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Introduction

This is the third edition of *Profiles of Illinois—Facts, Figures & Statistics for 1,436 Populated Places in Illinois*. As with the other titles in our *State Profiles* series, we built this work using content from Grey House Publishing’s award-winning *Profiles of America*—a 4-volume compilation of data on more than 42,000 places in the United States. We have updated and included the Illinois chapter from *Profiles of America*, and added entire fresh chapters of demographic information and ranking sections, so that *Profiles of Illinois* is the most comprehensive portrait of the state of Illinois ever published.

This third edition provides data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Illinois for which the US Census provides individual statistics. It includes seven major sections that cover everything from **Education** to **Ethnic Backgrounds** to **Climate**. All sections include **Comparative Statistics** or **Rankings**, and full-color **Maps** at the back of the book provide valuable information in a quickly processed, visual format. Here’s an overview of each section:

1. Profiles

This section, organized by county, gives detailed profiles of 1,436 places plus 102 counties. Based on core Census data, these numbers reflect extensive updates from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, and Nielsen Claritas, a trusted source for up-to-date demographic information. In addition, we have added current government statistics and original research, so that these profiles pull together statistical and descriptive information on every Census-recognized place in the state. Major fields of information include:

<i>Geography</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Religion</i>
<i>Ancestry</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Climate</i>
<i>Economy</i>	<i>Industry</i>	<i>Health</i>	

In addition to place profiles, this section includes an **Alphabetical Place Index** and **Comparative Statistics** that compare Illinois’ 100 largest communities by dozens of data points.

2. Education

This section begins with an **Educational State Profile**, summarizing number of schools, students, diplomas granted and educational dollars spent. Following the state profile are **School District Rankings** on 16 topics ranging from *Teacher/Student Ratios* to *High School Drop-Out Rates*. Following these rankings are statewide *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)* results and data from the *Illinois State Report Card*—an overview of student performance by grade and subject.

3. Ancestry

This section provides a detailed look at the ancestral and racial makeup of Illinois. 217 ethnic categories are ranked three ways: 1) by number, based on all places regardless of population; 2) by percent, based on all places regardless of population; 3) by percent, based on places with populations of 10,000 or more. You will discover, for example, that Moline has the greatest number of *Belgians* in the state (2,686), and that 37.3% of the population of Fulton are of *Dutch* ancestry.

4. Hispanic Population

This section defines Illinois’ Hispanic population by 23 Hispanic backgrounds from *Argentinian* to *Venezuelan*. It ranks each of 15 categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Hispanic background. For example, you’ll see that New Lennox has the highest percentage of *Mexicans* who speak English-only at home (76.3%), and that Naperville has the highest percentage of *Puerto Ricans* who are four-year college graduates (46.6%).

5. Asian Population

Similar in format to the section on Hispanic Population, this section defines Illinois’ Asian population by 21 Asian backgrounds from *Bangladeshi* to *Vietnamese*. It ranks each of 14 categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Asian background. You will learn that *Koreans* in Buffalo Grove have a median household income of \$83,219 and that 93.6% of *Thais* in Chicago are high-school graduates.

Adams County

Located in western Illinois; bounded on the west by the Mississippi River and the Missouri border. Covers a land area of 856.63 square miles, a water area of 14.64 square miles, and is located in the Central Time Zone at 39.96° N. Lat., 91.26° W. Long. The county was founded in 1825. County seat is Quincy.

Adams County is part of the Quincy, IL-MO Micropolitan Statistical Area. The entire metro area includes: Adams County, IL; Lewis County, MO

Weather Station: Golden Elevation: 725 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	34	38	51	63	74	83	87	85	78	66	50	37
Low	17	20	31	41	52	62	65	63	54	43	32	21
Precip	1.5	1.8	2.5	3.5	5.0	4.5	4.2	4.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.1
Snow	5.1	4.2	1.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	tr	0.7	3.8

High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation and Snow in inches

Weather Station: Quincy Dam 21 Elevation: 482 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	35	40	51	64	73	83	87	86	79	66	53	39
Low	18	22	31	42	53	62	67	65	56	44	34	22
Precip	1.4	1.9	2.6	3.6	4.5	3.7	4.0	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.2
Snow	na	na	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.2

High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation and Snow in inches

Weather Station: Quincy Muni Baldwin Fld Elevation: 763 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	35	39	51	63	73	82	86	85	77	65	51	38
Low	19	23	32	43	53	62	66	64	56	44	34	22
Precip	1.5	1.9	2.6	3.5	4.6	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.3
Snow	na	na	na	na	na	tr	tr	na	na	na	na	na

High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation and Snow in inches

Population: 66,090 (1990); 68,277 (2000); 66,841 (2010); 65,903 (2015 projected); Race: 94.2% White, 3.4% Black, 0.5% Asian, 2.0% Other, 0.9% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 78.0 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.39 (2010); Median age: 39.3 (2010); Males per 100 females: 93.4 (2010).

Religion: Five largest groups: 23.3% Catholic Church, 5.4% The United Methodist Church, 4.9% Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, 4.7% United Church of Christ, 4.3% Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (2000).

