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Big City Losses are Small Town Gains

Today the Census Bureau released city, town and township population estimates for July 1, 2004. According to those estimates, many of the largest cities in the nation are losing population, particularly those in the East and Midwest. Findings for the Hoosier State:

- Indiana now has one fewer city in the 100,000+ category, as Gary dipped below that mark with an estimated population of 99,516.

- None of Indiana's four remaining 100,000+ cities saw a population gain from 2003 to 2004.

- Three of those four cities have lost population over the four-and-one-quarter years since Census 2000. Indianapolis saw a gain of only 0.3 percent over this period, while Evansville, South Bend, and Fort Wayne sustained losses of 3.6 percent, 2.3 percent, and 0.5 percent, respectively (although Fort Wayne would show a gain of 6.6 percent if growth due to boundary annexations were included).

- Of Indiana's cities with populations greater than 50,000, Fishers had the fastest "true" growth since Census 2000, posting an increase from about 38,000 to more than 54,000 residents (43 percent). If you consider the growth that is due to post-2000 boundary annexations, Carmel's gains exceeded Fishers', surging from about 38,000 to more than 58,000 (54 percent).

- Of our 10 largest cities, Carmel (ranked 10th) experienced the fastest population growth since Census 2000. Even after re-tallying Carmel's Census 2000 population based on post-2000 expanded boundaries, growth was about 14 percent for the period.

- Among the top 25 Hoosier cities and towns not already mentioned, Noblesville (ranked 22nd) experienced the fastest growth since the last census with an increase of about 23 percent. Greenwood also turned in a double-digit increase at 12 percent and ranks 18th in estimated population. Other top 25 cities showing growth are Lawrence (17th) and Portage (23rd), each posting a gain of about 5 percent. Also, Mishawaka (15th) increased 3.8 percent, and Merrillville (25th) saw a 2.3 percent gain, while Columbus (19th) picked up a meager 0.5 percent.

- The Hoosier town of Winfield (Lake County) experienced the highest percentage increase since Census 2000 at 64 percent. The town's 2004 population is estimated to be 3,330. Whitestown edges out Fishers for second fastest growth at 44 percent, but has an estimated population of only 688 residents. Other places showing growth greater than 25 percent are Pittsboro at about 37 percent, as well as Westfield at 27.5 percent and New Palestine at 26 percent.

- Indianapolis' status as the 12th largest city in the nation will likely change soon, as 13th-ranked Jacksonville, Florida is on a trajectory to eclipse Indy before the end of 2005. Fort Wayne ranks 84th nationally, while Evansville and South Bend place at 201st and 225th, respectively.

- When U.S. cities from the 100,000+ group are ranked by the estimated percent change in population since Census 2000, Indiana's four largest cities can be found in the bottom third of the list. Among all 251 cities in that group, Indianapolis ranks 175th, Fort Wayne ranks 193rd, South Bend ranks 222nd, and Evansville ranks 244th.
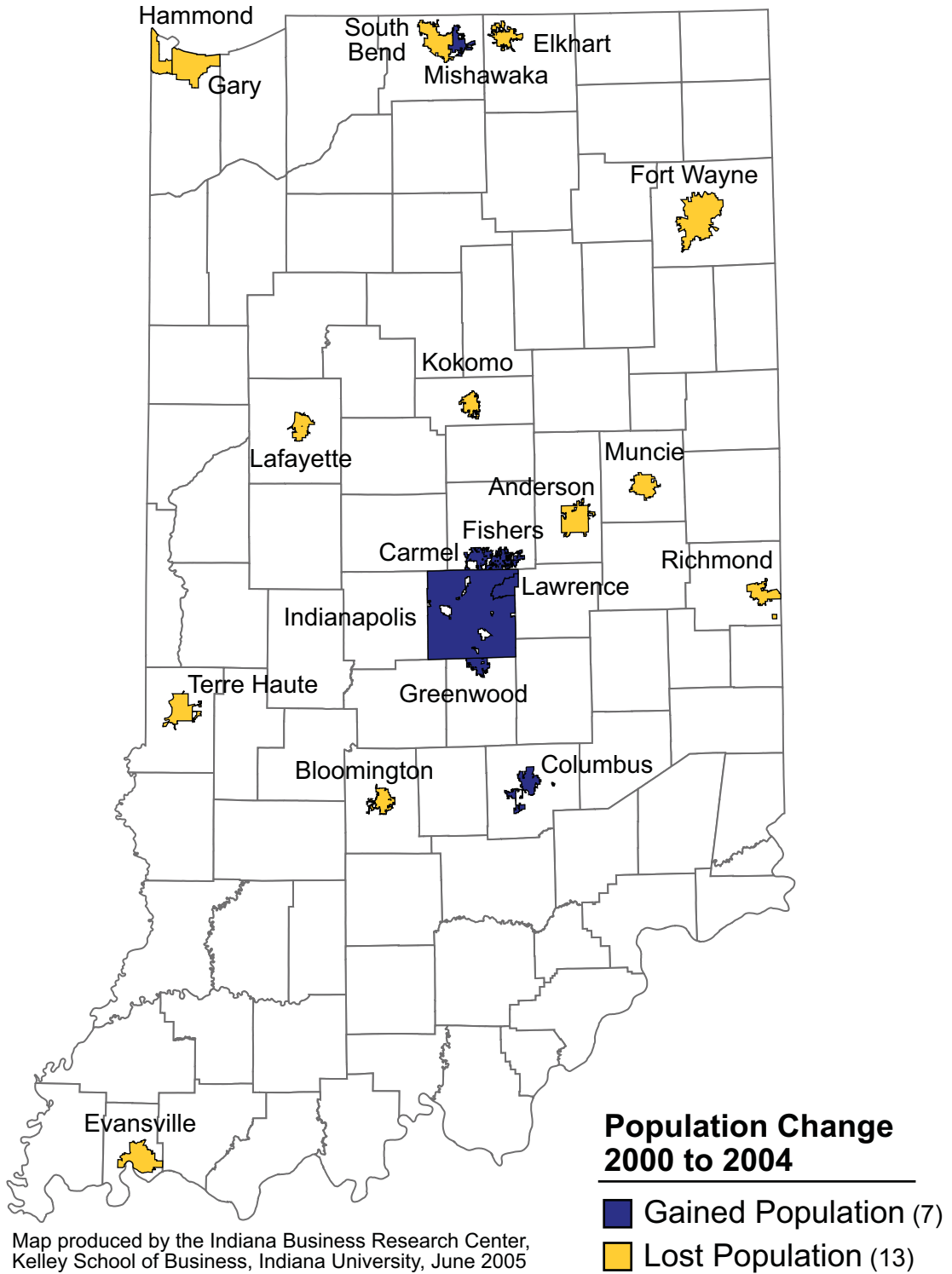
Indiana's Top 20 Cities Ranked by Estimated 2004 Population

