4%
12	The Hill	2,858	2,692	-166	-6%
13	Southwest Garden	6,350	5,447	-903	-14%
14	North Hampton	7,910	8,400	490	6%
15	Tower Grove South	15,104	14,749	-355	-2%
16	Dutchtown	16,722	17,222	500	3%
17	Mount Pleasant	4,722	4,578	-144	-3%
18	Marine Villa	3,350	2,909	-441	-13%
19	Gravois Park	6,341	5,826	-515	-8%
20	Kosciusko	0	0	0	0
21	Soulard	3,597	3,187	-410	-11%
22	Benton Park	4,623	3,965	-658	-14%
23	Mckinley/Fox	2,244	2,085	-159	-7%
24	Fox Park	3,647	3,165	-482	-13%
25	Tower Grove East	7,847	7,211	-636	-8%
26	Compton Heights	1,677	1,448	-229	-14%
27	Shaw	8,171	8,243	72	1%
28	Mcree Town	2,638	1,818	-820	-31%
29	Tiffany	1,355	1,340	-15	-1%
30	Benton Park West	5,673	5,438	-235	-4%
31	Gate District	3,740	3,491	-249	-7%
32	Lafayette Square	1,789	1,761	-28	-2%
33	Peabody-Darst-Webbe	2,598	1,460	-1,138	-44%
34	Lasalle Park	1,211	1,408	197	16%
35	Downtown	861	806	-55	-6%
36	Downtown West	2,466	2,204	-262	-11%
37	Midtown	4,804	4,408	-396	-8%
38	Central West End	14,783	14,144	-639	-4%
39	Forest Park S.E.	4,274	3,704	-570	-13%
40	Kings Oak	423	243	-180	-43%
41	Cheltenham	598	480	-118	-20%

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42	Clayton-Tamm	2,791	2,476	-315	-11%
43	Franz Park	2,922	2,621	-301	-10%
44	Hi-Point	2,631	2,454	-177	-7%
45	Wydown-Skinker	1,178	1,056	-122	-10%
46	Skinker-Debaliviere	4,745	4,505	-240	-5%
47	Debaliviere Place	4,117	3,436	-681	-17%
48	West End	8,796	6,438	-2,358	-27%
49	Visitation Park	1,013	1,033	20	2%
50	Wells-Goodfellow	11,546	8,193	-3,353	-29%
51	Academy	5,544	3,797	-1,747	-32%
52	Kingsway West	4,374	3,886	-488	-11%
53	Fountain Park	2,350	1,804	-546	-23%
54	Lewis Place	2,852	2,004	-848	-30%
55	Kingsway East	5,037	4,322	-715	-14%
56	The Greater Ville	11,169	8,189	-2,980	-27%
57	The Ville	3,579	2,695	-884	-25%
58	Vandeventer	3,709	2,209	-1,500	-40%
59	Jeff Vanderlou	9,968	6,459	-3,509	-35%
60	St. Louis Place	3,757	2,763	-994	-26%
61	Carr Square	2,896	2,339	-557	-19%
62	Columbus Square	2,345	1,949	-396	-17%
63	Old North St. Louis	2,386	1,498	-888	-37%
64	Near N. Riverfront	342	648	306	89%
65	Hyde Park	5,435	3,743	-1,692	-31%
66	College Hill	4,335	2,956	-1,379	-32%
67	Fairground	3,688	2,472	-1,216	-33%
68	O'Fallon	8,807	7,151	-1,656	-19%
69	Penrose	8,546	7,435	-1,111	-13%
70	Mark Twain-I-70 Ind.	1,581	1,361	-220	-14%
71	Mark Twain	6,902	4,999	-1,903	-28%
72	Walnut Park East	7,353	5,345	-2,008	-27%
73	North Point	4,799	4,327	-472	-10%
74	Baden	8,188	8,428	240	3%
75	Riverview	329	237	-92	-28%
76	Walnut Park West	5,161	4,235	-926	-18%
77	Covenant-Blu-Grand	4,491	2,758	-1,733	-39%

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78	Hamilton Heights	5,505	3,833	-1,672	-30%
79	North Riverfront	729	1,206	477	65%

**Population Change by Neighborhoods.** Change during the decade was not evenly divided. As outlined below 11 of the 79 neighborhoods experienced a population increase, 17 of the 79 changed in either direction by less than 5 per cent, and 62 experienced more significant losses.

