



Southern Illinois Regional Assessment Project

Franklin County Fact Sheet

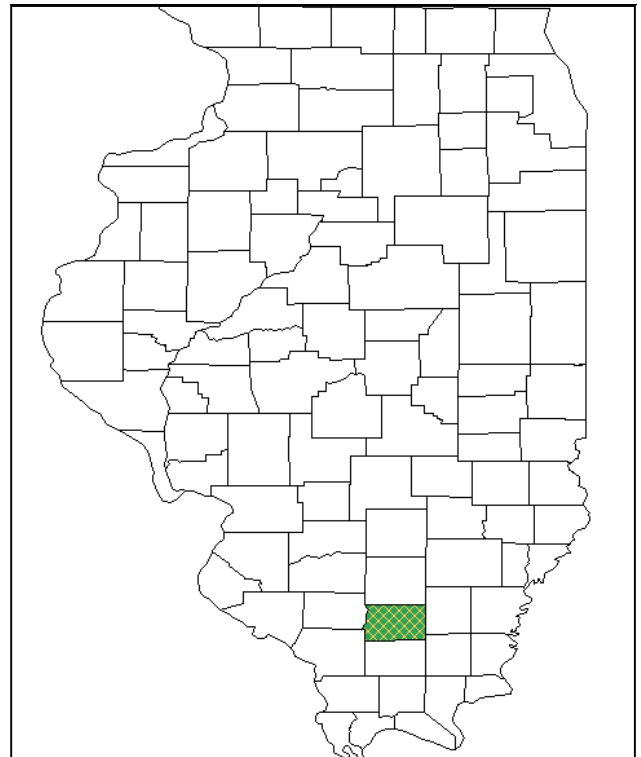
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Franklin County:

The first settlers arrived in Franklin County in 1804. The formal Franklin County was formed in 1818 out of Gallatin and White Counties and is named for Benjamin Franklin.

County Seat: Benton

2005 Population Estimate: 39,723



Economic Indicators

Income and Poverty

2004 Per Capita Personal Income¹: \$23,010
(Region: \$23,753)

1999 Median Household Income²: \$28,411
(Region, calculated: \$30,845)

1999 Median Household Income where householder is black or African American alone²: \$10,625 (Region, calculated: \$18,340)

2000 Poverty Level²: 16.2% (Region: 15.8%)

2000 Poverty Level Among Blacks or African Americans alone²: 32.3%
(Region: 39.3%)

Households with Public Assistance Income in 2000 (percentage)²: 579 (3.6%)
(Region: 3.5%)

Unemployment Rate in 2005³: 7.0%

Sources: 1: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; 2: U.S. Census Bureau; 3: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Commuting in 2000

Top 3 Counties from which Workers In-Commute

1	Williamson, IL	1,209
2	Jefferson, IL	277
3	Perry, IL	199

Top 3 Counties to which Workers Out-Commute

1	Williamson, IL	752
2	Gallatin, IL	276
3	White, IL	196

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Journey to Work

Total number in-commuting: 2,656

Total number out-commuting: 6,487

Net commuting: -3,831

Total county workforce: 15,675

Net commuting as % of county workforce: -24.4%

Top Industries for Employment

Rank	NAICS Code	Industry Name	Employment
1	62	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,445
	621	Ambulatory Health Care Services	592
	624	Social Assistance	549
	624120	Services for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities	375
2	336	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	887
	336612	Boat Building	850
3	72	Accommodation and Food Services	852
	722	Food Services and Drinking Places	838
4	81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	547
5	23	Construction	506

Source: US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns

Note: NAICS is the North American Industry Classification System.

Agricultural Indicators

Crop	Acreage	Percent
	1999-2000	1999-2000
Corn	44,665	23.7%
Soy	65,929	34.9%
Winter wheat	7,356	3.9%
Other small grains/ Hay	2,694	1.4%
Winter wheat/ Soybeans	11,891	6.3%
Other Agriculture	1,239	0.7%
Rural grassland	54,942	29.1%
Total	188,716	100.0%

2002 Market value of agricultural crop products sold (in \$1,000):

16,438 (Region average: 18,669)

2002 Market value of livestock and poultry products sold (in \$1,000):

10,457 (Region average: 5,768)

2002 Market value of total agricultural products sold (in \$1000):

26,894 (Region average: 23,361)

2002 Market value of agricultural products sold average per farm (in dollars):

36,993 (Region average: 50,680)

Source: USDA, 2002 Census of Agriculture

Source: USDA, IDA and IDNR, 2002 Illinois Interagency Landscape Classification Project

Livestock	Number of Farms with Animals			Number of Animals		
	1997	2002	% Change	1997	2002	% Change
Cattle	216	176	-19	8,052	7,746	-4
Hogs	63	28	-56	18,007	30,011	+67
Horses	89	91	+2	466	634	+36

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

Soil Type	Acreage	Percent
Prime farmland soils (not eroded)	178,263	68.8%
Prime farmland soils (eroded)	64,821	25.0%
Non-prime farmland soils (all erosion classes)	16,176	6.2%
Total	259,261	100.0%

Source: National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Web Soil Survey

Irrigation	1997	2002
Acres Land in Irrigated Farms	D	504
Total Acres Farmland	187,485	179,694
% Farmland Irrigated	—	0.3%

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

Note: "D" indicates this information was not disclosed.

