

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. Please review the information that follows and feel free to contact Created on 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	1992	2002
Springfield	109,022	111,834
Sangamon County	184,687	190,630
Springfield MSA*	196,171	203,201

*Sangamon and Menard Counties

Labor Force

Springfield MSA	
Unemployment Rate (Dec., 2003)	5.1%
Labor Force	107,876
Sangamon County	
Unemployment Rate (Dec., 2003)	5.3%
Labor Force	101,592

Retail Sales

Sangamon County	
1996	\$2,139,864,349
1997	\$2,170,792,415
1998	\$2,240,961,915
1999	\$2,359,371,501
2000	\$2,425,212,653
2001	\$2,463,678,720
2002	\$2,573,101,312

35 shopping centers with more than 1,500 stores

Total Construction Activity

Year	# of Projects	Total Value
1997	1,028	\$149,348
1998	970	\$217,233
1999	1,032	\$285,180
2000	978	\$206,176
2001	892	\$266,381
2002	819	\$218,683
2003	791	\$234,278

Cost of Living

Springfield MSA, Third Quarter, 2003	
Composite Index	96.1
Grocery	97.9
Housing	88.4
Utilities	113.6
Transportation	99.2
Health Care	99.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	95.6

Housing

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

Estimated Buying Income

Sangamon County, 2003	
Median Household EBI	\$38,478
Per Capita EBI	\$20,333
Average Household EBI	\$48,332
Number of Households	79,900

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	5.0%
Springfield Sales Tax	2.0%
Sangamon County Sales Tax	.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 Connection, Chicago Express,/ATA

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Utilities

Service (city limits)	Provider
Water	CWLP, 789-2030
Electricity	CWLP, 789-2030
Natural Gas	Ameren, 888-672-5252
Telephone	SBC, 1-800-244-4444 McLeod USA, 1-800-422-3238 AT&T, 800-222-0400
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	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
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)	Contemporary
WUIS 91.9 FM (NPR)	Classical, News
WYXY 93.9 FM	Modern Country
WYMG 100.5 FM (Mutual)	Classics
WYVR 97.7 FM	Modern Rock

Television Stations

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

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

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
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