



CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS



Columbia – Is located in between
Kansas City and St. Louis

History of Columbia:

Osage and Missouri Indians roamed parts of Missouri prior to Lewis and Clark’s expedition which took place in the early 1800’s.

The settlement currently named Columbia was called Smithton. However, due to a lack of water supply, the founders moved the settlement east across the Flat Branch and renamed it Columbia in 1821. The City of Columbia was incorporated in 1892 and became a charter city in 1949. Columbia is a growing city and currently takes up 60.395 square miles of land.

Government:

The City of Columbia has a council/manager form of government. The mayor and 6 council members are elected by the citizens of Columbia and serve as non-paid members for 3 years with staggered terms of service. The City Manager reports to the Mayor and is considered the chief administrator. Department heads for all municipal functions report to the City Manager.

Culture and Recreation:

Columbia has big city entertainment and a great appreciation for all the arts ranging from international opera and ballet companies to modern music superstars. For the sports minded person there are many fun activities and ways to keep in shape.

Recreation: (Parks and Recreation 874-7460)

Athletic and Health Clubs	10
Athletic Fields (w/ lights & irrigation).....	25
Community Activity and Recreation Center (ARC).....	1
Number of Pools (Private & Public)	7
Golf Courses (Municipal)	2
Golf Courses (College)	1
Golf Courses (Private)	5
Frisbee Golf Course.....	1
Parks (Total Acres 2,400).....	40
Bowling Alleys.....	2
State Parks	4
Roller Rinks	1
Roller Hockey Facilities	2
Skate Park	1
Soccer Fields	27
Tennis Courts	25
Volleyball Courts.....	22

Cultural Arts: (Cultural Affairs 874-7512)

Movie Theaters	(25 Screens)
Performing Arts Companies	13
Museums/Art Galleries	29
Festivals.....	2

Community:

For being a relatively small town, Columbia has “Big Town” amenities. There are a variety of local business, several hospitals, numerous radio stations and numerous hotels/motels and restaurants.

Community Facilities:

Hospitals	8
Hospital beds.....	1,189
Hotels/Motels	34
Hotel/Motel Rooms	3,574
Churches	99
Restaurants	204
Shopping Centers.....	19
Shopping Malls	1

Communications:

Newspapers.....	5
Radio Stations (w/in 50 miles).....	40
TV Stations	4
Cable TV/Satellite	2

Education:

Columbia Public Schools have national reputations. They have earned the highest possible rating in Missouri and continue to receive national honors both from the students and teachers alike. The school district graduates one of the highest percentages of Merit Scholars in the country. Columbia also prides itself with having two private colleges and one university from which to receive extended education.

Total Public School Enrollment:	16,382
Elementary Schools.....	20
Middle Schools	3
Junior High Schools.....	3
Senior High Schools.....	4
Vocational Schools	1
Non-Public Schools	11
Stephens College Enrollment	826
Columbia College Enrollment (day, evening & ext).....	11,739
Univ. Of Missouri-Columbia Enrollment	27,930



Libraries:

Ellis Library..... 3 million volumes
Daniel Boone Library.....402,628 volumes
Columbia College.....80,000 volumes

City Streets: (Public Works 874-6230)

Paved (miles) 399
Unimproved (miles) 26

City Sewers: (Public Works 445-9427 or 874-6287)

Sewers (miles) 607

Fire Protection: (874-7391)

Number of Stations 8
Total number of employees 135
Number Fire Fighters/Engineer/Lieuts./Capts 120
Number of vehicles 34
Number of hydrants..... 4,900

Police Protection: (874-7506)

Number of stations 1
Number of sub-stations 5
Total number of employees 183
Number of Sworn Positions 149
Number of vehicles 107

Parking: (Public Works 874-7751)

Unmetered Off-Street
On-Street Meters..... 1,701
Off-Street Meters..... 436
Permit Spaces (lots/garages)..... 1,377
Hourly Garage Spaces..... 314

Airport: (Public Works 442-9770)

Airport Facilities..... 1
Airlines: Mesa Airlines 1

City Employees (FTE for FY 2007):..... 1,219.75

Local Economy: The cost of living for the City of Columbia is generally 5%-6% below the national average. For the fourth quarter in 2005 Columbia was at 91.6%. Columbia area has an average household income per capita of \$32,068. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) the unemployment rate for the City of Columbia for the month of May 2006 was 2.9%.