Note: Prime farmlands soils include those soil types with 0-10% slope; non-prime farmland soils are all other soil types with slope greater than 10%.

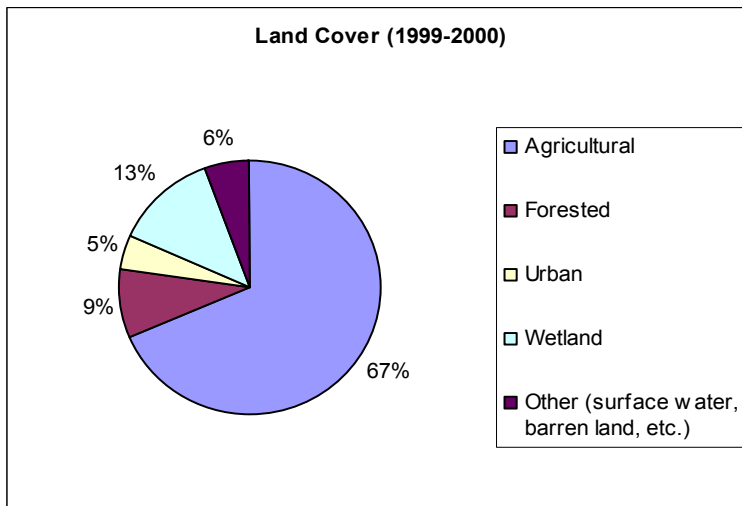
Environmental Indicators

Land

Land Cover (1999-2000)	Acreages	Percent (County)	Percent (Region)	Percent (State)
Agricultural	188,715	68.3%	64.6%	76.3%
Forested	24,279	8.8%	21.0%	11.5%
Urban	12,702	4.6%	3.0%	6.4%
Wetland	35,043	12.7%	8.5%	3.9%
Other	15,511	5.6%	2.8%	1.8%
Total	276,250	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: "Other" includes surface water, barren land, etc.

Source: USDA, IDA and IDNR, 2002 Illinois Interagency Landscape Classification Project



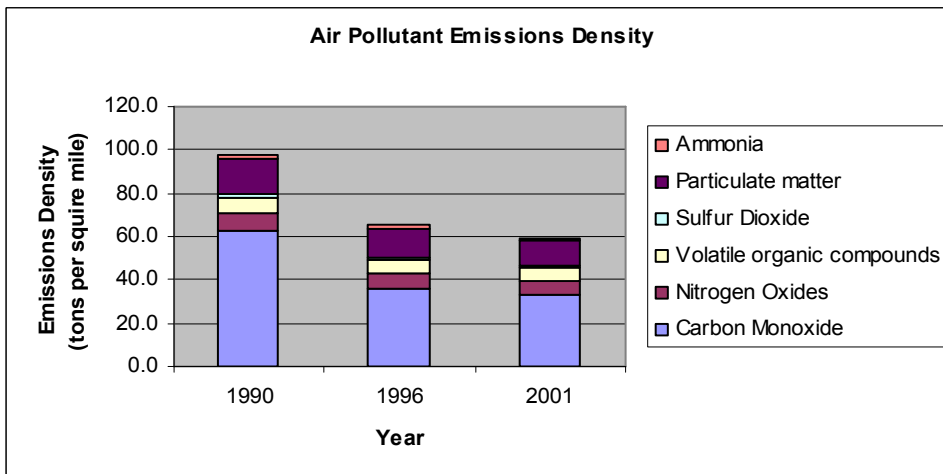
Timberland Ownership Classes	Acreages	Percent
National Forest	0	0.0%
Other Public	3,000	5.4%
Corporate	0	0.0%
Private	52,400	94.6%
Total	55,400	100.0%

Note: "Other Public" includes other federal, state, county and municipal.

Source: Schmidt, T. L., M. H. Hansen, and J. A. Solomakos. 2000. Illinois' forests in 1998 (Resource Bulletin NC-198). St. Paul, MN: USDA Forest Service North Central Research Station.

Air

Total Air Pollutant Emissions Density (tons per square mile)	1990	1996	2001	2001 Region Avg.
	97.3	65.2	59.3	59.6



Note: EPA collects emissions data for three criteria air pollutants: Carbon monoxide (CO), Sulfur dioxide (SO₂), Particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), and three precursors/promoters of criteria air pollutants: Volatile organic compounds (VOC), Nitrogen oxides (NO_x), Ammonia (NH₃).

