



CHAPTER 4: REGIONAL, DEMOGRAPHIC, AND SOCIOECONOMIC PROFILE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Regional Context

Champaign County is located in the heart of east-central Illinois, surrounded by Piatt, Ford, Vermilion, and Douglas Counties. It is the fifth largest in the State of Illinois, with approximately 638,528 acres, or 998 square miles. Champaign and Urbana, the primary cities of Champaign County, are approximately 136 miles south of Chicago, 120 miles west of Indianapolis, Indiana and 165 miles north-northeast of St. Louis, Missouri.

Champaign County is located in a variety of thematic regions that are relevant to planning for the future from a regional perspective:

- For statistical purposes, the Census-determined Champaign-Urbana Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Champaign, Ford, and Piatt Counties. The US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines metropolitan areas for purposes of collecting, tabulating, and publishing federal data.
- For transportation purposes, Champaign County is part of the Illinois Department of Transportation District 5, which also includes DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, McLean, Piatt, and Vermilion Counties. Federal surface transportation funds are filtered through IDOT to the district level.
- For economic development, Champaign County is part of the East Central Illinois Economic Development District (ECIEDD), which also includes Ford, Iroquois, Vermilion, Douglas, and Piatt Counties. Project funding for economic development initiatives in Champaign County can be strengthened by proving their regional significance.

Demographic Profile of Champaign County

Population & Growth

Champaign County experienced a significant growth spurt between 1940 and 1970, when decennial growth rates ranged from 23 to 50%. Since 1970, decennial growth rates have stabilized between three and four percent, as can be seen in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1: Champaign County Population, 1940-2000

	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Population	70,578	106,100	132,436	163,281	168,392	173,025	179,669
% Change from previous decade	-	50%	25%	23%	3%	3%	4%

Source: US Census Bureau

Growth has principally occurred in and around urban areas in the County, with population decreases found in rural areas. Between 1970 and 2000, urban areas in Champaign County increased in population by 20%, where rural areas decreased in population by 25%.

Table 4-2: Urban vs. Rural Population in Champaign County, 1970-2000

Population	1970	1980	1990	2000	1970-2000 Change	1970-2000 % Change
Total	163,281	168,392	173,025	179,669	16,388	10%
Urban:	125,979	129,515	140,855	151,539	25,560	20%
Inside urbanized areas*	100,417	109,354	115,248	123,885	23,468	23%
Inside urban clusters	25,562	20,161	25,607	27,654	2,092	8%
Rural:	37,302	38,877	32,170	28,130	-9,172	-25%
Farm	7,775	5,317	3,073	2,092	-5,683	-73%
Nonfarm	29,527	33,560	29,097	26,038	-3,489	-12%

Source: US Census Bureau

*Urbanized Areas are densely settled areas containing at least 50,000 people. Urban Clusters are densely settled areas with a population of 2,500 to 49,999.

Table 4-3 provides information on population trends in Illinois, Champaign County, and the townships of Champaign County from 1960 to 2000. The highest percentages of growth from 1960 to 2000 occurred in Champaign, Mahomet, St. Joseph, and Urbana townships. The highest percentages of decline for this same time period occurred in Rantoul, Colfax, and Raymond townships. From 1990 to 2000, the highest percentages of growth occurred in the Champaign Township and St. Joseph Township, and the highest percentages of decline occurred in Rantoul and Kerr townships. Figures include both urban and rural populations located in the townships.

Table 4-3: Population Trends in Champaign County Townships: 1960-2000

Area	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	% Change	
						1960-1990	1990-2000
Illinois	10,081,158	11,110,285	11,427,429	11,430,602	12,419,593	13.4%	8.7%
Champaign County	132,436	163,281	168,392	173,025	179,669	30.6%	3.8%
Ayers township	571	504	503	481	441	-15.8%	-8.3%
Brown township	1,611	1,837	1,616	1,488	1,495	-7.6%	0.5%
Champaign township	2,705	6,592	8,184	8,864	11,591	227.7%	30.8%
Champaign City township	49,583	56,837	58,133	63,502	67,959	28.1%	7.0%
Colfax township	459	412	355	271	250	-41.0%	-7.7%
Compromise township	1,454	1,707	1,588	1,525	1,422	4.9%	-6.8%
Condit township	449	407	477	467	511	4.0%	9.4%
Crittenden township	433	384	312	315	345	-27.3%	9.5%
Cunningham township	27,294	33,976	35,978	36,344	37,362	33.2%	2.8%
East Bend township	721	821	817	814	880	12.9%	8.1%
Harwood township	519	471	625	589	618	13.5%	4.9%
Hensley township	478	629	1,254	1,073	1,111	124.5%	3.5%
Kerr township	231	225	177	200	173	-13.4%	-13.5%
Ludlow township	4,149	5,750	5,114	4,744	4,766	14.3%	0.5%
Mahomet township	2,185	3,862	6,909	8,440	10,113	286.3%	19.8%
Newcomb township	526	617	805	921	1,004	75.1%	9.0%
Ogden township	1,288	1,373	1,574	1,397	1,601	8.5%	14.6%
Pesotum township	854	864	994	931	849	9.0%	-8.8%
Philo township	1,211	1,453	1,483	1,480	1,768	22.2%	19.5%
Rantoul township	20,798	22,568	18,139	15,691	11,257	-24.6%	-28.3%
Raymond township	670	581	529	459	437	-31.5%	-4.8%
Sadorus township	1,263	1,296	1,189	1,126	1,039	-10.8%	-7.7%
St. Joseph township	1,842	2,494	3,612	3,694	4,611	100.5%	24.8%
Scott township	972	1,181	1,094	1,059	1,157	9.0%	9.3%
Sidney township	1,215	1,378	1,358	1,521	1,609	25.2%	5.8%
Somer township	1,081	1,321	1,238	1,282	1,421	18.6%	10.8%
South Homer township	1,707	1,722	1,617	1,624	1,585	-4.9%	-2.4%
Stanton township	487	546	513	474	474	-2.7%	0.0%
Tolono township	2,190	2,853	3,410	3,574	3,757	63.2%	5.1%
Urbana township	3,490	8,620	8,795	8,675	8,063	148.6%	-7.1%

