

SPENCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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

- **1,733** estimated population **gain** for your county
- **33,085** estimated **gain** for counties in Kentucky Senate District 14
- **9,725** estimated **gain** for counties in Kentucky House District 53

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 Spencer 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 northern counties between I-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.)
- Nearby, for counties along I-65 as a group, population increased 5.5%, adding an estimated 62,595 people.
- For Spencer 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 Spencer County and all of Kentucky.

For Spencer 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 14 may be within the allowed size range for a Kentucky Senate seat, perhaps with some changes to the included Jefferson precincts. Here are the numbers for each county in the district:

COUNTIES INCLUDED IN SENATE DISTRICT 14				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Casey	15,955	15,888	-67	-0.4%
Jefferson *	741,096	770,517	29,421	4.0%
Marion	19,820	19,404	-416	-2.1%
Nelson	43,437	45,851	2,414	5.6%
Spencer	17,061	18,794	1,733	10.2%
Total	837,369	870,454	33,085	4.0%

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For Spencer 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 53 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 53				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Anderson	21,421	22,663	1,242	5.8%
Bullitt*	74,319	81,069	6,750	9.1%
Spencer	17,061	18,794	1,733	10.2%
Total	112,801	122,526	9,725	8.6%

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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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