

Recent data shows that the Hispanic population in the Barren River region has grown by nearly 10 percent in two years.

The Daily News reports the region saw an increase of 9.57 percent from the 2010 census through July 2012, with the highest increase in Butler County, where the Hispanic population increased by 30 percent to 420 people.

Warren County, which saw a 10.3 percent increase, has the largest total number of Hispanic residents in the region with 5,709.

The changing population has led to changes within the communities, especially with churches adding Hispanic services or ministries.

In addition, the city of Bowling Green hired Leyda Becker as full-time community services specialist/international communities liaison last year. Becker says the city's growing Hispanic population was the primary reason for the position.