Sources: 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000 Census of Population and Housing, U.S Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Table 4-4 presents population trends for the municipalities within Champaign County from 1960 to 2000. The highest percentages of growth from 1960 to 2000 occurred in Savoy and Mahomet, and the highest percentages of decline occurred in Longview, Rantoul, and Foosland.

Table 4-4: Population Trends in Champaign County Municipalities: 1960-2000

Area	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	% Change 1960-2000	% Change 1990-2000
Illinois	10,081,158	11,110,285	11,427,429	11,430,602	12,419,593	23.2%	8.7%
Champaign County	132,436	163,281	168,392	173,025	179,669	35.7%	3.8%
Allerton (part) ¹	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bondville	--	446	442	354	455	--	28.5%
Broadlands	344	315	346	340	312	-9.3%	-8.2%
Champaign City	49,583	56,837	58,133	63,502	67,959	37.1%	7.0%
Fisher	1,155	1,525	1,572	1,526	1,647	42.6%	7.9%
Foosland	150	172	153	132	90	-40.0%	-31.8%
Gifford	609	814	848	845	838	37.6%	-0.8%
Homer	1,276	1,354	1,279	1,264	1,200	-6.0%	-5.1%
Ivesdale (part) ¹	356	353	337	339	288	-19.1%	-15.0%
Lake of the Woods (CDP) ²	--	--	2,443	2,748	3,026	--	10.1%
Longview	270	224	207	180	153	-43.3%	-15.0%
Ludlow	460	531	397	323	324	-29.6%	0.3%
Mahomet	1,367	1,296	1,986	3,103	4,877	256.8%	57.2%
Ogden	515	703	818	671	743	44.3%	10.7%
Pesotum	468	536	651	558	521	11.3%	-6.6%
Philo	740	1,022	973	1,028	1,314	77.6%	27.8%
Rantoul	22,116	25,562	20,161	17,212	12,918	-41.6%	-24.9%
Royal	171	197	274	217	279	63.2%	28.6%
Sadorus	384	454	435	469	426	10.9%	-9.2%
St. Joseph	1,210	1,554	1,900	2,052	2,912	140.7%	41.9%
Savoy	339	592	2,126	2,674	4,476	1220.4%	67.4%
Sidney	686	915	886	1,027	1,062	54.8%	3.4%
Thomasboro	458	806	1,242	1,250	1,233	169.2%	-1.4%
Tolono	1,539	2,027	2,434	2,605	2,700	75.4%	3.6%
Urbana	27,294	33,976	35,978	36,344	37,362	36.9%	2.8%

Sources: 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000 Census of Population and Housing, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Notes: --Indicates that data is not available. ¹ Only parts of Allerton and Ivesdale are located within Champaign County. ² Lake of the Woods became a Census Designated Place (CDP) in 1980.

A synthesis of the two previous tables provides a more accurate picture of unincorporated area population change, as can be seen in Table 4-5. When municipal population (from Table 4-4) is subtracted from township population (from Table 4-3), it can be seen that several townships experienced growth in their unincorporated areas. Champaign, Crittenden, East Bend, Harwood, Hensley, Newcomb, Ogden, Philo, Raymond, Sadorus, Sidney, Somer, South Homer, St. Joseph, and Tolono Townships all increased in unincorporated population between 1990 and 2000.

The following townships experienced decreases in their unincorporated populations: Ayers, Brown, Colfax, Condit, Compromise, Kerr, Ludlow, Mahomet, Pesotum, Rantoul, and Scott.

