

## WHITLEY COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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

- **605** estimated population **gain** for your county
- **-2,914** estimated **loss** for counties in Kentucky Senate District 25
- **2,425** estimated **gain** for counties in Kentucky House District 82

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

## For Whitley 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 losses in five of six counties, Senate District 25 is likely to be below the minimum required size for a Kentucky Senate seat. Here are the numbers for each county in the district:

COUNTIES INCLUDED IN SENATE DISTRICT 25				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Clay	21,730	20,105	-1,625	-7.5%
Knox	31,883	31,304	-579	-1.8%
Lee	7,887	7,033	-854	-10.8%
Owsley	4,755	4,472	-283	-6.0%
Whitley	35,637	36,242	605	1.7%
Wolfe	7,355	7,177	-178	-2.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,247</b>	<b>106,333</b>	<b>-2,914</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>

## For Whitley 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 82 is likely to be within the allowed size range for Kentucky House seats. Again, here are the county-by-county numbers:

COUNTIES INCLUDED IN HOUSE DISTRICT 82				
County	2010 Count	2018 Estimate	Change	% Change
Laurel*	58,849	60,669	1,820	3.1%
Whitley	35,637	36,242	605	1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,486</b>	<b>96,911</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

\* 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](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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