Top 5 Employers in Columbia – Full-time FTE's:

(According to REDI Fact Book 2006)

University of Missouri 7,642
University Hospital & Clinics 3,551
Columbia Public Schools 2,030
Boone Hospital Center 1,334
City of Columbia 1,187

Sales Tax:

Sales tax in Columbia is 7.55% except in TDD designated areas which have a tax rate of 8.05%. The tax amount includes the following:

State Sales Tax 4.225%
County General Revenue Tax..... 0.500%
County Road Tax 0.500%
Boone County Law Enforcement Tax 0.125%
Capital Improvement County Tax..... 0.200%
City General Revenue Tax..... 1.000%
City Transportation Tax 0.500%
City Capital Projects Tax 0.250%
Parks Sales Tax 0.250%

Climate:

Annual rainfall is approximately 39.43 inches per year.
Annual snowfall is approximately 20.7 inches per year.
Warmest month and average (August – 79.1 degrees)
Coolest month and average (January – 25.5 degrees)

Utilities:

The City of Columbia is a full-service city that provides a variety of services to the citizens of Columbia.

Electricity Water & Light Department (874-7380)
Recycling Public Works Department (874-6280)
Trash Collection Public Works (874-6291)
Water Water & Light Department (874-7380)
Sewer Public Works (445-9427 or 874-6287)

Office of Volunteer Services: (874-7499)

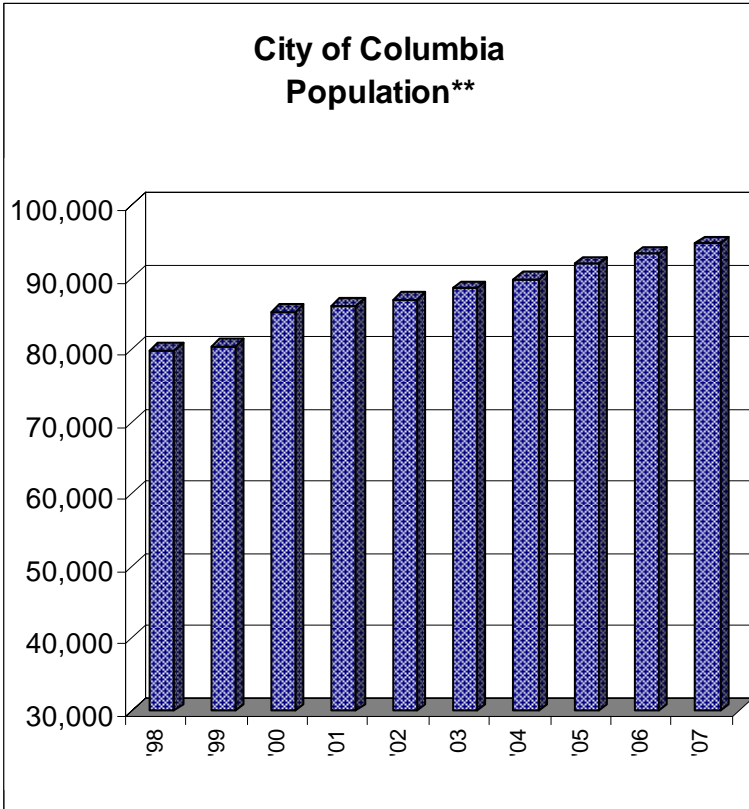
There are many ways and opportunities for citizens to get involved with the community. Columbia has numerous events throughout the year that require hundreds of volunteer hours in order for the events to be successful.

There are several departments within the City of Columbia that rely on the efforts of volunteer staff. In FY 2005, volunteers contributed more than 43,000 hours at a value of more than \$775,000.

Annual Unemployment Rates for Columbia	
Year	Rate
2001	1.8%
2002	2.2%
2003	2.3%
2004	2.6%
2005	3.9%



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The city of Columbia has historically experienced a population growth rate of about 1.1%-2.0% over the course of the past 10 years. Columbia is a progressive city offering its citizens a wide variety of experiences from fine dining to theater to rides on the trail to exciting sporting events. Columbia offers it all. The City of Columbia works hard to help keep the city as one of the best places to live and raise a family!