Table 4-5: Unincorporated Areas Population Change by Township, 1990-2000

Township	1990			2000			Unincorp. Change 1990-2000
	Total Population	Municipal Total	Unincorp. Total	Total Population	Municipal Total	Unincorp. Total	
Champaign County	173,025	137,909	35,116	179,669	144,061	35,608	492
Ayers	481	340	141	441	312	129	-12
Brown	1,488	1,372	116	1,495	1,401	94	-22
Champaign City	63,502	63,502	0	67,959	67,959	0	0
Champaign	8,864	1,995	6,869	11,591	3,650	7,941	1,072
Colfax	271	0	271	250	0	250	-21
Compromise	1,525	642	883	1,422	643	779	-104
Condit	467	149	318	511	210	301	-17
Crittenden	315	0	315	345	0	345	30
Cunningham	36,344	36,344	0	37,362	37,362	0	0
East Bend	814	0	814	880	0	880	66
Harwood	589	98	491	618	108	510	19
Hensley	1,073	0	1,073	1,111	0	1,111	38
Kerr	200	0	200	173	0	173	-27
Ludlow	4,744	4,075	669	4,766	4,138	628	-41
Mahomet	8,440	3,103	5,337	10,113	4,877	5,236	-101
Newcomb	921	127	794	1,004	126	878	84
Ogden	1,397	888	509	1,601	1,022	579	70
Pesotum	931	558	373	849	521	328	-45
Philo	1,480	1,028	452	1,768	1,314	454	2
Rantoul	15,691	14,871	820	11,257	10,658	599	-221
Raymond	459	180	279	437	153	284	5
Sadorus	1,126	808	318	1,039	714	325	7
Scott	1,059	354	705	1,157	455	702	-3
Sidney	1,521	1,027	494	1,609	1,062	547	53
Somer	1,282	0	1,282	1,421	0	1,421	139
South Homer	1,624	1,264	360	1,585	1,200	385	25
St Joseph	3,694	2,052	1,642	4,611	2,912	1,699	57
Stanton	474	0	474	474	0	474	0
Tolono	3,574	3,132	442	3,757	3,264	493	51
Urbana	8,675	0	8,675	8,063	0	8,063	-612

Sources: 1990 and 2000 Census of Population and Housing, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Table 4-6 provides information about the components of population change in Champaign County. The data on population, birth, and deaths in Champaign County show a slight decline in the natural increase of the population over the last few years. Yet, for most of the past twenty-five years, natural increase is the factor that has contributed the most to the overall population growth in Champaign County.

Table 4-6: Components of Champaign County Population Change: 1980-2005

	Population ¹	Births ²	Deaths ²	Natural Increase ³	Pop Change During Year ³	Net Migration ³
1980	168,392	2,548	1,020	1,528	2,138	610
1981	170,530	2,598	926	1,672	1,056	-616
1982	171,586	2,630	901	1,729	-1,275	-3,004
1983	170,311	2,535	950	1,585	528	-1,057
1984	170,839	2,660	910	1,750	516	-1,234
1985	171,355	2,652	953	1,699	1,860	161
1986	173,215	2,608	981	1,627	642	-985
1987	173,857	2,613	968	1,645	554	-1,091
1988	174,411	2,615	1,010	1,605	-1,418	-3,023
1989	172,993	2,662	1,037	1,625	348	-1,277
1990	173,341	2,574	1,035	1,539	2,127	588
1991	175,468	2,562	988	1,574	2,707	1,133
1992	178,175	2,426	1,018	1,408	-3,575	-4,983
1993	174,600	2,337	1,082	1,255	-1,869	-3,124
1994	172,731	2,240	1,146	1,094	128	-966
1995	172,859	2,117	1,075	1,042	2,159	1,117
1996	175,018	2,270	1,092	1,178	1,608	430
1997	176,626	2,175	1,023	1,152	378	-774
1998	177,004	2,128	1,063	1,065	1,648	583
1999	178,652	2,194	1,048	1,146	1,296	150
2000	179,948	2,260	1,107	1,153	1,440	287
2001	181,388	2,312	1,241	1,071	1,771	700
2002	183,159	2,226	1,150	1,076	660	-416
2003	183,819	2,288	1,187	1,101	301	-800
2004	184,120	2,291	1,192	1,099	584	-515
2005	184,704	2,490	1,218	1,272	-	-

¹ Population totals for the years 1981 to 2005 are intercensal estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau as of July 1st of each year. Please note that the population base estimates from the decennial censuses are different than the intercensal estimates. Decennial census totals as of April 1st of each year: 1990 = 173,025 and 2000 = 179,669. The 1980 population total is a base estimate from the decennial census.

² Birth and death totals are from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

³ Natural Increase, Population Change, and Net Migration calculated from population, births, and deaths.

Income

The median household income is the median income of both family households and non-family households. A non-family household may consist of a group of unrelated people or one person living alone. In Champaign County, the median household income in 1999 was \$37,780. In Champaign County, the university student population tends to skew the median household income figures downward severely. Median family income is a better basis of comparison than either median household income or per capita income for the county. Per capita income is another method by which a population's income can be compared with other communities. Champaign County's median household, median family, and per capita income are all below state levels, as can be seen in Table 4-7.