Place	Rank	July 1, 2004 Population Estimate	April 1, 2000 Estimates Base	Percent Change: 4/00 to 7/04	Percent Change: 7/03 to 7/04
Indianapolis	1	784,242	781,864	0.3	0.0
Fort Wayne	2	219,351	220,525	-0.5	-0.2
Evansville	3	117,156	121,582	-3.6	-0.8
South Bend	4	105,494	107,939	-2.3	-0.2
Gary	5	99,516	102,746	-3.1	-0.5
Hammond	6	79,985	83,048	-3.7	-0.9
Bloomington	7	68,779	70,984	-3.1	-0.5
Muncie	8	67,166	68,015	-1.2	-0.6
Lafayette	9	59,753	60,582	-1.4	0.2
Carmel	10	58,198	50,952	14.2	3.3
Anderson	11	57,942	59,740	-3.0	-0.8
Terre Haute	12	57,224	59,699	-4.1	-1.7
Fishers	13	54,330	38,029	42.9	6.6
Elkhart	14	51,878	52,474	-1.1	0.2
Mishawaka	15	48,385	46,626	3.8	0.0
Kokomo	16	46,070	46,566	-1.1	-0.3
Lawrence	17	40,878	38,915	5.0	0.8
Greenwood	18	40,813	36,350	12.3	3.0
Columbus	19	39,251	39,065	0.5	0.5
Richmond	20	37,943	39,136	-3.0	-0.8