Economy: Unemployment rate: 6.7% (August 2011); Total civilian labor force: 37,967 (August 2011); Leading industries: 17.6% health care and social assistance; 16.9% manufacturing; 16.6% retail trade (2009); Farms: 1,295 totaling 374,133 acres (2007); Companies that employ 500 or more persons: 6 (2009); Companies that employ 100 to 499 persons: 40 (2009); Companies that employ less than 100 persons: 1,809 (2009); Black-owned businesses: n/a (2007); Hispanic-owned businesses: n/a (2007); Asian-owned businesses: 84 (2007); Women-owned businesses: 1,367 (2007); Retail sales per capita: \$15,194 (2010). Single-family building permits issued: 51 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 88 (2010).

Income: Per capita income: \$23,084 (2010); Median household income: \$44,318 (2010); Average household income: \$56,151 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 10.8% (2010); Poverty rate: 15.7% (2009); Bankruptcy rate: 3.94% (2010).

Taxes: Total county taxes per capita: \$96 (2007); County property taxes per capita: \$96 (2007).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 89.9% (2010); Bachelor's degree or higher: 21.9% (2010); Master's degree or higher: 7.1% (2010).

Housing: Homeownership rate: 73.9% (2010); Median home value: \$90,201 (2010); Median contract rent: \$389 per month (2005-2009 5-year est.); Median year structure built: 1959 (2005-2009 5-year est.)

Health: Birth rate: 129.1 per 10,000 population (2009); Death rate: 123.2 per 10,000 population (2009); Age-adjusted cancer mortality rate: 185.7 deaths per 100,000 population (2007); Number of physicians: 27.2 per 10,000 population (2008); Hospital beds: 50.4 per 10,000 population (2007); Hospital admissions: 2,107.3 per 10,000 population (2007).

Environment: Air Quality Index: 96.9% good, 3.1% moderate, 0.0% unhealthy for sensitive individuals, 0.0% unhealthy (percent of days in 2008)

Elections: 2008 Presidential election results: 38.3% Obama, 60.7% McCain, 0.5% Nader

National and State Parks: Sid Simpson State Park; Siloam Springs State Park

Additional Information Contacts

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<http://www.co.adams.il.us>
 City of Quincy (217) 228-4500
<http://www.ci.quincy.il.us>
 Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce (217) 222-7980
<http://www.quincychamber.org>

Adams County Communities

CAMP POINT (village). Covers a land area of 0.948 square miles and a water area of 0 square miles. Located at 40.04° N. Lat; 91.06° W. Long. Elevation is 722 feet.

History: Camp Point was settled about 1870 by people of German ancestry.

Population: 1,230 (1990); 1,244 (2000); 1,239 (2010); 1,229 (2015 projected); Race: 99.0% White, 0.0% Black, 0.1% Asian, 0.9% Other, 0.4% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 1,306.8 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.57 (2010); Median age: 39.7 (2010); Males per 100 females: 89.4 (2010); Marriage status: 20.9% never married, 59.6% now married, 10.3% widowed, 9.3% divorced (2005-2009 5-year est.); Foreign born: 0.2% (2005-2009 5-year est.); Ancestry (includes multiple ancestries): 58.1% German, 16.0% Irish, 9.8% English, 5.8% American, 3.3% French (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Economy: Single-family building permits issued: 1 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (2010); Employment by occupation: 3.3% management, 19.4% professional, 13.2% services, 27.1% sales, 0.8% farming, 14.0% construction, 22.2% production (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Income: Per capita income: \$21,596 (2010); Median household income: \$44,816 (2010); Average household income: \$56,734 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 11.6% (2010); Poverty rate: 9.4% (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Taxes: Total city taxes per capita: \$139 (2007); City property taxes per capita: \$100 (2007).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High school diploma (including GED) or higher: 90.6% (2010); Bachelor's degree or higher: 12.5% (2010); Master's degree or higher: 4.2% (2010).

School District(s)

Central CUSD 3 (PK-12)
 2009-10 Enrollment: 946 (217) 593-7116

Housing: Homeownership rate: 74.2% (2010); Median home value: \$73,636 (2010); Median contract rent: \$272 per month (2005-2009 5-year est.); Median year structure built: 1958 (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Newspapers: Camp Point Journal (Community news; Circulation 800); The Golden Clayton New Era (Community news; Circulation 300); Golden New Era (Community news; Circulation 600); Mendon Dispatch-Times (Community news; Circulation 875)

Transportation: Commute to work: 88.9% car, 2.3% public transportation, 3.7% walk, 4.7% work from home (2005-2009 5-year est.); Travel time to work: 35.3% less than 15 minutes, 28.3% 15 to 30 minutes, 30.5% 30 to 45 minutes, 2.0% 45 to 60 minutes, 3.9% 60 minutes or more (2005-2009 5-year est.)

CLAYTON (village). Covers a land area of 0.874 square miles and a water area of 0.002 square miles. Located at 40.02° N. Lat; 90.95° W. Long. Elevation is 732 feet.

