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This information was compiled by staff from the University of Missouri-Kansas City L.P. Cookingham Institute of Urban Affairs to provide members of the Kansas City Charter Review Commission with some basic descriptive information about the structure and composition of the city councils in select peer cities for the meeting on July 10, 2013.

City Demographics

Because the U.S. Census reports a city's percentage of persons of Hispanic or Latino origin separately from race, the demographic information does not add up to 100%.

	Denver	Fort Worth	Kansas City	Memphis	Minneapolis	Oklahoma City	Omaha	St. Louis	Tulsa
Persons of Hispanic or Latino Origin	31.82%	34.06%	9.99%	6.49%	10.47%	17.25%	13.09%	3.49%	14.10%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.37%	0.64%	0.51%	0.24%	1.99%	3.54%	0.83%	0.26%	5.31%
Asian alone	3.40%	3.73%	2.48%	1.57%	5.63%	4.02%	2.45%	2.91%	2.32%
Black or African American alone	10.24%	18.91%	29.91%	63.33%	18.58%	15.06%	13.68%	49.22%	15.86%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Native alone	0.10%	0.10%	0.19%	0.05%	0.05%	0.10%	0.08%	0.02%	0.08%
Some other race alone	11.86%	12.43%	4.52%	4.04%	5.59%	9.41%	6.89%	1.28%	7.97%
Two or more races	4.09%	3.10%	3.17%	1.38%	4.36%	5.17%	3.00%	2.37%	5.87%
White alone	68.93%	61.10%	59.22%	29.39%	63.80%	62.70%	73.07%	43.93%	62.59%
Total Population	600,158	741,206	459,787	646,889	382,578	579,999	408,958	319,294	391,906

Source: U.S. Census (2010)

Number of Districts/Wards and Total Number of Council Members with Demographic Data
 Mayor-council cities with at-large districts include Denver and St. Louis. Memphis has two super districts with three council members in each super district. Each super district contains about half of the city. Council-manager cities' total council members and demographic data include the mayor, who sits on the council.

City	Form of Government	# of Districts/ Wards	At-large/ District	Total Council Members	Hispanic or Latino Origin	American Indian and Alaska Native	Black or African American	White
Denver	Mayor-Council	11	2/11	13	3	0	2	8
Fort Worth	Council-Manager	8	0/8	9	1	0	2	6
Kansas City	Council-Manager	6	6/6	13*	0	0	4	9
Memphis**	Mayor-Council	9	6/7	13	0	0	7	6
Minneapolis	Mayor-Council	13	0/13	13	0	1	1	11
Oklahoma City	Council-Manager	8	0/8	7	0	0	1	7
Omaha	Mayor-Council	7	0/7	7	0	0	2	5
St. Louis***	Mayor-Council	28	1/28	29	0	0	12	17
Tulsa****	Mayor-Council	9	0/9	9	0	0	1	8

*Including mayor.

**Three council members in each of two super districts: Super District 8 is made up of Districts 6 and 7, and the majority of Districts 3 and 4; Super District 9 is made up of Districts 1, 2, and 5, and a small section of Districts 3 and 4.

***St. Louis total includes president of the board of aldermen.

****Unable to confirm by city official. Based on visual analysis of photos available on Tulsa Web site only.
 Information for form of government, number of wards/districts, number of at-large/district members and total number of council members obtained from city web sites and charters in July 2013. Information on city council demographic composition obtained from contacting officials in the cities and/or from local universities by phone and email on July 8-July 10, 2013.