

Community Profile

Rockford, Illinois



Population Characteristics

TRENDS	1990	2000
City	139,426	150,115
County	252,913	278,418
State of Illinois	11,430,602	12,419,293

POPULATION DENSITY (2000)		
	Land Area	Density
City	45.0 sq. mi.	3,335.9
County	519.0 sq. mi.	536.4
Rockford MSA*	1,560.0 sq. mi.	238.0
State of Illinois	55,748.0 sq. mi.	222.8

GENDER/RACE/ETHNICITY (2000)		
Total Population	150,115	100.0%
Male	72,384	48.2%
Female	77,731	51.8%
White	109,303	72.8%
Black	26,072	17.4%
Amer. Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	474	0.3%
Asian, Pacific Islander	3,368	2.2%
Other Race	7,200	4.8%
2 or more races	3,698	2.5%
Hispanic Origin**	15,278	10.2%

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE (2000)		
Total Households	59,158	100.0%
Family Households	37,348	63.1%
- Single-Parent Families	8,779	14.8%
Non-Family Households	21,810	36.9%
Persons per Household	2.46	
Persons in Group Quarters	4,326	

Employment

LABOR FORCE STATUS (2000)		
Civilian Labor Force	73,283	
Number Employed	67,868	
Number Unemployed	5,380	
Percent Unemployed	7.3	

BY INDUSTRY (2000)		
Emp. persons 16 years + ...	73,283	100.0
Agriculture & Mining	187	0.3
Construction	2,980	4.4
Manufacturing	17,276	25.5
Trans., Comm., Utilities	4,785	7.0
Wholesale/Retail Trade	9,689	14.3
F.I.R.E*	3,590	5.3
Services	27,428	40.4
Public Administration	1,933	2.8

* Finance, Insurance, Real Estate.

AGE STRUCTURE (2000)		
Total Population	150,115	100.0%
To 19 years	44,009	29.3%
20 - 24 years	9,834	6.6%
25 - 44 years	44,614	29.7%
45 - 54 years	18,717	12.5%
55 - 64 years	11,832	7.9%
65 years & over	21,109	14.2%
Median Age	34.4	years

* The Rockford, Illinois Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) consists of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle counties in Illinois.
** Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race.

Major Employers

MAJOR EMPLOYERS WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS		
Rockford Health System	4,400	
Product/Service:	Health care	
Rockford School District # 205	4,135	
Product/Service:	Education	
SwedishAmerican Health Sys.	2,913	
Product/Service:	Health care	
Hamilton Sundstrand	2,900	
Product/Service	Aerospace Components	
Textron	2,500	
Product/Service	Power Handtools	
OSF St. Anthony Medical Center	1,950	
Product/Service:	Health Care	
Winnebago County	1,600	
Product/Service:	County Government	

BY OCCUPATION (2000)		
Emp. persons 16 years + ...	67,868	100.0%
Management, Professional	19,772	29.1%
Service Occupations	10,039	14.8%
Sales & Office	17,674	26.0%
Farming, Fishing, Forestry	117	0.2%
Construction, Mining, Maint.	4,923	7.3%
Production, Transportation, Material Moving	15,343	22.6%

MEANS OF COMMUTING TO WORK		
Drive Alone	80.7%	
Carpool	12.3%	
Public Transportation	1.8%	
Walk, Work at Home	4.2%	
Other Means	1.0%	
Mean travel time to work	19.9 min.	



Housing Characteristics

BY TYPE OF DWELLING (2000)		
Total Housing Units	63,570	
Occupied Housing Units	59,158	
- Percent Owner-Occupied	61.1%	
- Percent Renter-Occupied	38.9%	
Vacant Housing Units	4,412	
- Percent Vacant	6.9%	
Median Home Value	\$79,900	
Median Monthly Rent	\$498	
Persons per unit	2.46	
- Owner-Occupied	2.59	
- Renter-Occupied	2.26	

BY NO. OF UNITS AT ADDRESS (2000)		
Total Housing Units	63,607	100.0%
- One unit	40,285	63.3%
- 2 - 9 units	15,675	24.7%
- 10+ units	7,237	11.4%
- Mobile Home	410	0.6%