Population: 726 (1990); 904 (2000); 809 (2010); 775 (2015 projected); Race: 75.9% White, 22.0% Black, 0.0% Asian, 2.1% Other, 2.3% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 925.3 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.38 (2010); Median age: 37.6 (2010); Males per 100 females: 124.1 (2010); Marriage status: 42.9% never married, 33.5% now married, 4.8% widowed, 18.8% divorced (2005-2009 5-year est.); Foreign born: 0.0% (2005-2009 5-year est.); Ancestry (includes multiple ancestries): 22.9% German, 13.8% American, 6.6% Irish, 4.3% English, 3.0% European (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Economy: Single-family building permits issued: 0 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (2010); Employment by occupation: 7.2% management, 10.2% professional, 23.0% services, 21.4% sales, 5.3% farming, 13.8% construction, 19.1% production (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Income: Per capita income: \$19,607 (2010); Median household income: \$35,978 (2010); Average household income: \$50,353 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 11.4% (2010); Poverty rate: 23.3% (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Taxes: Total city taxes per capita: \$20 (2007); City property taxes per capita: \$20 (2007).

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Population

Place	1990	2000	2010 Estimate	2015 Projection
Addison village <i>Du Page Co.</i>	33,723	35,914	36,688	36,774
Algonquin village <i>McHenry Co.</i>	12,745	23,276	30,534	33,853
Alton city <i>Madison Co.</i>	32,996	30,496	29,266	28,518
Arlington Heights village <i>Cook Co.</i>	75,201	76,031	72,264	70,290
Aurora city <i>Kane Co.</i>	102,513	142,990	179,187	197,015
Bartlett village <i>Du Page Co.</i>	19,814	36,706	39,652	41,374
Batavia city <i>Kane Co.</i>	17,818	23,866	28,150	30,640
Belleville city <i>Saint Clair Co.</i>	43,445	41,410	39,931	39,149
Belvidere city <i>Boone Co.</i>	16,801	20,820	25,273	27,582
Berwyn city <i>Cook Co.</i>	45,426	54,016	50,481	48,959
Bloomington city <i>McLean Co.</i>	53,588	64,808	72,644	76,404
Bolingbrook village <i>Will Co.</i>	41,386	56,321	71,674	78,969
Buffalo Grove village <i>Lake Co.</i>	37,883	42,909	45,724	46,665
Burbank city <i>Cook Co.</i>	27,600	27,902	26,344	25,665
Calumet City city <i>Cook Co.</i>	37,803	39,071	37,604	36,997
Carol Stream village <i>Du Page Co.</i>	32,079	40,438	40,534	40,817
Carpentersville village <i>Kane Co.</i>	23,869	30,586	38,438	42,024
Champaign city <i>Champaign Co.</i>	65,449	67,518	76,962	80,417
Chicago city <i>Cook Co.</i>	2,783,726	2,896,016	2,848,389	2,814,480
Chicago Heights city <i>Cook Co.</i>	33,156	32,776	30,609	29,628
Cicero town <i>Cook Co.</i>	67,436	85,616	81,668	79,702
Collinsville city <i>Madison Co.</i>	23,754	24,707	26,206	26,764
Crystal Lake city <i>McHenry Co.</i>	25,852	38,000	43,344	45,903
Danville city <i>Vermilion Co.</i>	35,622	33,904	32,300	31,229
Darien city <i>Du Page Co.</i>	21,678	22,860	23,312	23,435
DeKalb city <i>De Kalb Co.</i>	36,443	39,018	46,971	50,210
Decatur city <i>Macon Co.</i>	85,750	81,860	75,427	72,186
Des Plaines city <i>Cook Co.</i>	54,783	58,720	59,116	59,197
Dolton village <i>Cook Co.</i>	24,035	25,614	23,861	23,036
Downers Grove village <i>Du Page Co.</i>	48,477	48,724	47,318	46,451
East Saint Louis city <i>Saint Clair Co.</i>	40,944	31,542	27,992	26,626
Elgin city <i>Kane Co.</i>	78,650	94,487	104,109	109,583
Elk Grove Village village <i>Cook Co.</i>	33,624	34,727	32,506	31,456
Elmhurst city <i>Du Page Co.</i>	42,108	42,762	42,564	42,102
Elmwood Park village <i>Cook Co.</i>	23,206	25,405	23,983	23,381
Evanston city <i>Cook Co.</i>	73,233	74,239	79,418	81,431
Freeport city <i>Stephenson Co.</i>	26,316	26,443	24,338	23,248
Galesburg city <i>Knox Co.</i>	33,637	33,706	30,959	29,569
Geneva city <i>Kane Co.</i>	13,292	19,515	24,586	27,120
Glen Ellyn village <i>Du Page Co.</i>	26,153	26,999	26,875	26,463
Glendale Heights village <i>Du Page Co.</i>	28,241	31,765	31,512	31,155
Glenview village <i>Cook Co.</i>	40,177	41,847	44,607	44,466
Granite City city <i>Madison Co.</i>	34,236	31,301	29,699	28,933
Grayslake village <i>Lake Co.</i>	8,307	18,506	25,008	27,657
Gurnee village <i>Lake Co.</i>	14,698	28,834	31,998	33,591
Hanover Park village <i>Cook Co.</i>	32,993	38,278	37,977	37,758
Harvey city <i>Cook Co.</i>	29,771	30,000	27,753	26,755
Highland Park city <i>Lake Co.</i>	30,761	31,365	32,665	33,023
Hoffman Estates village <i>Cook Co.</i>	46,320	49,495	49,845	49,785
Joliet city <i>Will Co.</i>	82,008	106,221	144,356	160,857

