



POPLAR BLUFF

Missouri

Missouri Presbytery Church Plant

Presbyterian Church in America

Poplar Bluff Statistics

2018 - 2019 Estimates, census.gov/MissionInsite.com

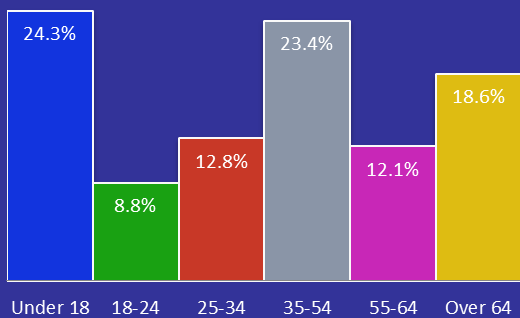
By the Numbers

Population:	16,785
Median family income:	\$42,558
Median home value:	\$101,900
Median Rent:	\$658
Poverty Rate:	19%
Crime Index:	517

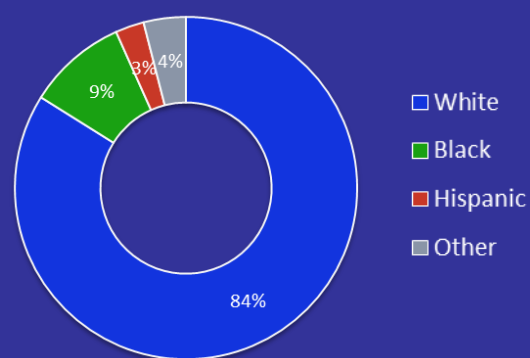
US Average is 274 (2018, city-data.com)

Age Demographics

Median age: 37



Racial Demographics



Marital Status

Married	42%
Not Married	58%

Households with Children

Married Couple	56%
Single Parent	44%

Poplar Bluff, known as "The Gateway to the Ozarks" is a small city and county seat of Butler County in Southeast Missouri. In 2018 Poplar Bluff was chosen as a federally-designated Opportunity Zone which encourages long-term investment and job creation in low-income areas.

While increasing income will help the immediate needs of families, their spiritual poverty still remains their most pressing problem.

With almost 40% of the people choosing "none" or "non-Christian" as their religious preference, the Missouri Presbytery recognizes the need for a PCA church in Poplar Bluff. The presbytery is supported in this endeavor by the Midwest Alliance whose mission is to see PCA churches and presbyteries in the Midwest working together to plant and grow healthy and reproducing churches.

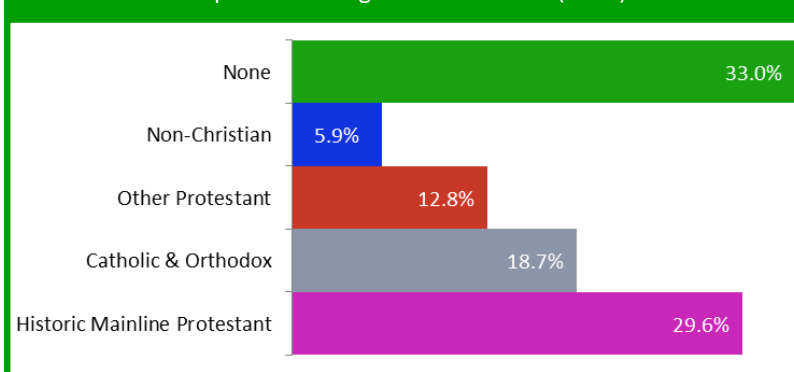


The Missouri Presbytery is the regional body of PCA churches covering much of Missouri, including the St. Louis and Columbia metropolitan areas. As



we serve our individual communities, we work together to serve our region. We are praying that a church plant in Poplar Bluff will be part of God's plan for serving not only that community, but also the entire region.

Poplar Bluff Religious Preferences (2017)





Art Deco Architecture - Rodgers Theatre



Downtown Skate Park



Farmers Market

Poplar Bluff Highlights

White collar workers make up 57.6% of the workforce.

Lake Wappapello is the nearest public access lake and Black River access is near.

Area attractions include the Poplar Bluff History Museum, Margaret Harwell Art Museum, and the Stars and Stripes Museum.

The Black River Coliseum is a 115,000 square foot multi-purpose facility which houses concerts, bull riding, cage fights, family shows, trade shows, conferences, and banquets.

The Mo-Ark Regional Railroad Museum is dedicated to preserving the railroad history of southeast Missouri and northeast Arkansas.

Education

(population over age 25)

83.3% High School Grad or higher

9.7% Bachelor's Degree

5.6% Graduate or Professional

Top Employers

(Company & # of Employees for Greater Poplar Bluff)

Poplar Bluff Regional Med. Ctr.	1300
Briggs & Stratton Corp	550
Poplar Bluff R-1 Schools	750
V.A . Medical Center	751
Gates Corp.	470
Walmart Supercenter	456
Mid Continental Steel & Wire	419
Three Rivers College	380
City of Poplar Bluff	300
Starting USA	180

Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- Desire to put down roots and equip people for ministry
- A strong preacher - effective communicator - able to preach Christ crucified

Support

- Mentoring available from experienced church planters
- The commitment of the Missouri Presbytery to church planting

Imagine

A welcoming church plant reaching the “nones” in Poplar Bluff
 A gospel saturated, missional church plant in Poplar Bluff that becomes a hub to plant additional churches in the surrounding communities

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Most Common Occupations

