



CITY OF HOUSTON

Planning & Development
Department

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City Council Members

From: Jennifer Ostlind, AICP, ^{JO}Interim Director

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Subject: **July 1, 2023 POPULATION ESTIMATE**

The Planning and Development Department estimates the **July 1, 2023** population of the City to be **2,328,285**. This population will be placed on our website and is hereby distributed to the list below for their use. The estimates are based on the U.S. Census Bureau figures, the periodic updates completed by the Texas Demographic Center and the City's building permit data.

Our estimate is based on the Housing Unit Method, as used by the U.S. Census Bureau for its annual city/town and county population estimates. The Housing Unit Method assumes that changes in the number of occupied housing units reflect changes in population. The estimate of change in the number of housing units in an area during the post-census period is a result of new residential construction and losses in the housing inventory, e.g., building and demolition permits.

Beginning with a population of 2,304,580 persons for the City of Houston, as counted by the U.S. Census Bureau in April 2020, we have added the residential permit data and subtracted the losses due to demolitions and arrived at the July 1, 2023 population of **2,328,285**; an increase of 23,705 persons over the April 1, 2020 Census Count or an increase of 2,189 persons (0.09%) over the city's July 1, 2022 estimate. The margin of error is $\pm 0.5\%$.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. As always, we welcome the opportunity to be of assistance to you.

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