Illinois Public School Educational Profile

Category	Value	Category	Value
Schools (2009-2010)	4,405	Diploma Recipients (2008-2009)	131,670
Instructional Level		White, Non-Hispanic	82,749
Primary	2,566	Black, Non-Hispanic	21,887
Middle	787	Asian/Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	5,600
High	841	American Indian/Alaskan Native, Non-Hisp.	242
Other/Not Reported	211	Hispanic	19,616
Curriculum		Staff (2009-2010)	
Regular	4,017	Teachers (FTE)	138,321.9
Special Education	147	Salary ¹ (\$)	63,005
Vocational	53	Librarians/Media Specialists (FTE)	1,727.2
Alternative	188	Guidance Counselors (FTE)	3,155.3
Type		Ratios (2009-2010)	
Magnet	104	Number of Students per Teacher	15.2 to 1
Charter	39	Number of Students per Librarian	1,218.3 to 1
Title I Eligible	3,194	Number of Students per Guidance Counselor	666.9 to 1
School-wide Title I	1,371	Finances (2007-2008)	
Students (2009-2010)	2,104,175	Current Expenditures (\$ per student)	
Gender (%)		Total	10,353
Male	51.3	Instruction	6,086
Female	48.7	Support Services	3,940
Race/Ethnicity (%)		Other	327
White, Non-Hispanic	52.6	General Revenue (\$ per student)	
Black, Non-Hispanic	18.9	Total	12,035
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.2	From Federal Sources	947
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.2	From State Sources	3,753
Hispanic	21.1	From Local Sources	7,335
Special Programs (%)		Long-Term Debt (\$ per student)	
Individual Education Program (IEP)	14.9	At beginning of fiscal year	7,670
English Language Learner (ELL)	8.5	At end of fiscal year	8,212
Eligible for Free Lunch Program	37.2	College Entrance Exam Scores	
Eligible for Reduced-Price Lunch Program	5.8	SAT Reasoning Test™ (2011)	
Average Freshman Grad. Rate (%) (2008-2009)	77.7	Participation Rate (%)	5
White, Non-Hispanic	85.7	Mean Critical Reading Score	599
Black, Non-Hispanic	60.8	Mean Math Score	617
Asian/Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	92.9	Mean Writing Score	591
American Indian/Alaskan Native, Non-Hisp.	70.6	ACT (2011)	
Hispanic	68.8	Participation Rate (%)	100
High School Drop-out Rate (%) (2008-2009)	11.5	Mean Composite Score	20.9
White, Non-Hispanic	8.0	Mean English Score	20.6
Black, Non-Hispanic	20.0	Mean Math Score	20.9
Asian/Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	8.2	Mean Reading Score	20.8
American Indian/Alaskan Native, Non-Hisp.	15.3	Mean Science Score	20.7
Hispanic	13.4		

Note: For an explanation of data, please refer to the User's Guide in the front of the book; (1) Average salary for classroom teachers in 2010-11

Acadian/Cajun

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Chicago (city) Cook County	68	0.00
Decatur (city) Macon County	42	0.05
Springfield (city) Sangamon County	41	0.04
North Chicago (city) Lake County	37	0.10
Carbondale (city) Jackson County	31	0.15
Effingham (city) Effingham County	25	0.20
Hanover Park (village) Cook County	20	0.05
Villa Park (village) Du Page County	18	0.08
Rockford (city) Winnebago County	18	0.01
Swansea (village) Saint Clair County	15	0.14

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Dunfermline (village) Fulton County	2	0.78
Marine (village) Madison County	4	0.45
Wapella (village) De Witt County	3	0.45
Manito (village) Mason County	7	0.41
North Utica (village) La Salle County	3	0.32
North City (village) Franklin County	2	0.31
Mount Sterling (city) Brown County	6	0.29
Effingham (city) Effingham County	25	0.20
Milledgeville (village) Carroll County	2	0.20
Scott AFB (cdp) Saint Clair County	5	0.18

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
Effingham (city) Effingham County	25	0.20
Carbondale (city) Jackson County	31	0.15
Swansea (village) Saint Clair County	15	0.14
North Chicago (city) Lake County	37	0.10
Godfrey (village) Madison County	15	0.09
Villa Park (village) Du Page County	18	0.08
Algonquin (village) McHenry County	14	0.06
Deerfield (village) Lake County	12	0.06
Decatur (city) Macon County	42	0.05
Hanover Park (village) Cook County	20	0.05

Afghan

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Chicago (city) Cook County	381	0.01
Champaign (city) Champaign County	41	0.06
Naperville (city) Du Page County	31	0.02
Morton Grove (village) Cook County	22	0.10
Wheaton (city) Du Page County	16	0.03
Park City (city) Lake County	14	0.20
Skokie (village) Cook County	14	0.02
Evergreen Park (village) Cook County	11	0.05
Urbana (city) Champaign County	11	0.03
Deer Park (village) Lake County	10	0.31

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Deer Park (village) Lake County	10	0.31
Park City (city) Lake County	14	0.20
Morton Grove (village) Cook County	22	0.10
Lincolnwood (village) Cook County	9	0.07
Champaign (city) Champaign County	41	0.06
Evergreen Park (village) Cook County	11	0.05
Wheaton (city) Du Page County	16	0.03
Urbana (city) Champaign County	11	0.03
Lake in the Hills (village) McHenry County	8	0.03

