



CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS



Columbia is in the center of Boone County

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 63.4 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 contemporary music superstars. For the sports minded person there are many fun activities and ways to keep in shape.

Recreation: (Parks and Recreation 874-7460)

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| Athletic and Health Clubs | 13 |
| Athletic Fields (w/ lights & irrigation) | 25 |
| Community Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) | 1 |
| Number of Pools | |
| (Private & Public)..... | 9 |
| Golf Courses (Municipal)..... | 2 |
| Golf Courses (College)..... | 1 |
| Golf Courses (Private)..... | 5 |
| Frisbee Golf Course | 3 |
| Parks (Total Acres 2,984)..... | 65 |
| Bowling Alleys | 1 |
| State Parks | 4 |
| Roller Rinks | 1 |
| Roller Hockey Facilities | 2 |
| Skate Park | 1 |
| Soccer Fields..... | 19 |
| Tennis Courts | 25 |
| Trails (miles)..... | 44 |
| Volleyball Courts..... | 18 |

Cultural Arts: (Cultural Affairs 874-7512)

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| Movie Theaters | (25 Screens) |
| Performing Arts Organizations/Companies | 20* |
| Visual Art Venues, Museums & Galleries | 15* |
| Arts Festivals | 5* |

*Estimated Numbers

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:

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| Hospitals | 8 |
| Hospital beds | 1,213 |
| Hotels/Motels | 39 |
| Hotel/Motel Rooms | 3,718 |
| Restaurants..... | 253 |
| Shopping Centers | 15 |
| Shopping Malls | 1 |

Communications:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Print Media..... | 13 |
| Boone County Radio Stations | 11 |
| TV Stations | 7 |
| Cable TV/Satellite | 3 |

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 (Number) & Enrollment:(30) 17,186

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| Elementary Schools | (20) 8,092 |
| Middle Schools..... | (3) 2,385 |
| Junior High Schools | (3) 2,536 |
| Senior High Schools | (4) 4,146 |
| Vocational Schools | 1 |
| Non-Public Schools..... | 11 |
| Stephens College Enrollment | 1,147 |
| Columbia College Enrollment (day, evening & ext) . | 14,081 |
| Univ. Of Missouri-Columbia Enrollment..... | 30,130 |



Libraries:

Ellis Library.....2.6 million volumes
Daniel Boone Library.....1.9 million volumes

City Streets: (Public Works 874-6230)

Paved (miles) 489.66
Unimproved (miles)9.7

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

Sewers (miles)648

Fire Protection: (874-7391)

Number of Stations8
Total number of employees140
Number FF/Eng./Lieuts./Capts/Bat Chiefs.....131
Number of vehicles40
Number of hydrants..... 5,436

Police Protection: (874-7506)

Number of stations1
Number of sub-stations7
Total number of employees191
Number of Sworn Positions158
Number of vehicles103

Parking: (Public Works 874-7751)

Unmetered Off-Street
On-Street Meters..... 1,692
Off-Street Meters.....404
Permit Spaces (lots/garages)..... 1,275
Hourly Garage Spaces.....278

Airport: (Public Works 442-9770)

Airport Facilities.....1
Airlines: Mesaba (Northwest Airlines)1

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)

City Employees (FTE for FY 2010):..... 1,280.95

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)

Top 5 Employers in Columbia

Full-time FTE's (REDI Inc.)

University of Missouri8,491
University Hospital & Clinics4,014
Columbia Public Schools2,006
Boone Hospital Center1,527
MBS Textbook Exchange.....1,314

Unemployment Rate for 2008 for Columbia was 4.4%

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 Tax0.500%
Boone County Law Enforcement Tax0.125%
Capital Improvement County Tax.....0.200%
City General Revenue Tax.....1.000%
City Transportation Tax0.500%
City Capital Projects Tax.....0.250%
Parks Sales Tax0.250%

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 2008, volunteers contributed more than 43,323 hours at a value of more than \$845,000.

| Annual Unemployment Rates for Columbia | |
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| Year | Rate |
| 2004 | 2.5% |
| 2005 | 3.0% |
| 2006 | 2.9% |
| 2007 | 3.6% |
| 2008 | 4.4% |

