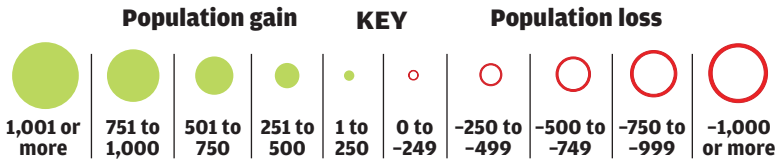
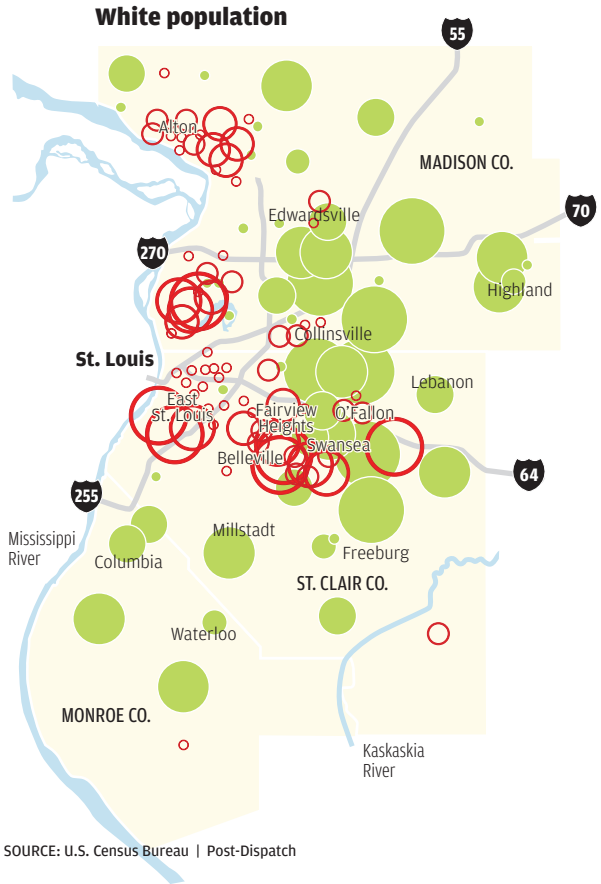
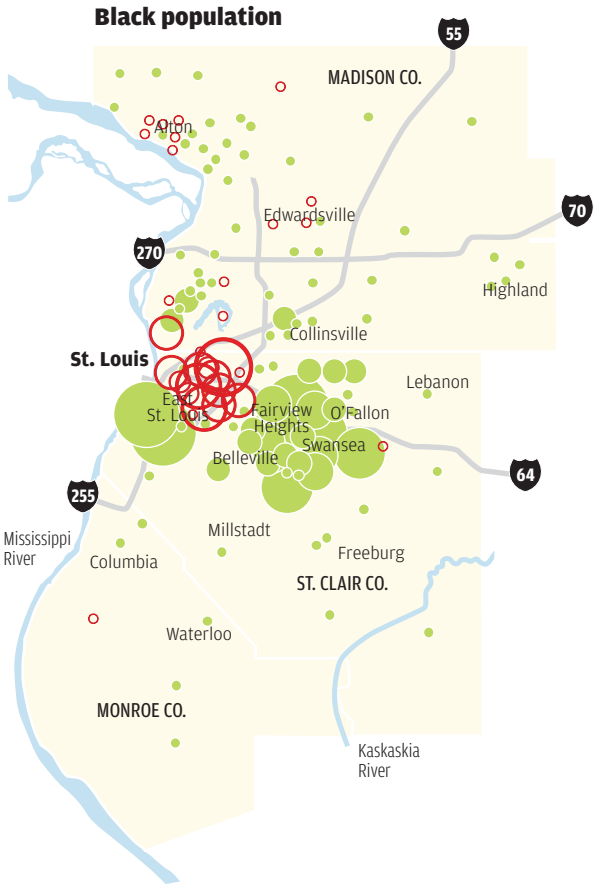
MAPPING POPULATION SHIFTS IN METRO EAST

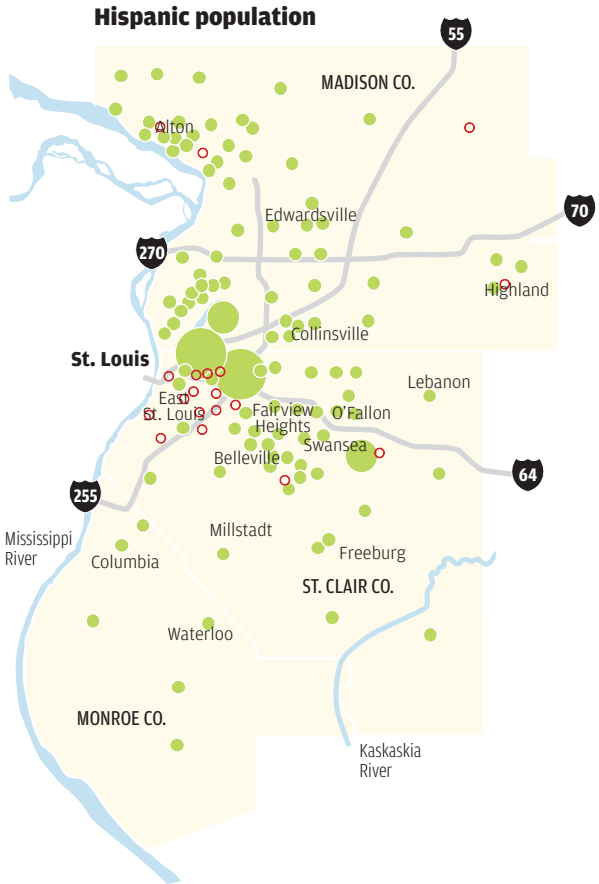
Census figures point to a major population shift in the Metro East between 2000 and 2010. Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties grew moderately, thanks to booming minority populations. As a result, the area became much more diverse. In Belleville, the region's largest city, many whites left – but more than twice as many blacks moved in. Where black populations increased the most, white populations usually declined. But where white populations increased the most, black populations usually also increased. Meanwhile, the area's small Hispanic population boomed in some of the neighborhoods near Cahokia Mounds.



NOTE: Red and green symbols represent the centers of census tracts







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