Wilmette (village) Cook County	8	0.03
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Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
Morton Grove (village) Cook County	22	0.10
Lincolnwood (village) Cook County	9	0.07
Champaign (city) Champaign County	41	0.06
Evergreen Park (village) Cook County	11	0.05
Wheaton (city) Du Page County	16	0.03
Urbana (city) Champaign County	11	0.03
Lake in the Hills (village) McHenry County	8	0.03
Wilmette (village) Cook County	8	0.03
Naperville (city) Du Page County	31	0.02
Skokie (village) Cook County	14	0.02

African American/Black

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Chicago (city) Cook County	1,084,221	37.44
East Saint Louis (city) Saint Clair County	30,983	98.23
Peoria (city) Peoria County	29,553	26.17
Rockford (city) Winnebago County	27,596	18.38
Harvey (city) Cook County	24,232	80.77
Maywood (village) Cook County	22,612	83.79
Dolton (village) Cook County	21,293	83.13
Calumet City (city) Cook County	21,043	53.86
Joliet (city) Will County	20,012	18.84
Springfield (city) Sangamon County	18,072	16.21

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Brooklyn (village) Saint Clair County	671	99.26
East Saint Louis (city) Saint Clair County	30,983	98.23
Alorton (village) Saint Clair County	2,692	97.93
Ford Heights (village) Cook County	3,332	96.41
Centreville (city) Saint Clair County	5,723	96.17
Robbins (village) Cook County	6,354	95.76
Phoenix (village) Cook County	2,046	94.85
Venice (city) Madison County	2,377	94.03
Hopkins Park (village) Kankakee County	665	93.53
Washington Park (village) Saint Clair County	4,952	92.65

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
East Saint Louis (city) Saint Clair County	30,983	98.23
Riverdale (village) Cook County	13,151	87.35
Maywood (village) Cook County	22,612	83.79
Country Club Hills (city) Cook County	13,468	83.30
Dolton (village) Cook County	21,293	83.13
Bellwood (village) Cook County	16,995	82.76
Harvey (city) Cook County	24,232	80.77
Markham (city) Cook County	10,089	79.94
Hazel Crest (village) Cook County	11,482	77.50
Matteson (village) Cook County	8,284	64.08

African American/Black: Not Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Chicago (city) Cook County	1,068,054	36.88
East Saint Louis (city) Saint Clair County	30,845	97.79
Peoria (city) Peoria County	29,235	25.89
Rockford (city) Winnebago County	27,162	18.09
Harvey (city) Cook County	24,027	80.09
Maywood (village) Cook County	22,485	83.32
Dolton (village) Cook County	21,159	82.61

Calumet City (city) Cook County	20,855	53.38
Joliet (city) Will County	19,763	18.61
Springfield (city) Sangamon County	17,932	16.09

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Brooklyn (village) Saint Clair County	668	98.82
East Saint Louis (city) Saint Clair County	30,845	97.79
Alorton (village) Saint Clair County	2,683	97.60
Centreville (city) Saint Clair County	5,695	95.70
Ford Heights (village) Cook County	3,305	95.63
Robbins (village) Cook County	6,317	95.21
Phoenix (village) Cook County	2,031	94.16
Venice (city) Madison County	2,364	93.51
Hopkins Park (village) Kankakee County	664	93.39
Washington Park (village) Saint Clair County	4,929	92.22

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
East Saint Louis (city) Saint Clair County	30,845	97.79
Riverdale (village) Cook County	13,066	86.79
Maywood (village) Cook County	22,485	83.32
Country Club Hills (city) Cook County	13,379	82.74
Dolton (village) Cook County	21,159	82.61
Bellwood (village) Cook County	16,848	82.05
Harvey (city) Cook County	24,027	80.09
Markham (city) Cook County	10,030	79.48
Hazel Crest (village) Cook County	11,384	76.84
Matteson (village) Cook County	8,194	63.38

African American/Black: Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Chicago (city) Cook County	16,167	0.56
Waukegan (city) Lake County	822	0.94
Aurora (city) Kane County	715	0.50
Elgin (city) Kane County	487	0.52
Rockford (city) Winnebago County	434	0.29
Evanston (city) Cook County	377	0.51
Cicero (town) Cook County	374	0.44
Peoria (city) Peoria County	318	0.28
North Chicago (city) Lake County	289	0.80
Joliet (city) Will County	249	0.23

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on all places, regardless of population

Place	Number	%
Simpson (village) Johnson County	4	7.41
Ullin (village) Pulaski County	14	1.80
Scales Mound (village) Jo Daviess County	6	1.50
Jeffersonville (village) Wayne County	5	1.37
Karnak (village) Pulaski County	8	1.29
Old Mill Creek (village) Lake County	3	1.20
Detroit (village) Pike County	1	1.08
Mound City (city) Pulaski County	7	1.01
Waukegan (city) Lake County	822	0.94
Sauk Village (village) Cook County	94	0.90

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent

Based on places with populations of 10,000 or more

Place	Number	%
Waukegan (city) Lake County	822	0.94
Sauk Village (village) Cook County	94	0.90
Zion (city) Lake County	198	0.87
North Chicago (city) Lake County	289	0.80
Bellwood (village) Cook County	147	0.72
Matteson (village) Cook County	90	0.70
Forest Park (village) Cook County	108	0.69

Notes: (cdp) census designated place; Refer to the User's Guide in the front of the book for more detailed information.

