

NICHOLAS COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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

- **31** estimated population **gain** for your county
- **396** estimated **gain** for counties in Kentucky Senate District 27
- **28,999** estimated **gain** for counties in Kentucky House District 72

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 Nicholas 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 east of I-75 as a group, population decreased 3.6%, losing an estimated 31,740 people.
- Nearby, for counties along I-75 as a group, population increased 8.1%, adding an estimated 67,918 people.
- For Nicholas 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 Nicholas County and all of Kentucky.

For Nicholas 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 current population estimates, Senate District 27 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 27				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Bourbon	19,985	20,184	199	1.0%
Fleming	14,348	14,432	84	0.6%
Harrison	18,846	18,778	-68	-0.4%
Lewis	13,870	13,257	-613	-4.4%
Mason	17,490	17,150	-340	-1.9%
Nicholas	7,135	7,166	31	0.4%
Robertson	2,282	2,135	-147	-6.4%
Rowan	23,333	24,583	1,250	5.4%
Total	117,289	117,685	396	0.3%

For Nicholas 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 all counties, House District 72 may be within the allowed size for a Kentucky House seat, perhaps with some changes to the included Fayette precincts. Again, here are the county-by-county numbers:

COUNTIES INCLUDED IN HOUSE DISTRICT 72				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Bath	11,591	12,383	792	6.8%
Bourbon	19,985	20,184	199	1.0%
Fayette*	295,803	323,780	27,977	9.5%
Nicholas	7,135	7,166	31	0.4%
Total	334,514	363,513	28,999	8.7%

* 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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