

St. Charles County is No. 1 choice for new residents in Missouri

More new residents moved into St. Charles County last year than anywhere else in Missouri, according to annual estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center.

From July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009, St. Charles County welcomed 5,772 new residents, the most of any Missouri County. The next largest in-flux of new residents during the same period was experienced by Jackson County (+5,009) and Clay County (+4,988).

“There is an endless list of amenities and benefits that make living and working in St. Charles County extremely attractive to current and new residents and businesses,” said Greg Prestemon, president and chief executive officer of the Economic Development Center of St. Charles County. “From the national rankings our communities are regularly receiving to the area’s competitive costs and dynamic business clusters, St. Charles County is the location of choice in Missouri.”

In metro St. Louis, Lincoln County added 585 residents, Jefferson County added 496, Franklin County added 396 and Warren County added 332. Slight decreases were reported for St. Louis City (-143) and St. Louis County (-77).

Based on the percentage of increase, the fastest growing place in Missouri was Christian County which jumped 2.39 percent from 2008 to 2009 by adding 1,809 new residents for a total population of 77,455. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, St. Charles County’s total population was 355,367 in 2009, an increase of 1.65 percent over 2008.

For more state-wide data, visit:

<http://www.missourieconomy.org/indicators/population/countypop-2009.html>

