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Spring Hill's new population certified at 36,530

Certified special census results show 4,477 residents added in two years

SPRING HILL, Tenn. – The results of the City of Spring Hill's latest special census have been certified by the state verifying Spring Hill has gained 4,477 residents within the past two years since the last special census.

The 2016 Spring Hill Special Census was conducted between Oct. 1, 2015, and March 1, 2016, and collected residents' names and addresses. The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's (TDECD) recent certification of the official population of Spring Hill now stands at 36,530, up from 32,053 residents certified in 2014.

YEAR	POP.
1980	986
1990	1,464
2000	7,115
2004	13,697
2005	17,325
2007	23,462
2010	29,036
2014	32,053
2016	36,530

The City of Spring Hill would like to thank each and every resident who participated for recognizing the importance of responding to the special census to verify our new population. The higher population truly benefits every resident as the state returns to cities five types of state-shared revenues, totaling \$123.30 per resident. Those revenues include \$81 in State-Shared Sales Tax, \$0.50 in State Beer Tax, \$2.05 in Streets & Transportation Revenue, \$11.75 in TVA in lieu-of-taxes, and \$28 in State Street Aid (gasoline & motor fuel taxes).

The City of Spring Hill Special Census, conducted by Dempsey, Dilling & Associates, was done at a taxpayer cost of about \$128,000 in the 2015-16 fiscal year. The additional residents counted will result in \$552,014 in new State-shared revenue to the City of Spring Hill, an annual return on investment more than four times the cost of the census.

The additional funds will augment City revenues allowing the City to provide much needed services, such as police, fire protection, library services, utilities, and expansion of our roads and parks, in response to the continuous growth.

"We were pleasantly surprised with the 2016 special census results, which came in significantly above our initial estimates," said Spring Hill Finance Director Jim Smith.

"When we started the special census in 2015, we projected our new population would be about 35,000, based on housing permits and utility hookups in recent years. To receive 1,530 above

our estimates means \$188,649 more revenue than we anticipated. Our city will put those funds to good use tackling the many needs that come with this level of growth.”

In 2010, Spring Hill ranked 24th in population among all Tennessee municipalities. Today, Spring Hill is ranked 18th, surpassing Columbia (19), Gallatin (20), Lebanon (21), LaVergne (22), Cookeville (23), Oak Ridge (24) and Morristown (25), since the last federal census, according to a report published July 1 by the TDECD Center for Economic Research in Tennessee certifying the populations of all incorporated towns and cities throughout the state.

Among Tennessee cities of at least 10,000 residents, Spring Hill has the fastest growth rate* in the state.

“Spring Hill has continued to attract and retain new residents who are looking for an affordable diversity of homes near top-ranked schools, and a high quality of life,” Mayor Rick Graham said. “As Spring Hill transitions from being less of a bedroom community, as we attract more good-paying jobs, we expect the population of our great city will continue to rise as people want to be able to live where they work.”

**Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), the average annual rate of growth each year between 2010 and 2016.*