

QuickFacts

Springfield/Sangamon County, Illinois

Thank you for your interest in Springfield/Sangamon County, Illinois. The Economic Development Council (EDC) for Springfield and Sangamon County provides the following data as a brief overview of our local economy. The EDC is a group of dedicated and knowledgeable individuals from the City of Springfield, Sangamon County and The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce whose goal is to provide opportunities for the development and growth of area business. Please review the information that follows and feel free to contact Brad Warren, Nat Seiz or Jake Gronewold at The Chamber with any questions or for further information. You may reach our office by phone at 217-525-1173 or visit our website at www.gscc.org. Again, we appreciate your interest in our area and look forward to serving your needs.

Population

| Area | 1992 | 2002 |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Springfield | 109,022 | 111,834 |
| Sangamon County | 184,687 | 190,630 |
| Springfield MSA* | 199,171 | 203,201 |

*Sangamon and Menard Counties

Labor Force

Springfield MSA

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| Unemployment Rate (September, 2004) | 5.1% |
| Labor Force | 106,363 |

Sangamon County

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| Unemployment Rate (September, 2004) | 5.1% |
| Labor Force | 100,165 |

Retail Sales

Sangamon County

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|------|-----------------|
| 1997 | \$2,170,792,415 |
| 1998 | \$2,240,961,915 |
| 1999 | \$2,359,371,501 |
| 2000 | \$2,425,212,653 |
| 2001 | \$2,463,678,671 |
| 2002 | \$2,573,101,312 |
| 2003 | \$2,596,050,765 |

35 shopping centers with more than 1,500 stores

Total Construction Activity

| Year | Permits Issued | Total Value |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1997 | 3,504 | \$133,189,869 |
| 1998 | 3,162 | \$147,826,918 |
| 1999 | 3,304 | \$164,579,608 |
| 2000 | 2,742 | \$146,915,492 |
| 2001 | 2,931 | \$111,449,867 |
| 2002 | 3,106 | \$148,866,411 |
| 2003 | 3,296 | \$177,451,084 |
| 2004 (Jan-Sept) | 2,442 | \$164,705,232 |

Cost of Living

Springfield MSA, Second Quarter, 2004

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Composite Index | 91.3 |
| Grocery | 90.3 |
| Housing | 84.7 |
| Utilities | 100.4 |
| Transportation | 97.0 |
| Health Care | 99.1 |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 92.7 |

Housing

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| Median Sales Price of an Existing Single Family Home | \$90,000 |
| Housing Opportunity Index National Rank | 4 th Most Affordable Metro Area in U.S. |

Effective Buying Income

Sangamon County, 2004

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| Median Household EBI | \$38,577 |
| Per Capita EBI | \$20,403 |
| Average Household EBI | \$48,700 |
| Number of Households | 80,300 |

Government

City of Springfield:

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| 10 Wards |
| 10 Ward Aldermen |
| Elected Mayor |

Sangamon County:

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| 27 Townships |
| 29 County Board Members |
| Chair appointed by Board |

Taxes

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Illinois State Income Tax | 3.0% |
| State Sales Tax | 5.0% |
| Springfield Sales Tax | 2.5% |
| Sangamon County Sales Tax | 0.25% |

Climate

| Item | Range | Annual Average |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Temperature | 16.3 -- 87.1 degrees F | 53 degrees F |
| Precipitation | | 35 inches |
| Mean Wind Speed, prevailing direction | | 11.2 mph/SSW |
| Relative Humidity, noon | | 61% |
| Percent of possible sun | | 59% |
| Date of last killing frost | | April 15 |
| Date of first killing frost | | October 20 |

Transportation

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| Buses | Intra City: Springfield Mass Transit District Inter City: Greyhound Bus Lines |
| Railroad | Amtrak: 3 daily trains, Chicago - St. Louis |
| Airlines | United Express, American Connection, Chicago Express,ATA |

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Springfield Shopper

546-3295

Utilities

Service (city limits)

| | Provider |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Water | CWLP, 789-2030 |
| Electricity | CWLP, 789-2030 |
| Natural Gas | AmerenCilco, 888-672-5252 |
| Telephone | SBC, 1-800-244-4444 McLeod USA, 1-800-333-4059 AT&T, 800-222-0300 |
| Cable TV | Insight Communications, 788-5656 |
| Waste Disposal | Waste Management 523-5497 Capitol Waste Systems 525-2484 |
| City of Springfield Information | 789-2000 |

