

City of New Haven

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New Haven hits the 2,000 mark in population

New Haven has hit the 2,000 mark in population, according to population estimates released last month by the U. S. Census Bureau.

New Haven's population is estimated at 2,001 as of July 1, 2006. The estimate represents a 7.1 increase over the 2000 census and makes New Haven the third-fastest growing city in Franklin County.

Franklin County also has hit a milestone according to the Census data. The county population is estimated at 100,067, topping the 100,000 mark for the first time.

"The numbers confirm what we've known for a while," said Steve Roth, city administrator. "Franklin County is growing and New Haven is growing right along with it."

New Haven's growth rate is nearly identical to Washington, which has grown by an estimated 7.0 percent since 2000.

"A lot of people talk about how fast Washington is growing, but they might not realize we're growing just as fast, only on a smaller scale," Roth said. "Washington has seen strong residential and commercial growth. We're seeing the same thing, only smaller." While most area cities showed fairly strong growth since 2000, a few area towns have lagged. Hermann grew by 2.9 percent, Owensville by just 0.72 percent and St. Clair was just 0.09 percent. Gasconade County as a whole lost population between 2005 and 2006. The City of Berger also showed a decline.

New Haven's seven percent growth rate is strong, but manageable, Roth said.

"I think seven percent is a good number for our area," he said. "We should be able to accommodate that kind of growth for a while and still maintain our small-town atmosphere. That's the goal."