Table 4-7: Income of Champaign County Townships, 1989 and 1999

Township	Median Household Income		Median family income		Per Capita Income	
	1989	1999	1989	1999	1989	1999
Champaign County	26,541	37,780	35,630	52,591	13,130	19,708
Ayers	32,163	37,500	36,875	39,423	14,649	18,415
Brown	29,688	41,790	35,094	48,542	11,757	11,649
Champaign	40,956	60,484	51,492	80,000	20,568	32,518
Champaign City	22,967	32,795	36,767	52,628	13,025	18,664
Colfax	31,000	74,643	32,167	73,571	12,240	41,360
Compromise	35,431	48,750	38,036	56,908	13,439	22,040
Condit	40,875	60,417	42,426	61,528	17,065	26,850
Crittenden	31,339	52,250	39,219	53,958	18,319	19,451
Cunningham	21,705	27,819	31,133	42,655	11,439	15,969
East Bend	36,500	47,917	45,543	53,000	15,440	20,844
Harwood	21,935	40,938	23,625	47,500	10,186	18,937
Hensley	36,736	65,750	39,130	70,673	13,133	31,604
Kerr	20,179	50,694	17,083	51,528	9,048	15,283
Ludlow	26,923	34,481	30,439	45,063	12,426	18,389
Mahomet	38,899	54,987	41,587	59,110	14,446	22,432
Newcomb	37,885	63,750	42,273	72,500	14,753	29,947
Ogden	32,121	47,159	35,653	54,063	14,151	20,842
Pesotum	32,188	51,250	37,778	57,031	12,843	21,708
Philo	39,189	59,464	43,625	63,636	14,961	22,317
Rantoul	26,200	37,464	28,627	43,553	11,115	17,726
Raymond	32,500	44,583	34,750	50,750	11,658	18,030
Sadorus	27,700	48,438	29,630	54,063	10,723	20,351
Scott	31,301	51,576	37,098	57,589	15,117	18,083
Sidney	31,745	53,229	34,833	58,438	14,691	22,343
Somer	19,766	40,733	25,391	44,309	13,570	23,255
South Homer	28,269	39,297	31,474	43,257	11,854	18,967
St. Joseph	38,399	55,953	41,461	62,713	14,653	23,337
Stanton	35,536	56,932	36,607	58,333	11,378	22,909
Tolono	27,378	45,799	35,483	53,373	12,755	20,964
Urbana	30,544	38,329	33,631	45,791	15,082	21,313

Source: US Census Bureau SF-3, 1990 and 2000 Census

Table 4-8 provides information about the population with income below the poverty level. This population only includes those persons who do not reside in group quarters. People living in correctional facilities, nursing homes, mental hospitals, college dormitories, military barracks, group homes, missions, and shelters are considered a part of the group-quarter population.

Table 4-8: Poverty Level in Champaign County Townships, 1989 and 1999

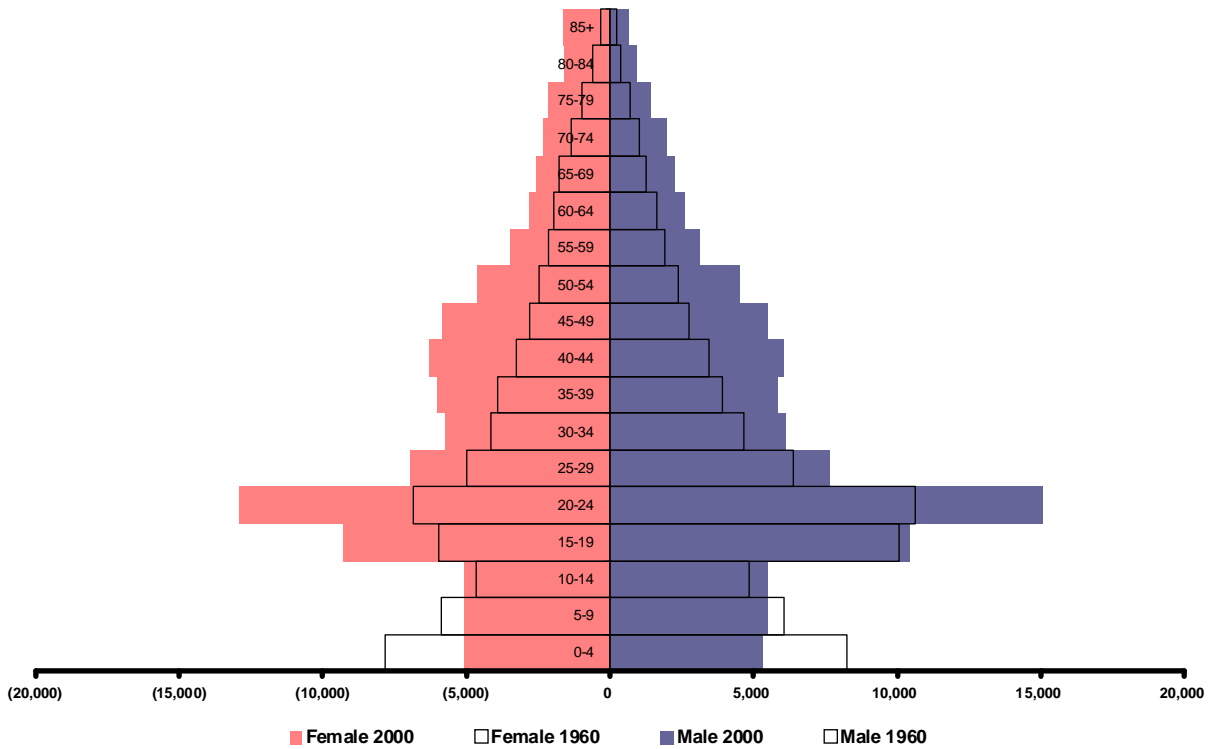
Township	Population with Income Below Poverty Level		% Population with Income Below Poverty Level	
	1989	1999	1989	1999
Ayers	9	29	1.8%	6.4%
Brown	50	236	3.4%	13.6%
Champaign	488	556	5.8%	5.0%
Champaign City	12,625	13,398	22.7%	22.1%
Colfax	28	0	10.1%	0.0%
Compromise	94	20	6.0%	1.4%
Condit	10	0	2.1%	0.0%
Crittenden	8	0	2.8%	0.0%
Cunningham	6,302	8,306	21.8%	27.3%
East Bend	52	15	6.0%	1.8%
Harwood	8	53	1.6%	11.9%
Hensley	86	24	6.9%	2.5%
Kerr	68	0	36.8%	0.0%
Ludlow	818	739	17.2%	16.1%
Mahomet	378	548	4.5%	5.3%
Newcomb	72	49	7.9%	4.7%
Ogden	118	36	8.6%	2.2%
Pesotum	33	14	3.5%	1.7%
Philo	8	45	0.5%	2.5%
Rantoul	1,031	917	7.7%	8.1%
Raymond	18	25	4.0%	5.7%
Sadorus	83	27	7.5%	2.6%
Scott	99	181	2.7%	4.0%
Sidney	36	126	3.5%	11.7%
Somer	64	27	4.2%	1.7%
South Homer	338	106	25.2%	8.0%
St. Joseph	138	128	8.5%	8.3%
Stanton	0	3	0.0%	0.6%
Tolono	191	212	5.4%	5.8%
Urbana	874	640	10.3%	7.9%