**Table 6  
Population Ranked by Neighborhood Percentage Change  
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47	DeBaliviere Place	4,117	3,436	-681	-17%
76	Walnut Park West	5,161	4,235	-926	-18%
61	Carr Square	2,896	2,339	-557	-19%
68	O'Fallon	8,807	7,151	-1,656	-19%

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65	Hyde Park	5,435	3,743	-1,692	-31%
28	McRee Town	2,638	1,818	-820	-31%
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67	Fairground Neighborhood	3,688	2,472	-1,216	-33%
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63	Old North St. Louis	2,386	1,498	-888	-37%
77	Covenant Blu/ Grand Center	4,491	2,758	-1,733	-39%
58	Vandeventer	3,709	2,209	-1,500	-40%
40	Kings Oak	423	243	-180	-43%
33	Peabody, Darst, Webbe	2,598	1,460	-1,138	-44%

**Wards**

Every 10 years, all political jurisdictions are required to redraw their political sub-districts so that the population is approximately even in each sub-district. Listed below are the population figures for the current wards and the change that they have experienced over the past decade

**Table 7  
Population by Wards**

Ward	1990	2000	Numerical Change	Percent Change
1	14,042	10,457	-3,585	-26%
2	13,679	13,539	-140	-1%
3	13,711	9,441	-4,270	-31%
4	13,581	9,261	-4,320	-32%
5	13,674	9,662	-4,012	-29%
6	14,746	12,733	-2,013	-14%
7	14,278	12,349	-1,929	-14%
8	14,052	13,158	-894	-6%
9	14,197	13,153	-1,044	-7%
10	14,607	13,331	-1,276	-9%
11	14,726	13,533	-1,193	-8%
12	14,731	14,309	-422	-3%
13	14,755	14,721	-34	0%
14	14,698	15,595	897	6%
15	14,098	13,547	-551	-4%
16	14,706	14,661	-45	0%
17	14,279	13,148	-1,131	-8%
18	13,724	10,178	-3,546	-26%
19	13,688	10,344	-3,344	-24%
20	13,623	12,110	-1,513	-11%
21	13,691	11,420	-2,271	-17%
22	13,541	9,328	-4,213	-31%
23	14,721	14,435	-286	-2%
24	14,715	13,415	-1,300	-9%
25	14,626	15,591	965	7%
26	13,748	10,314	-3,434	-25%
27	13,977	11,155	-2,822	-20%
28	14,071	13,301	-770	-5%

**Population Change by Ward**

Again, there was wide variation in change during the decade among the 28 wards. 12 wards loss more than the average loss across the city (of 12 percent), and 16 wards experienced less than the average citywide loss.

**Table 7**  
**Population Ranked by Ward Percentage Change**  
**(Sorted from Largest Gain to Largest Loss)**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Numerical Change</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
25	14,626	15,591	965	7%
14	14,698	15,595	897	6%
13	14,755	14,721	-34	0%
16	14,706	14,661	-45	0%
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8	14,052	13,158	-894	-6%
9	14,197	13,153	-1,044	-7%
17	14,279	13,148	-1,131	-8%
11	14,726	13,533	-1,193	-8%
10	14,607	13,331	-1,276	-9%
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20	13,623	12,110	-1,513	-11%
7	14,278	12,349	-1,929	-14%
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26	13,748	10,314	-3,434	-25%
1	14,042	10,457	-3,585	-26%
18	13,724	10,178	-3,546	-26%
5	13,674	9,662	-4,012	-29%
22	13,541	9,328	-4,213	-31%
3	13,711	9,441	-4,270	-31%
4	13,581	9,261	-4,320	-32%