

Wentzville is Missouri's Fastest-Growing City



Wentzville is the fastest growing city in Missouri from 2000 to 2008, according to recently released data from the U. S. Census Bureau. Wentzville increased in population by over 200 percent, adding more than 16,000 residents to the city since the 2000 Census.

Other cities with a population change of over 100% between 2000 to 2008 were Oronogo (1,184), Rogersville (1,479) and Grain Valley (5,126).

Top Missouri Cities Population % Changes 2000 to 2008				
NAME	% Chg 2000 to 2008	Chg 2000 to 2008	2008	2000
Wentzville	244.7%	16,589	23,768	6,896
Oronogo	122.7%	1,184	2,174	976
Rogersville	102.1%	1,479	3,047	1,508
Grain Valley	100.6%	5,126	10,352	5,160
Wright City	93.7%	1,321	2,967	1,532
Licking	88.4%	1,296	2,772	1,471
Ozark	87.2%	7,960	18,095	9,665
Dardenne Prairie	87.0%	3,501	8,197	4,384
Troy	82.1%	5,494	12,270	6,737
Peculiar	78.5%	1,938	4,649	2,604
Battlefield	78.2%	1,776	4,249	2,385
Lone Jack	73.7%	389	917	528
Bonne Terre	69.7%	2,815	6,854	4,039
Truesdale	66.5%	264	661	397
Cottleville	64.2%	1,158	3,166	1,928

The largest numeric population increase for 2000 to 2008 was in the city of O'Fallon, which added 27,890 residents to its population followed by Wentzville with 16,589 new

residents. Other large population increases occurred in Columbia (15,475), Lee's Summit (13,390), and Kansas City (10,029).

Top Missouri Cities Population Increases 2000 to 2008				
NAME	% Chg 2000 to 2008	Chg 2000 to 2008	2008	2000
O'Fallon	57.0%	27,890	76,819	46,169
Wentzville	244.7%	16,589	23,768	6,896
Columbia	18.2%	15,475	100,733	84,531
Lee's Summit	19.1%	13,490	84,208	70,700
Kansas City	2.3%	10,029	451,572	441,545
Ozark	87.2%	7,960	18,095	9,665
Blue Springs	15.6%	7,499	55,698	48,080
Nixa	55.3%	6,900	18,829	12,124
Raymore	58.8%	6,582	17,703	11,146
St. Louis	1.8%	6,172	354,361	348,189
Troy	82.1%	5,494	12,270	6,737
Grain Valley	100.6%	5,126	10,352	5,160
Republic	54.0%	4,808	13,715	8,438
Liberty	16.5%	4,336	30,568	26,232
Joplin	9.3%	4,227	49,775	45,504

Some of Missouri's rapidly growing cities between 2007 and 2008 include Pevely with a 27.7 percent increase and a 1,233 rise in population, Wentzville with a 6.1 percent increase, adding 1,358 to its population and O'Fallon with a 2.6 percent rise and 1,952 more residents.

The fastest-growing growing cities in the nation between 2007 and 2008 were New Orleans, Louisiana and Round Rock, Texas with an increase of 8.2 percent. As of July 1, 2008, the population of New Orleans was 311,853, up from 210,768 in 2006 following Hurricane Katrina but still below the pre-hurricane level of 484,674.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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