Source: US Census Bureau SF-3, 1990 and 2000 Census

Age

Figure 4-1 looks at population trends by sex and age in Champaign County between 1960 and 2000. The number of females continues to exceed the number of males in the 65+ age category. The population between ages 0 and 10 has declined, and the population between the ages of 25 and 64 has increased. The female share of the population was 46.8 in 1960 and 49.7 in 2000.

Figure 4-1: Champaign County Population by Age: 1960 vs. 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Race

For the first time, in the Census 2000, respondents were given the option of selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities. In the following tables, the “other” column for 2000 includes respondents of some other race and those of two or more races. The “other” column for 1990 only includes those respondents of some other race. The Census 2000 data on race are not directly comparable with data from the 1990 census or earlier years. In 2000, respondents of two or more races accounted for 2 percent of the population of Champaign County. This category primarily consisted of respondents who were both White and Black, White and Asian, White and some other race, and White and American Indian or Alaskan Native. Hispanic is not a racial category but rather an ethnic category in which people are classified based on any number of cultural identities including language, country of origin, and lineage or parents’ ancestry. Hispanics can be of any race.

In 2000, 1,471 persons of the group quarters population were incorrectly attributed to Brown Township. These 1,471 persons were reallocated to the City of Champaign, Champaign City Township, the City of Urbana, Cunningham Township, and the Village of Rantoul, Rantoul

Township. The population totals have been corrected, but the Census Bureau does not release corrected data pertaining to the race, age, sex, and other characteristics of the revised population of each jurisdiction. The number of people of each race will not sum to the population total for the marked (*) jurisdictions, and the race and ethnic breakdowns of these townships have not been corrected.

Table 4-9 presents the population by race for the townships in Champaign County.

Table 4-9: Population by Race for Champaign County and Its Townships: 2000

Township	White	Black or African American	AIAN ¹	Asian	NHPI ²	Other ³	Total	Hispanic or Latino Origin ⁴
	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Ayers	432	2	4	0	0	3	441	0
Brown	1,480	0	4	0	0	11	1,495	7
Champaign	9,687	629	16	972	1	286	11,591	196
Champaign City *	49,398	10,543	159	4,611	23	2,784	67,959	2,724
Colfax	250	0	0	0	0	0	250	2
Compromise	1,389	11	2	7	1	12	1,422	7
Condit	498	5	3	1	0	4	511	7
Crittenden	343	0	0	1	0	1	345	3
Cunningham *	24,389	5,218	64	5,181	14	1,529	36,362	1,288
East Bend	865	0	6	1	0	8	880	13
Harwood	568	26	0	1	0	23	618	26
Hensley	819	244	0	15	0	33	1,111	32
Kerr	173	0	0	0	0	0	173	0
Ludlow	3,670	766	20	112	0	198	4,766	111
Mahomet	9,884	39	20	56	4	110	10,113	88
Newcomb	980	6	2	6	0	10	1,004	10
Ogden	1,574	3	1	6	0	17	1,601	9
Pesotum	842	0	0	4	0	3	849	2
Philo	1,752	5	0	0	0	11	1,768	5
Rantoul *	9,059	1,478	52	154	8	445	11,257	319
Raymond	425	0	1	2	0	9	437	6
Sadorus	1,015	1	2	0	0	21	1,039	1
St. Joseph	4,565	6	3	8	0	29	4,611	35
Scott	1,120	4	7	2	1	23	1,157	10
Sidney	1,575	5	5	5	5	14	1,609	4
Somer	1,267	90	10	9	1	44	1,421	22
South Homer	1,570	1	0	6	0	8	1,585	4
Stanton	464	0	0	4	0	6	474	11
Tolono	3,637	38	14	17	4	47	3,757	33
Urbana *	6,825	695	37	273	10	221	8,063	158
Champaign County	141,536	20,045	433	11,592	72	5,991	179,669	5,133

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 1, U.S. Census Bureau.

Notes: ¹ AIAN = American Indian or Alaska Native. ² NHPI = Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. ³ For the Census 2000, respondents were given the option of selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities. In this table, the "Other" column for 2000 includes respondents of some other race and those of two or more races. ⁴ The federal government considers race and hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. Thus, the "Hispanic or Latino Origin" column is not a component of the "Total" column.

* 1,471 persons of the group quarter population were incorrectly attributed to Brown Township in 2000. These 1,471 persons were reallocated to Champaign City Township, Cunningham Township, and Rantoul Township. The population totals have been corrected, but the Census Bureau does not release corrected data pertaining to the race, age, sex, and other characteristics of the revised population in each jurisdiction. The number of people of each race will not sum to the population total for the marked (*) jurisdictions, and the racial breakdowns of these townships have not been corrected.