Populations

1998	79,860	2003	88,423
1999	80,500	2004	89,803
2000*	85,292	2005	91,814
2001	86,081	2006	93,219
2002	87,003	2007	94,645

* 2000 is a revised census number

** Revised population numbers based on estimates from the Missouri Census Data Center. The estimates for 2006 and 2007 are based on the average five year growth rate of 1.53%.

The principal taxpayer table shows the top 10 tax payers in the Columbia area based on a commercial assessed value of approximately 32% of the estimated actual value of the property. These are only a few of the numerous businesses both large and small, corporate and independently owned that offer an outstanding working environment for anyone interested in moving or re-locating to Columbia.

Principle Taxpayers	Type of Business	Assessed Value	Percent of
			Total Assessed Valuation
Columbia Foods	Manufacturer	\$ 16,172,404	1.39%
Minn. Mining & Manufacturing (3M)	Office Products	\$ 11,824,531	1.02%
State Farm Insurance Company	Insurance	\$ 11,323,902	0.97%
Shelter Mutual Insurance Company	Insurance	\$ 9,081,121	0.78%
Columbia Mall Limited Partnership	Property/Developer	\$ 8,520,254	0.73%
Broadway Crossings II	Property/Developer	\$ 7,381,873	0.63%
The Kroenke Group	Property/Developer	\$ 6,650,848	0.57%
The Gates Corporation	Manufacturer	\$ 7,898,417	0.68%
Spicer Axle, Inc.	Manufacturer	\$ 7,551,096	0.65%
Sapp Emery & Sons Inc.	Property/Developer	\$ 6,748,026	0.58%
Total		\$ 93,152,472	8.00%

Assessed Values of Taxable Property

Fiscal Year	State Assessed Value	Real Property	Personal Property	Total Assessed Value
1987	\$1,338,551	\$334,817,817	\$37,783,190	\$372,601,007
1988	1,715,408	357,247,628	48,645,944	405,893,572
1989	1,990,592	339,117,887	48,953,208	418,071,095
1990	1,812,921	383,390,609	61,141,940	444,532,549
1991	1,887,977	411,766,611	83,468,559	495,235,170
1992	1,938,774	423,932,131	82,670,584	508,541,489
1993	1,770,555	434,873,990	93,568,896	530,213,441
1994	2,050,474	470,848,862	105,520,334	578,419,670
1995	2,310,679	488,789,899	118,940,751	610,041,329
1996	3,282,682	511,620,136	128,312,503	643,215,321
1997	4,519,144	538,800,795	153,771,094	697,091,033
1998	5,101,533	657,617,565	164,951,921	827,671,019
1999	4,755,062	688,923,971	176,474,738	870,153,771
2000	5,518,830	714,842,106	190,394,191	910,755,127
2001	5,072,034	739,345,179	204,214,788	948,632,001
2002	6,486,794	805,530,799	211,324,296	1,020,341,889
2003	6,486,398	854,784,262	206,788,704	1,068,059,364
2004	6,967,420	891,032,480	217,649,475	1,115,649,375
2005	6,625,558	938,654,305	219,486,364	1,164,766,227
2006	6,488,268	1,122,375,072	242,354,182	1,371,217,522
2007 Prelim	6,123,442	1,208,710,221	251,256,488	1,466,090,151

Property Tax Rates (Per \$100 Assessed Value)

	General Fund	G.O. Bond Fund	Total Fund
1987	\$0.22	\$0.32	\$0.54
1988	0.22	0.32	0.54
1989	0.22	0.32	0.54
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1993	0.22	0.32	0.54
1994	0.22	0.32	0.54
1995	0.22	0.26	0.48
1996	0.22	0.26	0.48
1997	0.22	0.26	0.48
1998	0.20	0.21	0.41
1999	0.20	0.21	0.41
2000	0.23	0.18	0.41
2001	0.31	0.10	0.41
2002	0.41	0.00	0.41
2003	0.41	0.00	0.41
2004	0.41	0.00	0.41
2005	0.41	0.00	0.41
2006	0.41	0.00	0.41
2007	0.41	0.00	0.41