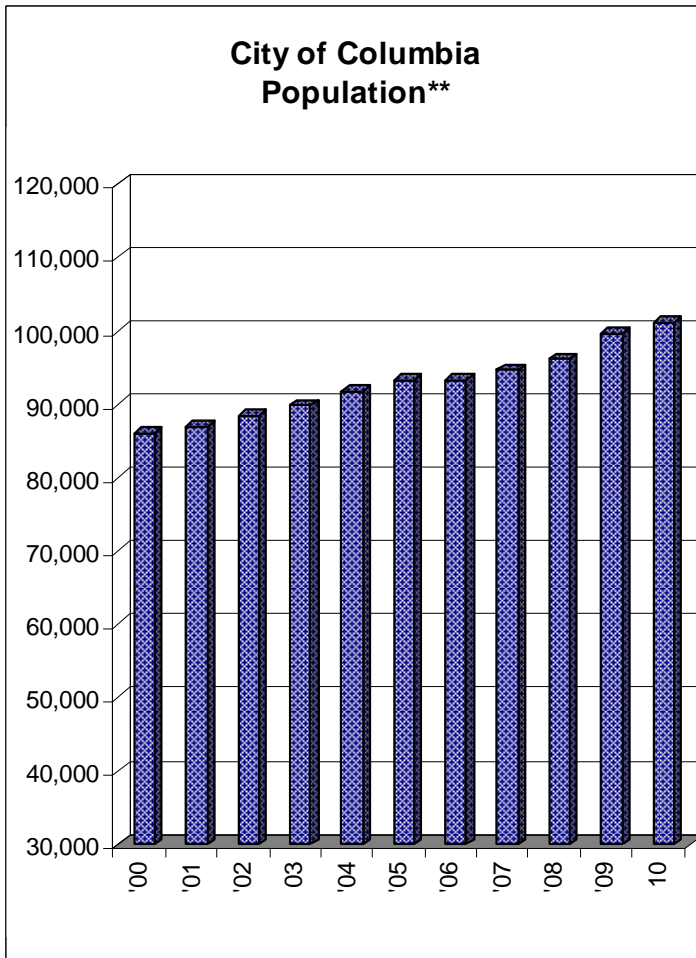
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Local Economy:

The cost of living for the City of Columbia is generally 8%-9% below the national average. For the first quarter in 2009 Columbia was at 91.0%. Columbia area has a median household income of \$33,928. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) the unemployment rate for the City of Columbia for the month of May 2009 was 5.7%.



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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

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|------|--------|------|---------|
| 2001 | 86,081 | 2006 | 93,219 |
| 2002 | 87,003 | 2007 | 94,645 |
| 2003 | 88,423 | 2008 | 96,093 |
| 2004 | 89,803 | 2009 | 99,619 |
| 2005 | 91,814 | 2010 | 101,143 |

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.

| FY 2010 Taxpayer | Type of Business | Assessed Value | Percent of Total Assessed Valuation |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| Boone Electric Cooperative | Utility | \$ 10,739,264 | 0.73% |
| The Kronke Group | Property/Developer | \$ 9,318,675 | 0.63% |
| Columbia Mall Limited Partnership | Property/Developer | \$ 8,520,254 | 0.58% |
| State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins | Insurance | \$ 7,913,247 | 0.54% |
| Boone Crossing | Property/Developer | \$ 7,864,177 | 0.53% |
| Grindstone Plaza Development | Property/Developer | \$ 5,848,007 | 0.40% |
| Shelter Insurance | Insurance | \$ 5,461,706 | 0.37% |
| Hubbell Power Systems | Manufacturer | \$ 4,520,172 | 0.31% |
| Boone County National Bank | Banking/Finance | \$ 4,402,289 | 0.30% |
| Rayman Columbia Center Trust | Property/Developer | \$ 4,343,968 | 0.29% |
| Total | | \$ 68,931,759 | 4.68% |

Assessed Values of Taxable Property

| Fiscal Year | State Assessed Value | Real Property | Personal Property | Total Assessed Value |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 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 | 6,122,350 | 1,207,930,492 | 260,021,334 | 1,474,074,176 |
| 2008 | 5,843,391 | 1,292,414,862 | 273,363,667 | 1,571,621,920 |
| 2009 | 5,522,897 | 1,347,522,235 | 275,394,049 | 1,628,439,181 |
| 2010 Prelim | 5,451,561 | 1,381,925,237 | 252,878,909 | 1,640,255,707 |

Property Tax Rates (Per \$100 Assessed Value)

| | General Fund | G.O. Bond Fund | Total Fund |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1990 | 0.22 | 0.32 | 0.54 |
| 1991 | 0.22 | 0.32 | 0.54 |
| 1992 | 0.22 | 0.32 | 0.54 |
| 1993 | 0.22 | 0.32 | 0.54 |
| 1994 | 0.22 | 0.32 | 0.54 |
| 1995 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.48 |
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| 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 |
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| 2007 | 0.41 | 0.00 | 0.41 |
| 2008 | 0.41 | 0.00 | 0.41 |
| 2009 | 0.41 | 0.00 | 0.41 |
| 2010 | 0.41 | 0.00 | 0.41 |