Schools

Post-Secondary Institutions

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| University of Illinois at Springfield | 206-6600 |
| SIU School of Medicine | 782-3318 |
| Springfield College/Benedictine University | 525-1420 |
| Lincoln Land Community College | 786-2200 |
| Robert Morris College | 793-2500 |
| St. Johns School of Nursing | 525-5628 |

For more information on elementary or secondary schools in Sangamon County contact:

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| Regional Superintendent of Schools | |
| Room 303, County Building | |
| Springfield, Illinois 62701 | 753-6620 |
| Springfield Public Schools | 525-3006 |

Registration

Service

| | Contact |
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| Auto License, Howlett Building | 1-800-252-8980 |
| Driver's License, 316 North Klein | 782-4850 |
| Illinois Job Service, 1300 South Ninth | 785-5623 |
| Social Security, 2715 West Monroe | 1-800-772-1213 |

Emergency Care

Service

| | Contact |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| St. John's Hospital | 544-6464 |
| Memorial Medical Center | 788-3000 |
| Urgent Care | 789-1403 |
| Police (non-emergency) | 788-8311 |
| Sheriff (non-emergency) | 753-6666 |
| Fire Department (non-emergency) | 788-8444 |
| Poison Resource Center | 753-3330/252-2022 |
| IL Poison Center | 800-222-1222/312-906-6185 |
| ANY EMERGENCY | 911 |

Media

Radio Stations

| | Format |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| WCVS 96.7 FM | '70's Rock |
| WDBR 103.7 FM (CBS) | Contemporary Hits |
| WFMB 104.5 FM (ABC) | Modern Country |
| WFMB 1450 AM (ABC) | Sports |
| WMAY 970 AM (CNN) | News/Talk |
| WNNS 98.7 FM (RKO) | Light Rock |
| WQLZ 92.7 FM (RGR) | Album Oriented Rock |
| WQQL 101.9 FM (Mutual) | Oldies |
| WTAX 1240 AM (CBS) | News/Talk |
| WUIS 91.9 FM (NPR) | Classical, News |
| WMHX 93.9 FM | Adult Contemporary |
| WYMG 100.5 FM (Mutual) | Classic Hits |
| WYVR 97.7 FM | Modern Rock |

Television Stations

| | Affiliate |
|--------------------|-----------|
| WAND Channel 17 | ABC |
| WCIA Channel 49 | CBS |
| WICS Channel 20 | NBC |
| WRSP Channel 55 | FOX |
| WSEC Channel 14/65 | PBS |

Newspapers

| | Contact |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| <i>Illinois Times</i> | 753-2226 |
| <i>Springfield Business Journal</i> | 544-7400 |
| <i>The State Journal-Register</i> | 788-1300 |

Recreation

Historic sites and attractions include the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Lincoln Home, Lincoln Tomb, Old State Capitol, Lincoln Depot, Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, Vachel Lindsay Home, Dana-Thomas House (by Frank Lloyd Wright), Governor's Mansion, Illinois State Capitol, Illinois State Museum and the Illinois Vietnam & Korean War Veterans' Memorials, Oliver Parks Museum, Museum of Funeral Customs, Illinois State Military Museum, Air Combat Museum, Illinois Fire Museum, Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum, Daughters of Union Veterans of The Civil War Museum, Shea's Gas Station Museum, Camp Butler National Cemetery Edwards' Place (Art Association), Washington Park Botanical Gardens, Lincoln Memorial Garden, Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, Henson Robinson Zoo, and the Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. Located within a 20-minute drive is the restored village of New Salem, and the Clayville Rural Life Center. For more information contact the **Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1-800-545-7300**.

Major Local Events

| | Month |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| National Lincoln Pilgrimage | February |
| St. Patrick's Day Parade | March |
| International Livestock Exposition | April |
| Highland Games & Celtic Festival | May |
| Old Capitol Art Fair | May |
| Midwest Charity Horse Show | June |
| International Carillon Festival | June |
| Sangamon County Fair | June |
| Illinois State Fair | August |
| Springfield Air Rendezvous | September |
| State Farm Classic LPGA Tournament | September |
| Cruise for Charity | September |
| Route 66 Festival | September |
| Festival of Trees | November |
| Christmas Parade | December |
| First Night, Springfield | December |