## \% CENSUS PROFILE <br> , Ray County, Missouri

In 2020, Ray County, Missouri, was the ninth most populous county in the nine-county MARC Region with 23,158 persons. Representing only $1 \%$ of the region's total residents, Ray County declined by a little over $1 \%$ from 2010. Prior to that, it had experienced slight, yet consistent growth since 1960.

Ray County's loss of 336 persons was due to both a natural decrease (deaths over births) of one resident and a net outmigration of 335 persons.

Despite overall population loss, Ray County did experience increases in some racial and ethnic groups. Persons of color saw their share of the county's population increase double from 5\% in 2010 to approximately $10 \%$ in 2020.

The largest increases in population were experienced by individuals identifying as two or more races and Hispanic. Their growth in these groups were more than offset, however, by a decline in the white population.


Components of Population Change, 2010-2020


Population Composition by Race and Ethnicity
3\%


- Black alone

Population Change, 2010-2020



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[^0]:    * People of Color: Hispanic or Latino + Black alone + Asian and Pacific Islander alone + American Indian/Alaskan alone + Other race alone + Two or more races