Income Characteristics

BY INCOME GROUP (2000)		
Total Households	59,114	100.0%
Under \$15,000	10,573	17.8%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	8,329	14.1%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	8,344	14.1%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	10,572	17.9%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	11,117	18.8%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	5,051	8.5%
\$100,000 and over	5,128	8.7%
Median Household Income	\$37,667	
Median Family Income	\$45,465	
Income per Capita	\$19,781	

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Community Services

Aldermanic form of local government
 Phone Number.....815.987.5500
 Fax Number.....815.967.6952
 E-mail:.....webmaster@ci.rockford.il.us
 URL:.....http://www.ci.rockford.il.us

Municipal zoning ordinance in effect.
 Comprehensive city plan updated: 1992
 Total Equalized Assessed Value (1998)
 \$1,466,626,504
 Number of full-time police officers: 292
 Number of full-time firefighters: 248
 Fire insurance class in City: 1

Privately contracted commercial, industrial and multi-family waste pick-up service.
 Rockford Enterprise Zone.
 Industrial Revenue Bond, and Community Revolving Loan Fund programs available.

Local telephone service provider: . Ameritech
 Type of central office switch: digital
 Fiber optic lines available.
 Data communication services available.
 E-911 system? yes
 Number of public libraries/branches 6



Tax Structure

PROPERTY TAX

Assessed value is 33.33% of market value.
 Basic levy for 2002 taxes payable in 2003 (per \$100 of assessed valuation):
 City 2.1093%
 County 0.7932%
 Schools 5.5271%
 Others 2.2491%
 TOTAL 10.6787%

RETAIL SALES TAX

State 5.00%
 County 0.25%
 Municipal 1.00%
 TOTAL 6.25%

Utilities

ELECTRICITY.....ComEd
NATURAL GAS.....NiCor
WATER..... Rockford Water Department
WASTE WATER TREATMENT...Rock River Water Reclamation District
CABLE TELEVISION.....Insight Communications

Transportation

HIGHWAY

Community served by:
 - Interstate highways I-39, I-90
 - Federal highways U.S. 20
 Intra-city bus service: Rockford Mass Transit
 Inter-city bus service available.

RAIL SERVICE

Carriers serving community: BNSF Ry., Canadian National Ry., I & M Rail Link, Illinois RailNet, Union Pacific

AIR SERVICE

Greater Rockford Airport
 10,200 ft. hard surfaced, lighted runway
 Number of commercial carriers 1
 Number of flights per day 8
 Foreign Trade Zone #176
 U.S. Customs Service available

Education

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Persons 25 years + 96,187 .. 100.0%
 Less than 9th grade 7,384 7.7%
 9th- 12th grade, no diploma 14,014 14.6%
 High school graduate 30,000 31.2%
 Some college, no degree ... 25,729 26.8%
 College Graduate 19,060 19.8%

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (2002)

Rockford Consolidated Unit District #205
 Enrollment 26,674
 H.S. graduation rate 74.9%
 District dropout rate 6.0%
 District core ACT composite score 19.1
 Expenditure per pupil \$9,331

Retail Sales

RETAIL SALES BY STORE GROUP

Total Retail Sales (2002): ... \$1,405,905,4726
 - General Merchandise 16.5%
 - Food Stores 5.4%
 - Eating & Drinking Places 11.8%
 - Apparel & Accessories 2.7%
 - Furniture and Related 11.5%
 - Building Materials/Hardware 7.1%
 - Automotive and Related 21.7%
 - Drug Stores and other Retail 9.2%
 - Agriculture & Extractive 12.6%
 - Manufacturing 1.4%

Number of Retail Establishments: 4,025

Quality of Life

RECREATION

Number of city parks 105
 Rock Cut State Park
 Professional baseball and basketball teams
 Rockford Metro Centre

CULTURAL

Number of Museums 10
 Number of Churches 421
 - Catholic 19
 - Protestant 402
 Number of Synagogs 1
 Number of Mosques 1
 Ethnic festivals
 New American Theatre
 Rockford Symphony Orchestra

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 Source: NIU Center for Governmental Studies; US Census Bureau