Educational Attainment

Table 4-10 presents information from 2000 about the educational attainment for the population that was 25 years of age and over in 2000. The educational attainment of the population is a data set produced by the U.S. Census Bureau using sample data (Summary File 3). Educational attainment has been summarized into 6 categories for various geographic units.

**Table 4-10: Educational Attainment for the Population 25 Years and Over, 2000
 Illinois, Champaign County and Its Municipalities**

	8th Grade		High School		High School		Some College		Bachelor's		> Bachelor's	
	or Less	%	No Diploma	%	Graduate	%	< Bachelors	%	Degree	%	Degree	%
United States	13,755,477	7.5%	21,960,148	12.1%	52,168,981	28.6%	49,864,428	27.4%	28,317,792	15.5%	16,144,813	8.9%
Illinois	597,684	7.5%	882,759	11.1%	2,212,291	27.7%	2,202,888	27.6%	1,317,182	16.5%	760,867	9.5%
Champaign County	3,149	3.1%	5,923	5.9%	24,376	24.2%	28,909	28.7%	18,731	18.6%	19,471	19.4%
Allerton village	12	7.1%	14	8.2%	75	44.1%	57	33.5%	6	3.5%	6	3.5%
Bondville village	10	3.5%	23	8.0%	158	54.7%	80	27.7%	13	4.5%	5	1.7%
Broadlands village	10	4.7%	19	8.9%	70	32.9%	93	43.7%	17	8.0%	4	1.9%
Champaign city	1,033	3.0%	1,860	5.4%	6,819	19.8%	9,425	27.4%	7,505	21.8%	7,712	22.4%
Fisher village	33	3.2%	95	9.1%	396	37.9%	364	34.9%	103	9.9%	53	5.1%
Foosland village	4	7.4%	11	20.4%	31	57.4%	5	9.3%	3	5.6%	0	0.0%
Gifford village	86	14.4%	36	6.0%	225	37.6%	157	26.3%	69	11.5%	25	4.2%
Homer village	27	3.4%	70	8.9%	375	47.6%	221	28.1%	66	8.4%	28	3.6%
Ivesdale village	2	0.9%	22	10.0%	107	48.6%	65	29.5%	21	9.5%	3	1.4%
Lake of the Woods CDP	16	0.8%	128	6.7%	675	35.6%	605	31.9%	301	15.9%	172	9.1%
Longview village	5	5.4%	23	24.7%	47	50.5%	18	19.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ludlow village	4	1.9%	28	13.3%	106	50.2%	66	31.3%	5	2.4%	2	0.9%
Mahomet village	7	0.2%	94	3.2%	673	23.2%	1,048	36.1%	728	25.0%	357	12.3%
Ogden village	9	2.1%	31	7.1%	169	38.8%	161	36.9%	52	11.9%	14	3.2%
Pesotum village	6	1.7%	8	2.3%	158	45.7%	125	36.1%	28	8.1%	21	6.1%
Philo village	29	3.5%	39	4.8%	220	26.9%	341	41.6%	116	14.2%	74	9.0%
Rantoul village	266	3.3%	657	8.2%	2,834	35.3%	2,992	37.3%	846	10.5%	433	5.4%
Royal village	22	10.2%	9	4.2%	70	32.6%	75	34.9%	23	10.7%	16	7.4%
Sadorus village	15	5.5%	36	13.2%	103	37.9%	88	32.4%	17	6.3%	13	4.8%
St. Joseph village	45	2.3%	104	5.4%	573	29.9%	686	35.8%	317	16.5%	193	10.1%
Savoy village	49	1.7%	59	2.0%	418	14.4%	668	23.1%	802	27.7%	899	31.1%
Sidney village	43	6.0%	48	6.7%	257	36.0%	223	31.3%	90	12.6%	52	7.3%
Thomasboro village	49	6.0%	110	13.5%	349	42.8%	235	28.8%	50	6.1%	23	2.8%
Tolono village	29	1.6%	160	8.9%	707	39.3%	620	34.5%	190	10.6%	92	5.1%
Urbana city	643	3.6%	991	5.6%	2,760	15.5%	3,858	21.7%	3,671	20.7%	5,837	32.9%

Source: Census 2000 Summary File 3, U.S. Census Bureau.

Housing Trends

Since 1970, the percentage of owner-occupied housing units increased by 3.3 percentage points for the United States, by 7.9 percentage points for Illinois, and by 1.8 percentage points for Champaign County. In 2000, Champaign County had 56% of its housing units owner-occupied, compared to 67% for the state. Table 4-11 shows the percent of owner and renter occupied units in Illinois, Champaign County, and Champaign County townships in 2000. The table also includes median house value and median gross rent value for these areas in 2000.