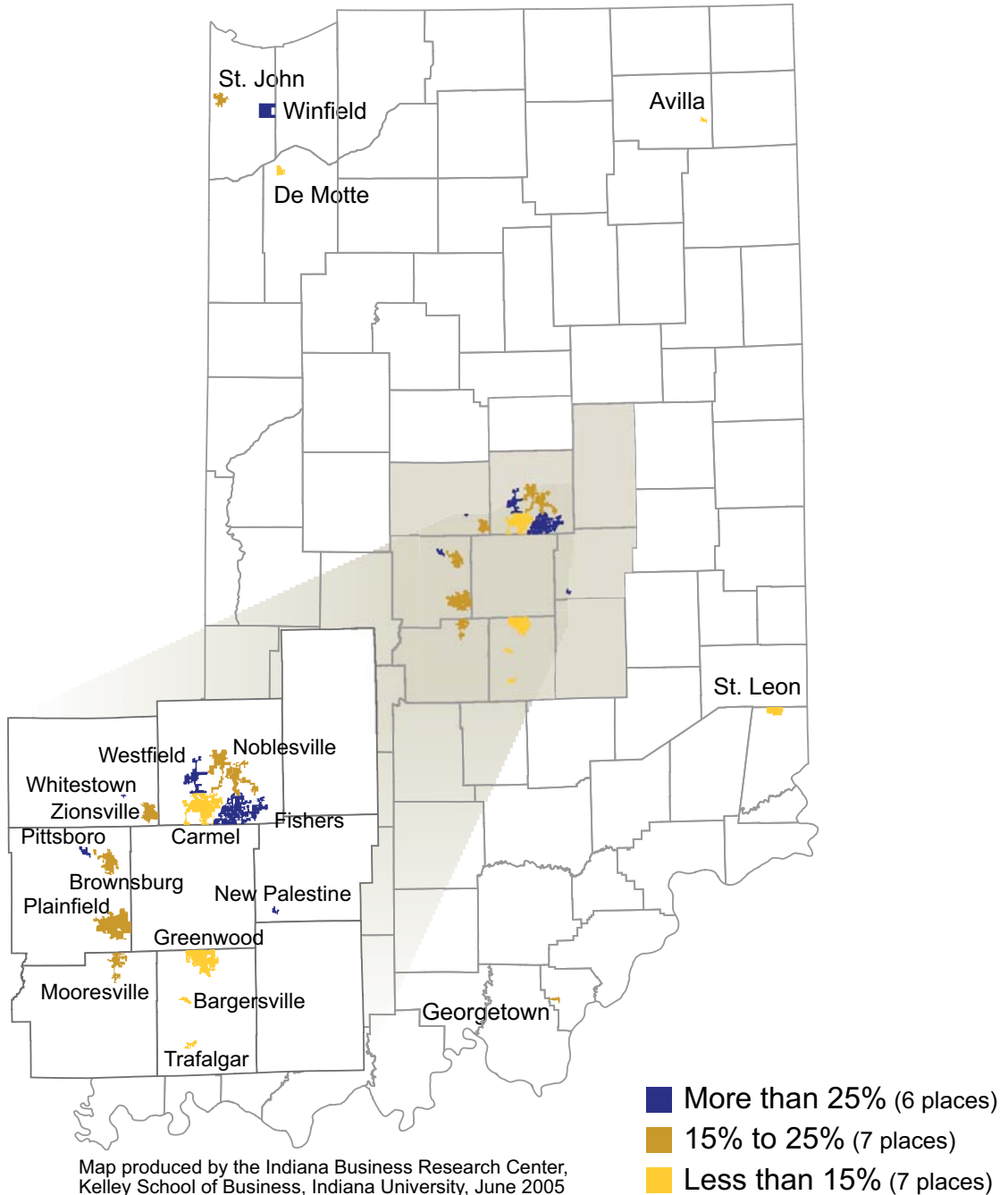## Indiana's Top 20 Cities/Towns Ranked by Growth Since Census 2000

Place	Rank	July 1, 2004 Population Estimate	April 1, 2000 Estimates Base	Percent Change: 4/00 to 7/04	Percent Change: 7/03 to 7/04
Winfield	1	3,330	2,028	64.2	14.1
Whitestown	2	688	478	43.9	17.4
Fishers	3	54,330	38,029	42.9	6.6
Pittsboro	4	2,180	1,588	37.3	2.6
Westfield	5	11,911	9,344	27.5	5.9
New Palestine	6	1,593	1,264	26.0	14.5
Noblesville	7	35,438	28,846	22.9	6.1
Plainfield	8	22,564	18,523	21.8	4.8
Zionsville	9	10,650	8,814	20.8	2.8
Brownsburg	10	17,622	14,631	20.4	3.9
St. John	11	9,975	8,493	17.4	4.3
Mooresville	12	10,826	9,275	16.7	1.5
Georgetown	13	2,561	2,227	15.0	5.9
De Motte	14	3,710	3,234	14.7	3.2
Carmel	15	58,198	50,952	14.2	3.3
Trafalgar	16	908	798	13.8	0.7
Greenwood	17	40,813	36,350	12.3	3.0
Bargersville	18	2,369	2,120	11.7	3.8
Avilla	19	2,284	2,049	11.5	2.3
St. Leon	20	509	458	11.1	2.4

Indiana Places:

20 Largest Cities, 2004

Hammond

South Bend

Elkhart

Gary

Mishawaka

Fort Wayne

Kokomo

Lafayette

Muncie

Anderson

Fishers

Carmel

Richmond

Lawrence

Indianapolis

Terre Haute

Greenwood

Bloomington

Columbus

Evansville

Population Change 2000 to 2004

■ Gained Population (7)

■ Lost Population (13)

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Indiana Places:
20 Fastest Growing Cities and Towns
Based on Percent Change, 2000 to 2004

St. John

Winfield

Avilla

De Motte

St. Leon

Westfield   Noblesville

Whitestown

Zionsville

Pittsboro   Carmel   Fishers

Brownsburg

Plainfield   New Palestine

Greenwood

Mooresville

Bargersville

Georgetown

Trafalgar

■ More than 25% (6 places)
■ 15% to 25% (7 places)
■ Less than 15% (7 places)

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