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Since 1960, the Missoula County population has grown more than any other county in the state of Montana, according to a report issued by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

According to the report, entitled "Population Estimates for Montana Counties as of July 1, 1968," Missoula County population has increased from 44,663 in 1960 to 55,100 in 1968, an increase of 10,437.

The bureau report estimates the population of each of the 56 Montana counties as of last year and lists the 1960 totals according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census for comparative value. A total of 34 Montana counties decreased in population over the eight-year period, according to study figures.

Also listed in the report is the age-sex distribution of Montana's population. Total population for the state is listed at 693,000 as of July 1, 1968, according to the Census Bureau. Since 1960 the entire state population has increased 18,280.

Population estimates as of July 1, 1968, and increase-decrease totals for Montana counties since 1960 include Beaverhead, 7,900, up 706; Big Horn, 10,200, up 193; Blaine, 7,600, down 491; Broadwater, 2,600, down 204; Carbon, 7,400, down 917; Carter 2,000, down 493; Cascade, 80,700, up 7,282.

Chouteau, 6,400, down 948; Custer, 13,800, up 573; Daniels, 3,300, down 455; Dawson 11,800, down 514; Deer Lodge, 15,200, down 3,440; Fallon, 4,500, up 503.

Fergus, 13,600, down 418; Flathead, 38,100, up 5,135; Gallatin, 29,200, up 3,155; Garfield, 1,900, down 31; Glacier, 12,000, up 435.

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Golden Valley, 1,200, down 3; Granite, 2,900, down 114; Hill, 15,400, down 3,253; Jefferson, 5,100, up 803; Judith Basin, 3,100, up 15; Lake, 14,300, up 1,196.

Lewis and Clark, 32,300, up 4,294 Liberty, 2,200, down 424; Lincoln 17,900, up 5,363; Madison, 5,800, up 589; McCone, 3,200, down 121; Meagher, 2,300, down 316; Mineral, 3,300, up 263.

Missoula, 55,100, up 10,437; Musselshell, 4,000, down 888; Park, 11,700, down 1,468; Petroleum, 800, down 94; Phillips, 5,300, down 727; Pondera, 6,500, down 1,153; Powder River, 2,600, up 115.

Powell, 7,500, up 498; Prairie, 2,000, down 318; Ravalli, 13,800, up 1,459; Richland, 10,700, up 196.

Roosevelt, 11,100, down 631; Rosebud, 6,300, up 113; Sanders, 6,600, down 280; Sheridan, 6,000, down 458; Silver Bow, 45,700, down 754; Stillwater, 4,800, down 726; Sweet Grass, 3,000, down 290; Teton, 6,000, down 1,295.

Toole, 6,500, down 1,404; Treasure, 1,200, down 145; Valley, 12,800, down 4,280; Wheatland, 2,800, down 226; Wibaux, 1,600, down 98; Yellowstone, 81,400, up 2,384.

Officials at the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research said Valley County
its
suffered/decrease in population due to the closing of Glasgow Air Force Base.

These estimates are based on data obtained up to July 1, 1968. Estimates for July 1, 1969, will be made in 1970 when necessary data are available.

The office of the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research is in the Business Administration Building, room 209 on the Missoula campus. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the office or by phoning 243-5113.

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