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MEADE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The 2020 Census is coming, and your population has changed:

• **113** estimated population **gain** for your county

• **1,951** estimated **gain** for counties in Kentucky Senate District 5

• **4,926** estimated **gain** for counties in Kentucky House District 27

How will your legislative districts be changed? Will your voice be heard?

JOIN US TO SEEK FAIR REDISTRICTING

Visit lwvky.org for ideas on how to build fair maps for Kentucky districts.

What is redistricting?

After the 2020 Census, Kentucky will draw new maps to show which parts of the state elect each member of the Kentucky House, Kentucky Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives. That process is called redistricting, and it is likely to change the districts that represent you and others in Meade County.

How can we estimate population changes before the 2020 Census?

The American Community Survey, conducted by the Census Bureau, provides county population estimates each year. Using the 2018 data, this County Estimate Report gives an initial idea of what is happening in your county and how redistricting may affect your area.

Looking at the big picture, what are the estimated population changes from 2010 to 2018?

- The fifty-state population increased 5.9%, adding an estimated 18,321,164 people.

- The Kentucky population increased 3.0%, adding an estimated 129,035 people.

- For the counties west of I-65 as a group, population decreased 0.3%, losing an estimated 1,881 people.

- Nearby, for counties along I-65 as a group, population increased 5.5%, adding an estimated 62,595 people.

- For Meade and other counties that share your Senate and House districts, estimated changes are shown on the next page.

How can you work for fair redistricting?

The League of Women Voters of Kentucky has lots of ideas. Please contact us at www.lwvky.org, kentuckylwv@gmail.com, or 502/875-6481 for more information on Kentucky redistricting and ways to participate in seeking fair maps for Meade County and all of Kentucky.

For Meade County's Senate seat, what are the estimated changes?

When Kentucky used 2010 Census data to redistrict, each Senate seat needed between 108,484 and 119,904 people. If we used the 2018 estimates, each seat would need to be larger, with between 111,710 and 123,469 people. With estimated population growth in all six counties, Senate District 5 may be within the allowed size range for a Kentucky Senate seat. Here are the numbers for each county in the district:

COUNTIES INCLUDED IN SENATE DISTRICT 5				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Breckinridge	20,059	20,388	329	1.6%
Edmonson	12,161	12,274	113	0.9%
Grayson	25,746	26,321	575	2.2%
Hart	18,199	18,906	707	3.9%
LaRue	14,193	14,307	114	0.8%
Meade	28,602	28,715	113	0.4%
Total	**118,960**	**120,911**	**1,951**	**1.6%**

For Meade County's House seat, what are the estimated changes?

When Kentucky used 2010 Census data, each House seat needed between 41,224 and 45,563 people. With 2018 estimates, each seat would need to be between 42,450 and 46,918 people. With estimated growth in both counties, House District 27 may be within the allowed size for a Kentucky House seat, perhaps with some changes to the included Hardin precincts. Again, here are the county-by-county numbers:

COUNTIES INCLUDED IN HOUSE DISTRICT 27				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Hardin*	105,543	110,356	4,813	4.6%
Meade	28,602	28,715	113	0.4%
Total	**134,145**	**139,071**	**4,926**	**3.7%**
signals that only part of a county is included in this district				

Is there information like this for other counties?

Yes. Please visit lwvky.org/redistricting-in-kentucky to see County Estimate Reports like this for every county In the commonwealth and find more information on data sources for these documents.

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