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## Washington's New Population: 16,566

The results of a Special Census conducted last November are in and Washington has grown to 16,566 residents. The city's new population total was certified by State of Illinois late last week after the Special Census documented an influx of 1,432 residents since the 2010 Census.

"We are so proud to have received the news from the Special Census confirming the population increase that we anticipated," stated Mayor Gary W. Manier. "This is short of a miracle considering we experienced an EF 4 tornado in 2013, most cities lose population after such disasters. Our city continues to be attractive to families moving to the region. I'm proud of our City Hall staff, residents/neighborhoods, churches, Police Department, Fire Department, EMT's, Public Works Department, schools, Park District, businesses, volunteers, our city Council and everyone that contributes to our great community."

The city appreciates the efforts of the U.S. Census Bureau and the eight Washington residents the Census Bureau hired to perform the Special Census.

The city elected to count only the neighborhoods that have seen the most residential growth since the 2010 Census in order to minimize costs and maximize the possible return on the city's investment. Before the Special Census, the city estimated it would receive approximately \$400,000 in additional State funds that are distributed on population-based formulas. The city now estimates receiving approximately \$600,000 between June 2018 and certification of the 2020 Census in June 2021. The city's new projection of revenue growth is higher because the Special Census was completed sooner than anticipated and the number of new residents was larger than the initial conservative estimate. Additional State funds will help the city continue to provide essential services and improve the quality of life in Washington.

#### **Washington, Illinois**

*The City of Washington is a vibrant community offering a high quality of life supported by excellent schools, safe neighborhoods, diverse parks and recreation offerings, and a resident population motivated by volunteerism and community involvement. Our traditions include our historic downtown square, service oriented businesses, and family friendly amenities. For more information, visit [www.ci.washington.il.us](http://www.ci.washington.il.us)*