

# Enumeration Shows Population Loss in Kinsley and County

Both Kinsley and Edwards county lost population during the past year, according to assessment figures in the county clerk's office. The county population decreased 115, while Kinsley lost 23 persons. The assessment shows Kinsley's population to be 2,509, while the county has a total of 5,792.

All cities in the county lost population and half of the townships show a decrease. Lewis lost the most population with a decrease of 30 persons, while Franklin township, including Fellsburg, lost 26. North Brown township made the largest gain with an increase of 10 persons.

Defense work was given as the reason for most of the loss. A number of families have moved to Wichita and other places where defense plants are operating.

The population loss in Kinsley was explained partially in the fact that the crew working on the Co-op elevator was located in Kinsley at the time the assessment was made last year. Also, there were several crews doing county road work last year, County Clerk George Ott explains.

Kinsley's population is still larger than it was in 1950. The city showed a gain of 51 persons, while the entire county lost 98 in the 1951 assessment.

A break-down of the population figures follows:

Township	Gain	Loss	Total
Kinsley.....		8	322
Logan.....	8		151
Jackson.....	2		245
Trenton.....	3		177
North Brown..	10		172
South Brown..		13	231
Wayne.....	2		220
Belpre.....		1	202
Franklin.....		26	320
Lincoln.....		19	369
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Total Townships	25	67	2,409
Cities			
Kinsley.....		23	2,500
Offerle.....		12	222
Lewis.....		30	427
Belpre.....		8	225
Total Cities.....		73	3,383
Total County ...	25	149	5,792
County Loss ...			118

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