Table 4-11: Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units and Median Values, 2000

	Occupied Housing Units	Owner Occupied	% Owner Occupied	Renter occupied	% Renter occupied	Median House Value	Median Gross Rent
Illinois	4,591,779	3,089,124	67%	1,502,655	33%	\$105,500	\$533
Champaign County	70,597	39,334	56%	31,263	44%	\$130,800	\$605
Ayers Township	186	159	85%	27	15%	\$64,500	\$556
Brown Township	569	467	82%	102	18%	\$72,300	\$453
Champaign City Township	27,142	12,853	47%	14,289	53%	\$89,500	\$549
Champaign Township	4,654	3,216	69%	1,438	31%	\$157,800	\$643
Colfax Township	122	75	61%	47	39%	\$137,500	\$478
Compromise Township	561	471	84%	90	16%	\$84,900	\$508
Condit Township	186	159	85%	27	15%	\$122,800	\$630
Crittenden Township	116	92	79%	24	21%	\$125,000	\$617
Cunningham Township	14,258	5,247	37%	9,011	63%	\$89,500	\$537
East Bend Township	327	260	80%	67	20%	\$98,200	\$438
Harwood Township	176	136	77%	40	23%	\$88,000	\$345
Hensley Township	379	282	74%	97	26%	\$105,900	\$583
Kerr Township	58	45	78%	13	22%	\$101,800	\$638
Ludlow Township	1,924	1,027	53%	897	47%	\$81,200	\$430
Mahomet Township	3,568	3,056	86%	512	14%	\$107,700	\$568
Newcomb Township	374	310	83%	64	17%	\$122,800	\$404
Ogden Township	634	559	88%	75	12%	\$88,700	\$554
Pesotum Township	335	304	91%	31	9%	\$74,800	\$416
Philo Township	643	597	93%	46	7%	\$99,600	\$500
Rantoul Township	4,666	2,600	56%	2,066	44%	\$69,100	\$525
Raymond Township	161	140	87%	21	13%	\$62,500	\$472
Sadorus Township	400	338	85%	62	16%	\$67,100	\$424
Scott Township	429	303	71%	126	29%	\$79,300	\$606
Sidney Township	629	527	84%	102	16%	\$91,500	\$557
Somer Township	530	328	62%	202	38%	\$120,700	\$349
South Homer Township	622	522	84%	100	16%	\$68,800	\$463
St. Joseph Township	1,721	1,420	83%	301	17%	\$105,000	\$507
Stanton Township	167	132	79%	35	21%	\$132,400	\$538
Tolono Township	1,526	1,076	71%	450	29%	\$81,000	\$514
Urbana Township	3,534	2,633	75%	901	25%	\$59,700	\$612

Source: Census 2000 Summary File 3.

Champaign County Employment & Economic Profile

County Historic Employment Change

Champaign County has generally increased its employment base in terms of number of employees, as can be seen in Table 4-12.

Table 4-12: Champaign County Total Full and Part-Time Employment, 1970-2005

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005
Total full-time and part-time employment	78,601	89,387	95,409	100,901	113,779	112,995	123,561	126,895
Percentage change from previous year	-	14%	7%	6%	13%	-1%	9%	3%

Urban growth in population is similarly reflected in Champaign County employment data, which shows a general decrease in farm employment since around 1975.

Table 4-13: Champaign County Farm and Non-Farm Employment, 1970-2005

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005
Nonfarm employment	75,882	86,540	92,654	98,568	111,885	111,260	121,834	125,284
% Change	-	14%	7%	6%	14%	-1%	10%	3%
Farm employment	2,719	2,847	2,755	2,333	1,894	1,735	1,727	1,611
% Change	-	5%	-3%	-15%	-19%	-8%	0%	-7%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Champaign County's employment sector attributes have changed over time as well. Along with farming, employment in sectors such as forestry, manufacturing, and management have decreased, as can be seen in the table below. Increases in employment have occurred most significantly in real estate, administrative services, and educational services.

**Table 4-14: Employment Change by
Employment Sectors in Champaign County, 2001-2005**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Change 2001-2005	% Change 2001-2005
Farm employment	1663	1599	1584	1549	1611	-52	-3%
Forestry, fishing, related activities & other	486	506	-	476	457	-29	-6%
Mining	119	109	-	102	126	7	6%
Utilities	-	-	-	-	209	-	-
Construction	5,398	5,343	5,436	5,297	5,513	115	2%
Manufacturing	10,511	10,031	10,521	10,335	9,760	-751	-7%
Wholesale trade	3,212	-	3,330	3,301	3,414	202	6%
Retail trade	13,312	12,858	12,873	12,616	12,240	-1,072	-8%
Transportation and warehousing	-	3,668	-	-	3,475	-	-
Information	3,020	2,808	2,814	2,705	2,824	-196	-6%
Finance and insurance	4,343	4,207	4,031	4,106	4,141	-202	-5%
Real estate and rental and leasing	3,165	3,023	3,103	3,372	3,662	497	16%
Professional and technical services	6,413	6,270	6,265	6,587	6,941	528	8%
Management of companies and enterprises	1,388	1,382	813	933	933	-455	-33%
Administrative and waste services	3,683	3,483	3,813	4,121	4,300	617	17%
Educational services	1,177	1,312	1,350	1,416	1,452	275	23%
Health care and social assistance	12,554	12,568	12,714	12,798	13,194	640	5%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	2,018	2,044	2,021	2,110	2,235	217	11%
Accommodation and food services	9,390	9,474	9,827	9,613	9,588	198	2%
Other services, except public administration	5,258	5,451	5,584	5,594	5,574	316	6%
Government and government enterprises	33,703	34,241	34,190	35,139	35,246	1,543	5%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis REIS

The Illinois Department of Employment Security produces statistics on the number of persons in the labor force, the number of persons employed and unemployed, and unemployment rates. Data is presented for the years 1990 through 2006 in Table 4-15. Champaign County has consistently shown a lower unemployment rate than the state in recent years.

