

City of New Haven

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New Haven keeps growing, Census Data shows

New Haven was the fastest growing city in Franklin County over the past year, according to data released by the United States Census Bureau.

New Haven's estimated population was 2,051 as of July 1, 2009, an increase of 22 people over the previous year.

Though it may not sound like a lot, in percentage terms the growth rate was the highest in Franklin County over the same period.

City officials said the numbers were confirmation of what other city data show.

"We've bucked the trend a little bit," says Steve Roth, City Administrator. "Lots of areas have seen little if any growth over the past few years. We just keep steadily moving forward."

Most areas of Franklin County saw population increases over the past year, with a few exceptions. New Haven's growth rate was 1.08 percent, followed by Union, .91 percent; Sullivan, .71 percent; St. Clair, .38 percent; and Pacific, .34 percent. Both Gerald and Berger saw slight population decreases.

The larger trend is also positive for New Haven. The City has added 184 people since 2000 according to census counts, a growth rate of 9.86 percent. That ranks third in Franklin County over the same period, behind Pacific and Union but ahead of Washington, Sullivan, St. Clair, Gerald and Berger.

Interestingly, the Gasconade County cities of Hermann and Owensville each show population declines over the past year; and growth rates since 2000 lag behind their neighbors in Franklin County. Hermann has added 15 people since 2000, a growth rate of less than one percent. Owensville has added 52 people, a growth rate of 2.08 percent.

The 2010 census data will be released later this year.