Population

Total Population

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	2,895,964
Rockford, IL (city) Winnebago County	149,704
Aurora, IL (city) Kane County	143,609
Naperville, IL (city) Du Page County	128,300
Peoria, IL (city) Peoria County	112,892
Springfield, IL (city) Sangamon County	112,201
Joliet, IL (city) Will County	106,157
Elgin, IL (city) Kane County	93,895
Waukegan, IL (city) Lake County	87,969
Cicero, IL (town) Cook County	85,616

Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	753,835
Cicero, IL (town) Cook County	66,188
Aurora, IL (city) Kane County	47,192
Waukegan, IL (city) Lake County	39,706
Elgin, IL (city) Kane County	31,926
Berwyn, IL (city) Cook County	20,543
Joliet, IL (city) Will County	19,328
Rockford, IL (city) Winnebago County	15,301
Carpentersville, IL (village) Kane County	12,510
Melrose Park, IL (village) Cook County	12,508

Hispanic

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Cicero, IL (town) Cook County	77.31
Melrose Park, IL (village) Cook County	53.89
Summit, IL (village) Cook County	48.62
West Chicago, IL (city) Du Page County	47.90
Waukegan, IL (city) Lake County	45.14
Carpentersville, IL (village) Kane County	41.30
Blue Island, IL (city) Cook County	39.66
Berwyn, IL (city) Cook County	38.03
Franklin Park, IL (village) Cook County	37.97
Bensenville, IL (village) Du Page County	36.56

Argentinian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	1,064

Argentinian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.14

Argentinian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.04

Bolivian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	477

Bolivian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.06

Bolivian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.02

Central American

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	24,160
Waukegan, IL (city) Lake County	2,741
Cicero, IL (town) Cook County	853
Aurora, IL (city) Kane County	494
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	475

Central American

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place	Percent
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	13.37
Waukegan, IL (city) Lake County	6.90
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	3.20
Cicero, IL (town) Cook County	1.29
Aurora, IL (city) Kane County	1.05

Central American

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Waukegan, IL (city) Lake County	3.12
Cicero, IL (town) Cook County	1.00
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.83
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	0.75
Aurora, IL (city) Kane County	0.34

Chilean

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	690

Chilean

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.09

Chilean

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.02

Colombian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	6,091

Colombian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.81

Colombian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.21

Costa Rican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	732

Costa Rican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.10

Costa Rican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.03

Cuban

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	8,111
Aurora, IL (city) Kane County	383
Melrose Park, IL (village) Cook County	344

Cuban

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place	Percent
Melrose Park, IL (village) Cook County	2.75
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	1.08
Aurora, IL (city) Kane County	0.81

Cuban

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Melrose Park, IL (village) Cook County	1.48
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.28
Aurora, IL (city) Kane County	0.27

Dominican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	2,066

Dominican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.27

Dominican

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.07

Ecuadorian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	9,956

Ecuadorian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Hispanic Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	1.32

Ecuadorian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.34

Guatemalan

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	14,394
Cicero, IL (town) Cook County	446

Notes: Please refer to the User's Guide for an explanation of data; tables include places with populations > 9,999 and reflect only those areas that meet Summary File 4 population thresholds, therefore there may be less than 10 places listed

Population

Total Population

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	2,895,964
Rockford, IL (city) Winnebago County	149,704
Aurora, IL (city) Kane County	143,609
Naperville, IL (city) Du Page County	128,300
Peoria, IL (city) Peoria County	112,892
Springfield, IL (city) Sangamon County	112,201
Joliet, IL (city) Will County	106,157
Elgin, IL (city) Kane County	93,895
Waukegan, IL (city) Lake County	87,969
Cicero, IL (town) Cook County	85,616

Total Population

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Asian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	127,052
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	13,321
Naperville, IL (city) Du Page County	11,700
Schaumburg, IL (village) Cook County	10,285
Hoffman Estates, IL (village) Cook County	7,480
Mount Prospect, IL (village) Cook County	6,482
Glendale Heights, IL (village) Du Page County	6,298
Urbana, IL (city) Champaign County	5,283
Palatine, IL (village) Cook County	5,225
Morton Grove, IL (village) Cook County	4,931

Asian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Morton Grove, IL (village) Cook County	21.96
Oak Brook, IL (village) Du Page County	21.94
Lincolnwood, IL (village) Cook County	21.37
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	21.04
Glendale Heights, IL (village) Du Page County	19.88
South Barrington, IL (village) Cook County	15.82
Hoffman Estates, IL (village) Cook County	14.86
Urbana, IL (city) Champaign County	14.60
Schaumburg, IL (village) Cook County	13.80
Darien, IL (city) Du Page County	12.67

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	1,065

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	100.00

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.04

Asian Indian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	24,208
Naperville, IL (city) Du Page County	4,674
Schaumburg, IL (village) Cook County	4,529
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	3,845
Mount Prospect, IL (village) Cook County	3,155
Glendale Heights, IL (village) Du Page County	2,780
Hoffman Estates, IL (village) Cook County	2,740

