Indiana’s Township Population Change, 2000 to 2005*

Of the 1,009 townships in Indiana, about 62 percent gained in population from 2000 to 2005. If one adds in those townships with stable populations, that number jumps to more than 85 percent.

The largest numeric growth was seen in Hamilton County’s Clay township, which increased in population by about 13,700 people. Aside from Camp Atterbury in Bartholomew County (which is a special case), Union Township in Vanderburgh County grew the fastest on a percent basis, gaining by 137.9 percent (553 people).

Seven townships had more than 100,000 residents in 2005, four of which were in Marion County. Center Township of Marion County was the largest with more than 163,500 people. Of the seven, six lost at least 1,000 residents over the five-year span.

The largest numeric decline was seen in North Township of Lake County, losing 5,081 people. Benton County’s Center Township and Vigo County’s Harrison Township tied for the largest percent decline, with losses of 152 and 2,759, respectively.

*Based on change from April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2005, using the estimate base Source: IBRC, using U.S. Census Bureau data