

***Cambio Center Note (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011)***

***Missouri 2010 Census data confirms sustained growth of Hispanic population  
79.2 percent growth 2000-2010***

The first installment of the 2010 Census data for Missouri was released on the 24th of February. The demographic “Redistricting” data set shows 2000 and 2010 data for states, counties and places (cities).

The release of this new data is very significant to the Cambio Center’s mission in conducting research on Latinos and changing communities in Missouri and the Midwest.

Trend reports, available at the Missouri Census Data Center, show large increases in both the Hispanic and Asian populations of Missouri. Since 2000, the Hispanic population has increased 79.2 percent, to a 2010 Census total of 212,470. The Asian population—totaling 98,083—also increased at 59.2 percent. The Black population went up 10.2 percent, with White non-Hispanic increasing the least at 3.5 percent. The total population growth for Missouri was 7.0 percent.

Columbia shows that the largest demographic group is white non-Hispanic making up 77 percent of the total population. Black is 11.3 percent, Asian 5.2 percent, and Hispanic 3.4 percent of the city’s population.

Besides the expected concentrations in Missouri largest cities, there are rural counties in Missouri showing a large percentage of the population as Hispanic. In Sullivan County, 43.5 percent of Milan is Hispanic. 21.1 percent of Barry County’s Monett and near fifty percent of nearby Verona in Lawrence County; Hispanics in Carthage (Jasper County) make up a quarter of the city population (25.6 percent); both Noel and Southwest City in McDonald County are 50 percent Hispanic. There are Hispanic people in every county of the state of Missouri, and only twenty out of 114 counties in the state have fewer than 100 Hispanics.

The 2010 Census confirms the growth and, most important, the number of Hispanics that are taking residence in every corner of the state.

To better understand and support the integration of Hispanic newcomers to Missouri, the Midwest and the South, the Cambio Center is organizing the tenth annual conference Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors) – Latinos in the Heartland. This year’s conference theme is “Migration and Shifting Human Landscapes,” and will convene June 8-10 at Kansas City.

**Resources:**

Cambio de Colores Conference: [www.cambiodecolores.org](http://www.cambiodecolores.org) or [www.latinosintheheartland.com](http://www.latinosintheheartland.com)

MU Cambio Center: <http://www.cambio.missouri.edu/>

Missouri Census Data Center at <http://mcdc.missouri.edu/>

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