

A Summary of Sumter County's Population (2000 – 2005)

The following information is based on U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates for 2001 through 2005. The figures for 2000 are the estimate base used for the 2000 Census calculations.

Sumter County is estimated to have experienced a relatively slight gain in population during this five-year period. Most of the urbanized areas (cities and towns) had small gains in population during this period, but the bulk of the population growth took place in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Estimated Population Growth for Sumter County and its Municipalities

Location	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Increase 2000-05	Pct. Change
Sumter County	104,636	104,345	105,158	105,539	105,699	105,517* (-182)	881*	0.8%
City of Sumter	39,643	39,976	40,141	40,046	39,948	39,679	36	0.1%
Mayesville	1,001	1,053	1,056	1,057	1,051	1,042	41	4.1%
Pinewood	459	508	509	510	508	501	42	9.2%
Remainder of County	63,533	62,808	63,452	63,926	64,192	64,295*	762*	1.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Census & Population Estimates

* Reflect number changes from previous report. The county population should have been listed as 105,517, not 105,571 (a difference of 54, which has been applied to Remainder of County figure).

The total population change over this five-year period is estimated to be 881. The two components of population change are natural increase and net migration. Sumter County's natural increase (births over deaths) was estimated at 4,100 over the five years, while net migration (people moving into or out of the County) was estimated at -3,080 (See Note below). This estimate of an out-migration trend from the County accelerated between 2004 and 2005. During the last year of the Census Bureau's estimates for Sumter County, net out-migration outpaced natural increase, leaving Sumter County with an estimated overall population decrease of 182 for the 2004 to 2005 time period.

Due to Sumter County's low estimated population growth over the five-year period, the County lost a place in the ranking of the State's most populace counties from 14th in 2000 to 15th in 2005. Dorchester County moved up from 15th to 14th (96,413 in 2000 to 112,858 in 2005).

Note: The Sumter County total of natural increase and net migration growth of 1,020 (4,100 minus 3,080) exceeds the County's overall growth for the five years addressed in this document of 881. This is the result of the use of a residual, or control factor, in the Census Bureau methodology. The control factor is not a demographic component of population change, but results from the application of a national population control to county population estimates. The Census Bureau first estimates the nation population change, and then estimates the individual states. The Census Bureau then uses the control factor to ensure the total of the states' population change matches the national total. The same process is employed to ensure the sum of the individual county totals match each adjusted state total. This control factor is not applied to the components of population change (natural increase and net migration). Therefore, the total estimated growth for Sumter County might be somewhat higher than the published estimated population change.