Palatine, IL (village) Cook County	2,210
Des Plaines, IL (city) Cook County	1,953
Hanover Park, IL (village) Cook County	1,895

Asian Indian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place	Percent
Burr Ridge, IL (village) Du Page County	61.72
Bensenville, IL (village) Du Page County	60.79
Elmhurst, IL (city) Du Page County	58.92
Addison, IL (village) Du Page County	55.92
Oak Brook, IL (village) Du Page County	55.42
Darien, IL (city) Du Page County	51.36
Bartlett, IL (village) Du Page County	50.95
Bloomington, IL (city) McLean County	50.65
Mount Prospect, IL (village) Cook County	48.67
Bloomington, IL (village) Du Page County	47.41

Asian Indian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Oak Brook, IL (village) Du Page County	12.16
Glendale Heights, IL (village) Du Page County	8.78
Morton Grove, IL (village) Cook County	6.82
Darien, IL (city) Du Page County	6.51
Lincolnwood, IL (village) Cook County	6.41
Burr Ridge, IL (village) Du Page County	6.17
Schaumburg, IL (village) Cook County	6.08
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	6.07
South Barrington, IL (village) Cook County	5.95
Mount Prospect, IL (village) Cook County	5.56

Bangladeshi

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
No places met population threshold.	

Bangladeshi

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Bangladeshi

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Cambodian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	1,911

Cambodian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	1.50

Cambodian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	0.07

Chinese (except Taiwanese)

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	31,416
Naperville, IL (city) Du Page County	4,044
Urbana, IL (city) Champaign County	1,803
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	1,657
Schaumburg, IL (village) Cook County	1,336

Evanston, IL (city) Cook County	1,196
Champaign, IL (city) Champaign County	1,063
Hoffman Estates, IL (village) Cook County	821
Peoria, IL (city) Peoria County	809
Glenview, IL (village) Cook County	700

Chinese (except Taiwanese)

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place	Percent
Naperville, IL (city) Du Page County	34.56
Urbana, IL (city) Champaign County	34.13
Lisle, IL (village) Du Page County	30.62
Peoria, IL (city) Peoria County	29.58
Vernon Hills, IL (village) Lake County	29.32
Evanston, IL (city) Cook County	26.62
Mundelein, IL (village) Lake County	26.39
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	24.73
Champaign, IL (city) Champaign County	23.10
Oak Park, IL (village) Cook County	21.57

Chinese (except Taiwanese)

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
Urbana, IL (city) Champaign County	4.98
Vernon Hills, IL (village) Lake County	3.30
Lisle, IL (village) Du Page County	3.15
Naperville, IL (city) Du Page County	3.15
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	2.62
Westmont, IL (village) Du Page County	1.97
Schaumburg, IL (village) Cook County	1.79
Mundelein, IL (village) Lake County	1.77
Glenview, IL (village) Cook County	1.68
Hoffman Estates, IL (village) Cook County	1.63

Fijian

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
No places met population threshold.	

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Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

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Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Total Population

Place	Percent
No places met population threshold.	

Filipino

Top 10 Places Sorted by Number

Place	Number
Chicago, IL (city) Cook County	27,874
Skokie, IL (village) Cook County	3,090
Morton Grove, IL (village) Cook County	1,786
Glendale Heights, IL (village) Du Page County	1,744
Waukegan, IL (city) Lake County	1,537
Streamwood, IL (village) Cook County	1,183
Bolingbrook, IL (village) Will County	1,166
Hanover Park, IL (village) Cook County	1,163
Woodridge, IL (village) Du Page County	1,162
Carol Stream, IL (village) Du Page County	1,074

Filipino

Top 10 Places Sorted by Percent of Asian Population

Place	Percent
Berwyn, IL (city) Cook County	59.66
North Chicago, IL (city) Lake County	55.14
Park City, IL (city) Lake County	55.14
Waukegan, IL (city) Lake County	50.07
Cicero, IL (town) Cook County	49.06
Morton Grove, IL (village) Cook County	36.22

Notes: Please refer to the User's Guide for an explanation of data; tables reflect only those areas that meet Summary File 4 population thresholds, therefore there may be less than 10 places listed

Illinois Physical Features and Climate Narrative

PHYSICAL FEATURES. Illinois lies midway between the Continental Divide and the Atlantic Ocean and some 500 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico. Its climate is typically continental with cold winters, warm summers, and frequent short period fluctuations in temperature, humidity, cloudiness, and wind direction.

The irregular shape of the State has a width of less than 200 miles at most points, but extends for 385 miles in the north-south direction. Except for a few low hills in the extreme south and a small unglaciated area in the extreme northwest, the terrain is flat. Differences in elevation have no significant influence on the climate. River drainage is mainly toward the Mississippi River, which forms the entire western boundary of the State. From north to south the principal rivers entering the Mississippi are the Rock, Illinois, Kaskaskia, and the Big Muddy. Approximately one-seventh of the State area drains southeastward into the Wabash and Ohio Rivers. Only a small area drains into Lake Michigan.

