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2020 CENSUS: ST. CHARLES COUNTY RESPONSE HIGH; POPULATION COUNTS STILL TO BE ANNOUNCED

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – St. Charles County may see an increase in federal funding, thanks to county residents who participated in the 2020 Census. The county had the highest response rate of Missouri’s 115 counties at 81.6 percent, a rise from 77.3 percent for the 2010 census.

Census results are used to determine the number of congressional seats for each state and to distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and other support to states, counties and communities for schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

While data collection is complete, and 99.9 percent of addresses across the nation have been accounted for, the U.S. Census Bureau is still in the process of compiling the detailed information. Population counts will be given to the U.S. President Donald Trump by the Dec. 31, 2020 statutory deadline.

Census efforts began locally in July 2019, when County Executive Steve Ehlmann appointed 21 community leaders to form the St. Charles County Complete Count Commission. The purpose of the Commission was to promote Census awareness and encourage participation in the process throughout the county. The Commission worked diligently with community partners, including municipalities, school districts, businesses, non-profit organizations and the library district to educate residents on the importance of completing the Census, and how the county benefits from the data compiled from Census results.

“The Commission kept the momentum going throughout the year despite being in the middle of a pandemic,” said County Executive Ehlmann. “I want to thank them for their efforts and congratulate St. Charles County on a successful response. This will have a positive impact on the future of our county.”

St. Charles County’s response includes self-response, as well as nonresponse follow up by Census enumerators. This was the first time Census information could be submitted online, and it was the preferred method of response according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county joined 25 of the nation’s 3,215 counties as top responders.

For more information on the 2020 Census, visit [census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

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About St. Charles County:

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state’s third largest county in both population and economic share. It is home to 17 scenic county parks encompassing nearly 4,000 acres and additional land under

development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 402,022, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit sccmo.org.