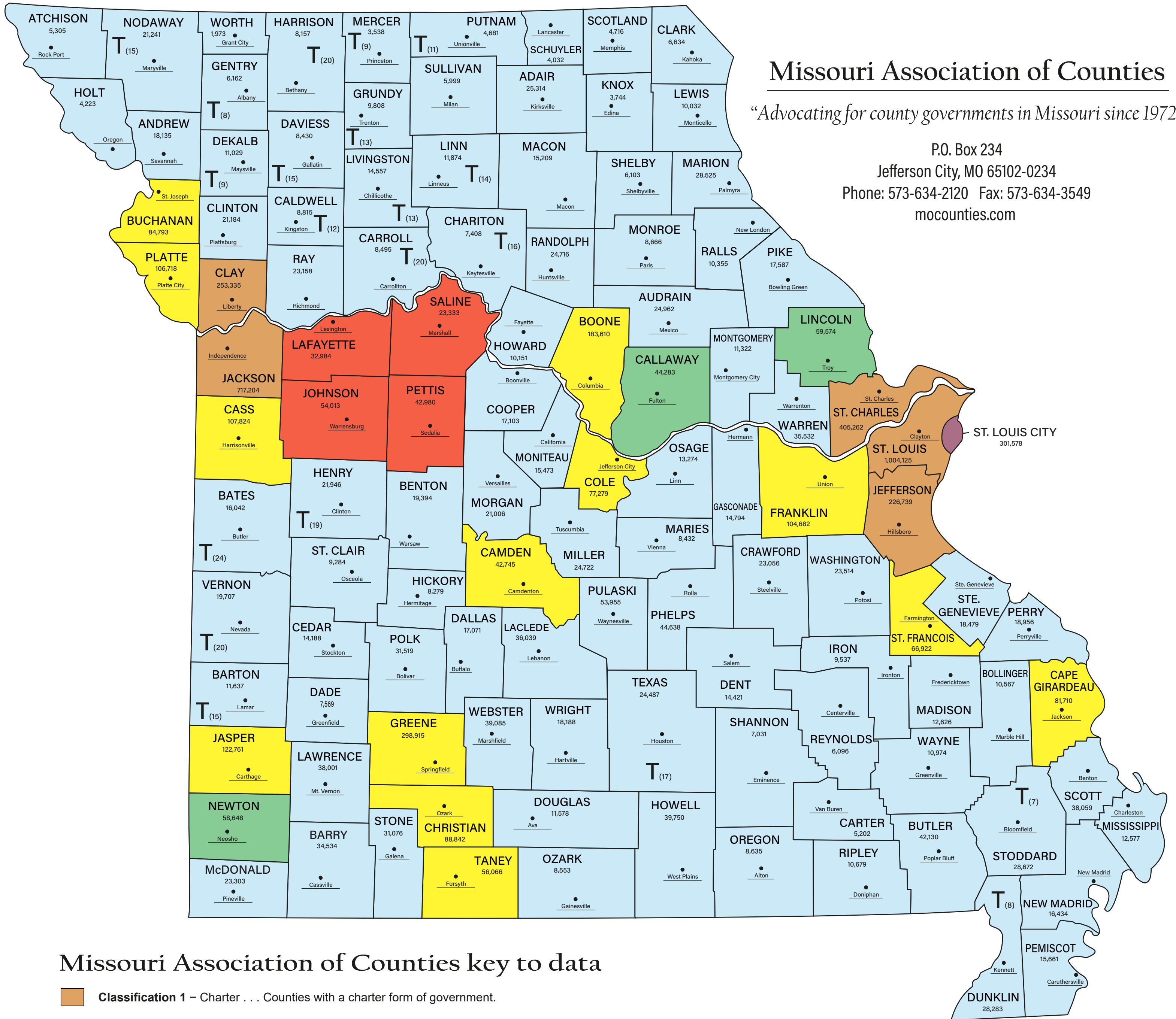




County Classifications in Missouri



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- Classification 1 – Charter** . . . Counties with a charter form of government.
- Classification 1 – Noncharter** classifications 1, 2 and 3 . . . In accordance to state law, the required assessed valuation for first- and second-class counties shall be increased annually by an amount equal to the percentage change in the annual average of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) or zero, whichever is greater. Counties having an assessed valuation of less than the assessed valuation necessary to be a second-class county shall automatically be a third-class county. Counties need to have five consecutive years of meeting the required assessed valuation in order to change classification. During that five-year monitoring period, counties that meet the require assessed valuation for reclassification are put in a ‘holding’ status for reclassification while still operating under their current classification. The State Auditor’s Office is required to notify counties of a change in classification status once assessed valuations are certified and the required assessed valuations for reclassification are met.
- Classification 2**
- Classification 3**
- Classification 4 – Classification 2** counties, which would otherwise return to Classification 3 because of changes in assessed valuation, but which attained Classification 2 prior to August 13, 1988 and operate under the laws of Classification 2.
- 20 Township Counties** . . . (#) = the number of townships in the county.

Based on 2020 Census Data
 (numbers under county names denote population figures)

Missouri’s population = 6,154,913

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