Census: Oconee population grows by almost 1,000

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Pickens County added more than 1,100 in 5 years

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WALHALLA — The estimated population in Oconee County has gone up by almost 1,000 people since 2010, according to data recently released by the U.S. Census.

A snapshot of Oconee's population over the past five years from April 1, 2010, through July 1, 2014, reflects a modest 1.2 percent increase to 75,192, according to an estimate posted last week by the federal government.

The 2010 Census counted 74,243 people living in Oconee. The next official census count, which takes place every 10 years, will be in 2020.

In Pickens County, the estimated population over the five-year span grew by almost 1 percent to 120,368, or about 1,144 more people than the last census.

According to the U.S. Census, the midway estimates between the last census and the next one in 2020 are used by the government as survey controls. They also serve as a tool for determining historical trends in birth and death rates, for projecting future populations, calculating incidence rates for

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