

## March 2008 New Orleans population growth slow in first quarter 2008

### Immediate Release

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**New Orleans, LA.** (April 24, 2008) – In March 2008, the population of New Orleans reached 71.8 percent of pre-Katrina levels, up from 49.5 percent in August 2006. But the rate of increase fell in recent months, suggesting that the population recovery has slowed.

New Orleans households actively receiving mail increased by 1,952 from December 2007 to March 2008. This was only 30 percent of the growth during the same period one year ago. The 6-parish metro area gained 2,604 households, representing 26 percent of the growth from December 2006 to March 2007. As of March, the 6-parish New Orleans region was home to 87 percent of its pre-storm number of households – up only 0.5 percentage points from December 2007.

### New Orleans Area Residences Actively Receiving Mail

	Orleans Parish		Jefferson Parish		St. Bernard Parish		St. Charles Parish	
<b>Jul-05</b>	198,232	100.0%	187,612	100.0%	25,604	100.0%	14,847	100.0%
<b>Aug-06</b>	98,141	49.5%	183,308	97.7%	na	na	15,160	102.1%
<b>Sep-06</b>	102,244	51.6%	183,189	97.6%	na	na	15,167	102.2%
<b>Oct-06</b>	108,048	54.5%	183,126	97.6%	6,736	26.3%	15,212	102.5%
<b>Nov-06</b>	109,437	55.2%	183,099	97.6%	7,301	28.5%	15,207	102.4%
<b>Dec-06</b>	116,276	58.7%	183,156	97.6%	6,807	26.6%	15,223	102.5%
<b>Jan-07</b>	117,450	59.2%	183,199	97.6%	7,379	28.8%	15,292	103.0%
<b>Feb-07</b>	119,438	60.3%	183,291	97.7%	7,838	30.6%	15,320	103.2%
<b>Mar-07</b>	122,699	61.9%	183,810	98.0%	8,211	32.1%	15,393	103.7%
<b>Apr-07</b>	126,441	63.8%	183,719	97.9%	8,511	33.2%	15,401	103.7%
<b>May-07</b>	129,179	65.2%	184,150	98.2%	8,730	34.1%	15,420	103.9%
<b>Jun-07</b>	130,796	66.0%	184,287	98.2%	9,204	35.9%	15,456	104.1%
<b>Jul-07</b>	133,966	67.6%	184,354	98.3%	9,350	36.5%	15,480	104.3%
<b>Aug-07</b>	137,082	69.2%	184,165	98.2%	10,098	39.4%	15,501	104.4%
<b>Sep-07</b>	138,683	70.0%	184,206	98.2%	10,119	39.5%	15,480	104.3%
<b>Oct-07</b>	138,364	69.8%	184,369	98.3%	10,421	40.7%	15,531	104.6%
<b>Nov-07</b>	139,744	70.5%	184,377	98.3%	10,568	41.3%	15,539	104.7%
<b>Dec-07</b>	140,365	70.8%	184,071	98.1%	10,782	42.1%	15,581	104.9%
<b>Jan-08</b>	141,208	71.2%	184,132	98.1%	10,866	42.4%	15,620	105.2%
<b>Feb-08</b>	141,825	71.5%	184,141	98.1%	10,953	42.8%	15,642	105.4%
<b>Mar-08</b>	142,317	71.8%	184,139	98.1%	11,015	43.0%	15,573	104.9%

## New Orleans Area Residences Actively Receiving Mail (cont'd)

	St. John Parish		St. Tammany Parish		6-parish area	
<b>Jul-05</b>	14,555	100.0%	83,467	100.0%	524,317	100.0%
<b>Aug-06</b>	14,979	102.9%	84,226	100.9%	406,690	77.6%
<b>Sep-06</b>	14,975	102.9%	83,358	99.9%	410,324	78.3%
<b>Oct-06</b>	15,045	103.4%	83,747	100.3%	411,914	78.6%
<b>Nov-06</b>	15,110	103.8%	83,865	100.5%	414,019	79.0%
<b>Dec-06</b>	15,126	103.9%	84,080	100.7%	420,668	80.2%
<b>Jan-07</b>	15,202	104.4%	84,514	101.3%	423,036	80.7%
<b>Feb-07</b>	15,205	104.5%	84,756	101.5%	425,848	81.2%
<b>Mar-07</b>	15,290	105.0%	85,120	102.0%	430,523	82.1%
<b>Apr-07</b>	15,311	105.2%	85,443	102.4%	434,826	82.9%
<b>May-07</b>	15,321	105.3%	85,810	102.8%	438,610	83.7%
<b>Jun-07</b>	15,368	105.6%	86,177	103.2%	441,288	84.2%
<b>Jul-07</b>	15,398	105.8%	86,338	103.4%	444,886	84.9%
<b>Aug-07</b>	15,408	105.9%	86,614	103.8%	448,868	85.6%
<b>Sep-07</b>	15,525	106.7%	86,817	104.0%	450,830	86.0%
<b>Oct-07</b>	15,451	106.2%	86,913	104.1%	451,049	86.0%
<b>Nov-07</b>	15,470	106.3%	87,035	104.3%	452,733	86.3%
<b>Dec-07</b>	15,486	106.4%	87,250	104.5%	453,535	86.5%
<b>Jan-08</b>	15,527	106.7%	87,486	104.8%	454,839	86.7%
<b>Feb-08</b>	15,536	106.7%	87,533	104.9%	455,630	86.9%
<b>Mar-08</b>	15,546	106.8%	87,549	104.9%	456,139	87.0%

Source: USPS Delivery Statistics Product

Note: For more information on using U.S. Postal Service Delivery Statistics to track the repopulation of New Orleans and the Metropolitan Area, see [www.gnocdc.org/reports/GNOCDC\\_research\\_note\\_May07.pdf](http://www.gnocdc.org/reports/GNOCDC_research_note_May07.pdf)

[In July 2005, the Census population estimates for each of these parishes were – Orleans: 452,170; Jefferson: 451,049; St. Bernard: 65,147; St. Charles: 50,554; St. John: 46,150; St Tammany: 219,814.]

These population indicators are tracked in *The New Orleans Index*, which is co-published by the Brookings Institution and the Greater New Orleans Community Data Center. To download the full report, go to [www.gnocdc.org](http://www.gnocdc.org)

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