GENERAL CLIMATE. Without the protection of natural barriers, such as mountain ranges, Illinois experiences the full sweep of the winds which are constantly bringing in the climates of other areas. Southeast and easterly winds bring mild and wet weather; southerly winds are warm and showery; westerly winds are dry with moderate temperatures; and winds from the northwest and north are cool and dry. Winds are controlled by the storm systems and weather fronts which move eastward and northeastward through this area.

Storm systems move through the State most frequently during the winter and spring months and cause a maximum of cloudiness during those seasons. Summer-season storm systems tend to be weaker and to stay farther north, leaving Illinois with much sunshine interspersed with thunderstorm situations of comparatively short duration. The retreat of the sun in autumn is associated with variable periods of pleasant dry weather of the Indian summer variety. This season ends rather abruptly with the returning storminess which usually begins in November.

TEMPERATURE. Because Illinois extends so far in a north-south direction, the contrasts in winter temperature conditions are rather strong. The extreme north has frequent snow and temperatures drop to below zero several times each winter. The soil freezes to a depth of about three feet and occasionally remains snow-covered for weeks at a time. In the extreme south snow falls only occasionally and leaves after a few days, while temperatures drop to zero on an average of only about one day each winter. The soil freezes, but only to a depth of eight to 12 inches, with great variation in the duration of soil-frost periods. The north-south range in winter mean temperatures is approximately 14°F.

During the summer season the sun heats the entire State quite strongly and uniformly. The north-south range of mean temperatures in July is only about 6°F. The annual average of days with temperatures of 90°F. or higher is near 20 in the north and near 50 in the south and west-central. Summer also brings periods of uncomfortably hot and humid weather, which are most persistent in the south. In the north the heat is usually broken after a few days by the arrival of cool air from Canada, but this cooling does not always penetrate to the southern portions of the State.

PRECIPITATION. Latitude is the principal control for both temperature and precipitation, with the northern counties averaging cooler and drier than the south. Distance from the Gulf of Mexico and lower air mass temperatures both tend to reduce the amounts of precipitation in the northern portion. Annual precipitation is approximately one and one-half times as great in the extreme south as in the extreme north, but most of the excess in the southern portion falls during winter

and early spring. Mean total precipitation for the four-month period of December through March ranges from near seven inches in the extreme northwest to more than 14 inches in the extreme southeast. Precipitation during the warm season is more uniform. Totals for the six-month period of April through September range from 21 to 24 inches throughout the State. The driest month is February. The wettest months are May and June.

Precipitation during fall, winter, and spring tends to fall uniformly over large areas. In contrast, summer rainfall occurs principally as brief showers affecting relatively small areas. The erratic occurrence of summer showers results in uneven distribution. The high rates of summer rainfall also cause runoff and soil erosion. Summer showers are usually accompanied by thunder and, sometimes, by hail or destructive windstorms.

Floods occur nearly every year in at least some part of the State. The spring and early summer flood season results from a tendency for heavy general rainfall at that time of the year. The extreme north frequently has late winter or early spring flooding with the breakup of river ice, especially if there is an appreciable snow cover which is taken off by rain. River stages tend to decline during late summer, but local flash floods in minor streams, due to heavy thunderstorm rains, are common throughout the warm season. The interior rivers in the central and south have flat beds and sluggish currents so that they rise slowly and remain in flood conditions for relatively long periods.

SNOWFALL. The annual average of snowfall ranges from near 30 inches in the extreme north to only 10 inches in the extreme south. In the extreme north the most likely form of winter precipitation is snow. In contrast, more than 90% of Cairo's winter precipitation falls as rain. In a large number of winter storm situations, only a slight change in the temperature pattern would suffice to change rain to snow or vice versa. For this reason, Illinois snowfall records show great variability. Snowfalls of one inch or more occur on an average of 10 to 12 days per year in the extreme north and decrease to three or four in the far south. The two northern divisions average about 50 days annually when the ground is covered with one inch or more of snow, and this average decreases to about 15 days in the two southern divisions.

STORMS. Heavy snows of four to six inches or more average one or two per year in the north and less frequently in the south. Strong winds will drift snow and make driving hazardous. Moderate to heavy ice storms average about once every four or five years and can be quite damaging. Thunderstorms average about 35 to 50 annually, but most are quite harmless. On occasion they provide the source for hail, damaging winds, and tornadoes. Hail falls on an average of two or three days annually in the same locality, but usually causes little damage.

More than 65 percent of Illinois tornadoes occur during the months of March, April, May, and June. This "tornado season" is marked by a rapid increase in activity during March, a peak in April and May, and a decline during June. Tornadoes have occurred during each of the twelve months of the year.

INFLUENCE OF LAKE MICHIGAN. Because prevailing winds are westerly and storm systems move from the same direction, the influence of the lake on Illinois weather is not large. When the wind blows from the lake toward the shore, which it does for approximately one-fourth of the time during spring and summer and for about one-eighth of the time during fall and winter, the result is a moderation of temperature. In addition to the general occurrence of onshore winds, there is the local "sea breeze" effect on summer afternoons which is usually observable in a narrow strip near the lake shore.



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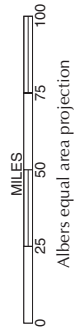
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TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway
- Other principal highway
- Railroad

PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams
- Lakes
- Highest elevation in state (feet) +1235
- The lowest elevation in Illinois is 279 feet above sea level (Mississippi River).



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