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EARLY LOCAL CENSUS OFFICES OPENED

The Census Bureau has opened two of the six Local Census Offices (ELCO) for the State. These offices are in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Each office has a manager and will be hiring and training staff to do the address listing in the urban portions of the State as well as

starting on other Census operations. The address and phone of these offices are below. If you would like to work 20 to 40 hours a week for the Census Bureau, please contact the office in your area. There is a simple test and application to complete.

Oklahoma City ELCO
Shepard Mall Suite 18
N.W. 23rd and Villa
Oklahoma City, OK 73017
405/605-6058

Tulsa ELCO
2 W. 6th
Suite 100
Tulsa, OK 74103
918/582-1296

The Census Field Offices that have been working on rural address listing have closed or will be closing soon.



OKLAHOMA CENSUS 2000 FULL COUNT SELECT COMMITTEE WORKS FOR ACCURATE CENSUS COUNT

The Oklahoma Census 2000 Full Count Select Committee made up of 11 mayors, a House and Senate member, and three appointees from the Governor have been meeting to help Oklahoma's census count as accurate as possible. The Committee has met with the Director of the Census Bureau's Kansas City Regional Office as well as geographers and partnership specialists to discuss ways to produce a full count. The committee

has also been active along with Oklahoma Municipal League in helping promote the many census programs that precede the actual census count on April 1, 2000. The committee is in the planning stages of a major press conference at the State Capitol on April 7, 1999. For further information on the work of the Census 2000 Full Count Select Committee contact the Oklahoma State Data Center.



CENSUS BUREAU PARTNERSHIP SPECIALISTS COVERING THE STATE

The Census Bureau has four partnership specialists working in Oklahoma helping to promote Census 2000. These specialists meet with local and tribal governments, community organizations, and local complete count committees. The specialists have offices in Oklahoma City but will travel from the panhandle to Idabel and

from Hollis to Quapaw to meet with groups interested in an accurate count for Oklahoma. Listed below are the specialists name and phone number. Please contact them if you would like someone to speak on the need for a complete count for the 2000 Census.

Community Partnership Specialists
Khepra Khem - 405/605-6058

Jeronimo Gallegos - 405/605-6058

Government Partnership Specialists
DeeAnn Alexander - 405/815-5330

Dennis Winfrey - 405/605-6058



PRESS RELEASE: 1998 POPULATION ESTIMATES BY STATE RELEASED

The Census Bureau released revised population estimates for the nation, individual states and regions this morning. The new numbers reflect recent 1997-98 year growth for Oklahoma as it enjoys its highest population and its largest labor force numbers since statehood.

The U.S. Department of Commerce Census Bureau population estimates indicates California was the largest western state benefactor of growth, while some other states in the region slowed. The numbers released by the Census Bureau are used to assist in research regarding trends and forecasts, needs for and distribution of services, targeting of labor pools, demographic compositions and a broad spectrum of other vital and necessary information. Local, state, regional and federal government agencies, as well as private sector companies use the estimates.

During the year ending July 1 1998, Oklahoma's population grew .76 percent, while the nation grew .95 percent, and the region grew 1.45 percent. Over the period from 1990 to 1998, Oklahoma's population grew by 6.39 percent, while the US grew by 8.66 percent and the region gained 13 percent.

According to Jeff Wallace, director of the State Data Center at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, slow, steady growth may be a good indicator for the state. "Extremely rapid growth - while it means new jobs and new and expanding companies in the state - sometimes brings social and infrastructure issues with it," said Wallace.

"Because we are at all time highs in terms of population

and labor force numbers, and our growth over the last two years has been healthy, we are certainly not disappointed with the Census Bureau's new estimates."

Wallace said one of the positive indicators in the new estimates is Oklahoma's in-migration of population from other states. The Census estimates show the state's domestic migration at .17 percent, meaning more people are moving into Oklahoma from other states than are leaving for other states.

"While Oklahoma is not among the top domestic migration states in population growth, we are experiencing gains that some other states cannot claim," Wallace commented. The District of Columbia, Hawaii, New York, North Dakota and Alaska experienced some of the largest population losses due to domestic migration.

According to the new estimates, Oklahoma is ranked 27th in 1998 population and 21st in percent change in population from 1997 to 1998.

Wallace said the state's total population is currently estimated at 3,346,700 and the Oklahoma labor force numbers approximately 1,645,100.

The following table displays the United States, Oklahoma, and surrounding states for 1990, 1997, 1998 Population Estimates as well as percent change and rank. The entire United States is on the OSDC web page or you may request a copy through the OSDC by phone, fax, or e-mail.

	April 1, 1990		July 1, 1997		July 1, 1998		1990 - 98 Percent		1997 - 98 Percent	
	Census	Rank	Estimate	Rank	Estimate	Rank	Change	Rank	Change	Rank
United States	248,765,170		267,743,595		270,298,524		8.66		0.95	
Region	34,886,566		38,856,382		39,420,158		13.00		1.45	
Arkansas	2,350,624	33	2,523,186	33	2,538,303	33	7.98	21	0.60	28
Colorado	3,294,473	26	3,892,029	25	3,970,971	24	20.53	5	2.03	4
Kansas	2,477,588	32	2,601,437	32	2,629,067	32	6.11	32	1.06	17
Missouri	5,116,901	15	5,408,455	16	5,438,559	16	6.29	31	0.56	30
New Mexico	1,515,069	37	1,723,965	36	1,736,931	37	14.64	11	0.75	22
Oklahoma	3,145,576	28	3,321,611	27	3,346,713	27	6.39	30	0.76	21
Texas	16,986,335	3	19,385,699	2	19,759,614	2	16.33	8	1.93	5