Table 4-15: Champaign County Labor Employment and Unemployment, 1990-2006

Year	Champaign County				Illinois
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate
1990	91,045	88,079	2,966	3.3	6.2
1991	92,610	88,915	3,695	4.0	7.2
1992	94,017	89,973	4,044	4.3	7.6
1993	92,925	88,321	4,604	5.0	7.5
1994	92,811	89,569	3,242	3.5	5.7
1995	93,532	90,789	2,743	2.9	5.2
1996	95,348	92,361	2,987	3.1	5.3
1997	94,911	92,148	2,763	2.9	4.7
1998	95,098	92,436	2,662	2.8	4.5
1999	99,193	96,686	2,507	2.5	4.3
2000	99,075	95,579	3,496	3.5	4.5
2001	99,779	96,044	3,735	3.7	5.4
2002	99,596	95,350	4,246	4.3	6.5
2003	99,440	94,988	4,452	4.5	6.7
2004	104,451	100,596	3,855	3.7	6.2
2005	102,374	98,084	4,290	4.2	5.7
2006	104,451	100,596	3,855	3.7	4.5

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, Labor Force and Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) at <http://lmi.ides.state.il.us>; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

County-to-County Worker Flows

Employment activity center locations are partially determined by their proximity to potential employees. The Census provides county-to-county worker flows to show where residents live and work. According to the 2000 Census, 86,425 people both live and work in Champaign County. A total of 4,943 Champaign County residents work outside Champaign County, while 14,312 come from other counties to work in Champaign County. These figures show that Champaign County has a net influx of employees, proving its strength as a regional employment center.

Champaign County is similarly the major employment center within the six-county Economic Development District, as can be seen in Table 4-16.

Table 4-16: County-County Worker Flows for Champaign County, 2000

Champaign County employees who live in:		Champaign County residents who work in:	
Vermilion	3,135	Vermilion	771
Piatt	2,882	Piatt	375
Douglas	2,087	Ford	584
Ford	1,794	Douglas	396
Iroquois	540	Iroquois	86
Total	10,438	Total	2,212

Source: US Census 2000.

Population Projections

Population and employment sectors analysis is a critical part of determining future land use and infrastructure needs. Past growth trends, taken into consideration with current data and knowledge, can provide a probable, but never certain, forecast of future change. This section provides relevant background information for developing population and employment forecasts for the County, which will be discussed more completely as a precursor to the policy framework and future land use map in upcoming LRMP documents.

There are several population projections available for Champaign County that extend to 2030. One simplistic means of projecting is to look at historic trends only and apply an average growth rate based on a certain number of existing data. By applying the average annual growth rate from US Census-based population figures for 1997 through 2006, Champaign County would grow to 214,347 by 2030, an increase of 34,678 from 2000. Forecasting is a type of projection that accounts for factors other than historical trends. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) creates population forecasts, which currently extend to 2030. DCEO anticipates Champaign County to grow to 216,958 by 2030, an increase of 37,289. Woods and Poole, a private firm that provides population and employment forecasts, estimates that by 2030, Champaign County will have a population of 197,380, an increase of 17,111. The difference between the highest and lowest of these forecasts is 19,578 for the year 2030. A median projected growth rate, based on these three population projections is 209,562.

Employment Projections

Public employment remains the driving force of the Champaign County economy but the private sector continues to strengthen. Champaign County's biggest employer is the University of Illinois, comprising much of the share of jobs in state government. Over the past 30 years, however, the private sector has grown substantially in relative size, including gains for Manufacturing, Agricultural Services, and Retail Trade when compared to national trends, as can be seen in Table 4-17.

Table 4-17: Champaign County Employment by Sector, 1970-2000

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000
Total full-time and part-time employment	78,601	89,387	95,409	100,901	113,779	112,995	123,561
Farm employment	2,719	2,847	2,755	2,333	1,894	1,735	1,727
Private employment	40,155	49,063	56,260	63,398	74,679	79,045	88,950
Agricultural services, forestry, fishing and other	190	214	262	364	1,422	(D)	1,197
Mining	87	90	89	157	164	(D)	88
Construction	3,219	3,514	2,886	3,321	3,976	4,547	5,322
Manufacturing	5,034	6,562	7,241	7,581	10,863	11,881	13,311
Transportation and public utilities	2,796	2,821	2,961	2,757	3,366	3,758	4,200
Wholesale trade	2,222	2,954	4,002	4,435	3,898	3,730	3,416
Retail trade	11,203	13,223	15,411	16,812	17,715	20,132	21,699
Finance, insurance, and real estate	3,171	4,755	5,207	5,011	5,625	5,809	7,205
Services	12,233	14,930	18,201	22,960	27,650	27,993	32,512
Government and government enterprises	35,727	37,477	36,394	35,170	37,206	32,215	32,884
Federal, civilian	3,628	3,307	3,150	2,716	3,053	1,421	1,462
Military	10,327	8,705	8,127	7,368	4,892	521	442
State and local	21,772	25,465	25,117	25,086	29,261	30,273	30,980
State government	(N)	(N)	19,063	18,965	22,272	22,724	(D)
Local government	(N)	(N)	6,054	6,121	6,989	7,549	(D)

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS