

## MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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

- **443** estimated population **gain** for your county
- **34,769** estimated **gain** for counties in Kentucky Senate District 22
- **6,144** estimated **gain** for counties in Kentucky House District 55

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

## JOIN US TO SEEK FAIR REDISTRICTING

Visit [lwvky.org](http://lwvky.org) for ideas on how to build fair maps for Kentucky districts.

### What is redistricting?

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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 Mercer County.

### How can we estimate population changes before the 2020 Census?

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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?

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- 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 northern counties -65 and I-75 as a group, population increased 6.9%, adding an estimated 30,175 people. (That northern group includes Nelson, Washington, Boyle, Garrard, and counties further north.)
- For Mercer 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?

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

## For Mercer 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 five counties, Senate District 22 may be within the allowed size range for a Kentucky Senate seat, perhaps with some changes to the included Fayette precincts. Here are the numbers for each county in the district:

COUNTIES INCLUDED IN SENATE DISTRICT 22				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Fayette *	295,803	323,780	27,977	9.5%
Garrard	16,912	17,560	648	3.8%
Jessamine	48,586	53,920	5,334	11.0%
Mercer	21,331	21,774	443	2.1%
Washington	11,717	12,084	367	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>394,349</b>	<b>429,118</b>	<b>34,769</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
<i>* signals that only part of a county is included in this district</i>				

## For Mercer 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 population growth in all counties, House District 55 may be above the maximum allowed size for a Kentucky House seat. Again, here are the county-by-county numbers:

COUNTIES INCLUDED IN HOUSE DISTRICT 55				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Jessamine*	48,586	53,920	5,334	11.0%
Mercer	21,331	21,774	443	2.1%
Washington	11,717	12,084	367	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,634</b>	<b>87,778</b>	<b>6,144</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<i>* signals that only part of a county is included in this district</i>				

## Is there information like this for other counties?

Yes. Please visit [lwvky.org/redistricting-in-kentucky](http://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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