

QuickFacts

Springfield/Sangamon County, Illinois

Thank you for your interest in Springfield/Sangamon County, Illinois. The Quantum Growth Partnership for provides the following data as a brief overview of our local economy. Please review the information that follows and feel free to contact The Chamber with any questions or for further information. You may reach our office by phone at 217-525-1173 or visit our Web Site at www.gsc.org/edc. Again, we appreciate your interest in our area and look forward to serving your needs.

Population

Area	2000	2007
Springfield	111,454	117,090
Sangamon County	188,951	194,122

Labor Force

Springfield		
Unemployment Rate (Dec., 2008)		6.3%
Labor Force		63,608
Sangamon County		
Unemployment Rate (Dec., 2008)		6.3%
Labor Force		107,103

Retail Sales

Sangamon County	(Current dollars)
2000	\$2,276,402,951
2001	\$2,295,078,299
2002	\$2,365,144,993
2003	\$2,320,942,548
2004	\$2,388,280,948
2005	\$2,299,939,700
2006	\$2,344,399,475
2007	\$2,431,118,172

35 shopping centers with more than 1,500 stores

Total Construction Activity

Year	# of Projects	Total Value
2000	975	\$206,180
2001	881	\$261,812
2002	823	\$255,963
2003	804	\$238,373
2004	820	\$274,066
2005	672	\$213,882
2006	544	\$646,933
2007	476	\$242,535
2008	387	\$425,476

Cost of Living

Springfield, Third Quarter, 2008 (National Avg. =100)

Composite Index	88.4
Grocery	94.0
Housing	73.4
Utilities	89.9
Transportation	101.0
Health Care	107.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	93.1

Housing

Median Sales Price of an Existing Single Family Home (2008)	\$104,000
Housing Opportunity Index National Rank	22nd Most Affordable Metro Area in U.S.

Estimated Buying Income

Sangamon County, 2008	
Median Household EBI	\$40,883
Per Capita EBI	\$22,037
Average Household EBI	\$51,941
Number of Households	82,500

Government

City of Springfield:	Sangamon County:
10 Wards	27 Townships
10 Ward Aldermen	29 County Board Members
Elected Mayor	Chair appointed by Board

Taxes

Illinois State Income Tax	3.0%
State Sales Tax	6.0%
Springfield Sales Tax	1.5%
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

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

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Utilities

Service (city limits)	Provider
Water	CWLP, 789-2030
Electricity	CWLP, 789-2030
Natural Gas	Ameren, 888-672-5252
Telephone	AT&T, 1-800-244-4444
	McLeod USA, 1-800-422-3238
Cable TV	Insight Communications, 788-5656
	Direct TV 1-800-269-3107
Waste Disposal	Waste Management 523-5497
	Capitol Waste 525-2484

Registration

Service	Contact
Auto License, Howlett Building	1-800-252-8980
Driver's License, 316 North Klein	782-4850
Illinois Job Service, 1300 South Ninth	524-7838
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
ANY EMERGENCY	911

Media

Radio Stations	Format
WQNA, 88.3 FM	Variety
WLUI, 89.7 FM	Religious
WSCT, 90.5 FM	Christian Contemporary
WUIS, 91.9 FM	Public Radio
WQLZ, 92.7 FM	Rock
WMHX, 93.9 FM	Hot AC
WCVS, 96.7 FM	Classic Rock
WYVR, 97.7 FM	Alternative
WNNS, 98.7 FM	Hot AC
WXAJ, 99.7 FM	Top 40
WYMG, 100.5 FM	Classic Hits
WQQL, 101.9 FM	Oldies
WDBR, 103.7 FM	Top 40
WFMB, 104.5 FM	Country
WMAY, 970 AM	Talk
WTAX, 1240 AM	News/Talk
WFMB, 1450 AM	Sports

Television Stations

Television Stations	Affiliate
WAND Channel 17	NBC
WCIA Channel 3	CBS
WCFN Channel 49/19	UPN
WICS Channel 20	ABC
WRSP Channel 55	FOX
WSEC Channel 14/8	PBS

Schools

Post-Secondary Institutions

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

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

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

Recreation

Historic sites and attractions include the Lincoln Home, Lincoln Tomb, Old State Capitol, Great Western Train Depot, Vachel Lindsay Home, Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, Dana-Thomas House (by Frank Lloyd Wright), Governor's Mansion, Illinois State House, Oliver Parks Museum, Edwards' Place (Art Association), Illinois State Museum and the Illinois Vietnam & Korean War Veterans' Memorials. 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

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
State Farm Classic LPGA Tournament	June
Illinois State Fair	August
Springfield Air Rendezvous	September
Cruise for Charity	September
Route 66 Festival	September
Festival of Trees	November
Christmas Parade	December
First Night, Springfield	December

Newspapers

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