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Emission Inventory NEI database and Air Quality System (AQS) database

Water

Number of public water systems: 22
Number of water health based violation (since 1993): 9
Number of impaired or threatened water bodies: 89
Percentage of surface water areas with impaired or threatened uses: 23%

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Envirofacts Databases; Scorecard-the Pollution Information Site <http://www.scorecard.org>

Note: Scorecard's county-level data on impaired waterbodies are derived from two U.S. EPA sources: the 1998 TMDL Tracking System and the 1998 National Water Quality Inventory.

Estimated Use of Water (in million gallons per day)	1990	1995	2000
	16.36	15.72	14.71

Source: National Water-Use Information Program, U.S. Geological Survey

Toxics and Wastes

	Number
Facilities producing air emissions	77
Companies with wastewater discharging permits	64
Facilities having toxic chemical releases	8
Potential waste sites in Superfund	1
Hazardous waste generating facilities	116
Radiation regulated facilities	0

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Envirofacts Databases

Outdoor Recreation Areas

Rent Lake State Recreation Area
Wayne Fitzgerald State Park

Sources: Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Highway Map 2005-2006; USDA Forest Service, Shawnee National Forest Map

Demographic Indicators

	1990	2000	2005
Population Density (population per square mile land area)	97.8	94.7	96.4
Population	40,319	39,018	39,723
Dependency Ratio	65.9	60.2	—
Inmate Population	0	56	—

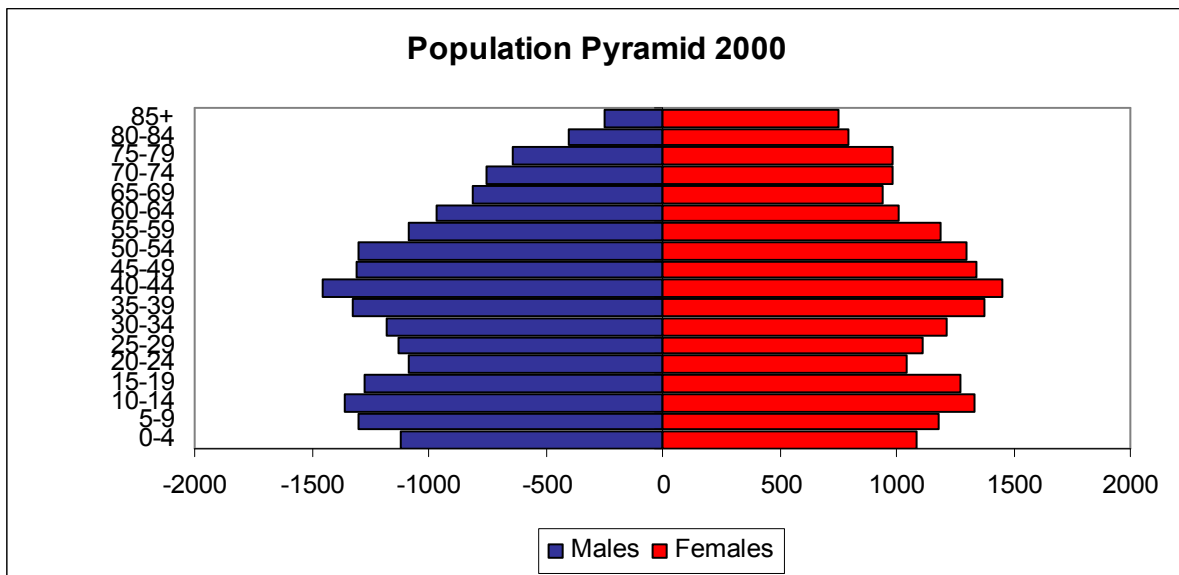
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Note: Dependency ratio is the ratio of the population under age 15 and over age 64 to the working age population (ages 15-64). Higher values imply a greater dependent population.

Selected Vital Statistics	County	Region Avg.	State
Average Crude Birth Rate (1990-2004)	11.9	11.2	14.9
Average Crude Death Rate (1990-2004)	14.3	12.5	8.6
Average Percent of Birth of Low Birth Weight to Total Birth (1995-2001)	8.4%	7.7%	8.0%
Percent of People with Disability in the 16 to 64 Age Group (2000)	20.4%	20.3%	16.6%

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health, Birth Statistics

Note: Crude birth/death rate is the number of births/deaths per 1000 population.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Ancestry

Ancestry	Number	Percent
US/American	6,062	17.6%
German	5,967	17.3%
English	5,105	14.8%
Irish	4,616	13.4%
Other groups	3,339	9.7%
Italian	2,062	6.0%
French (except Basque)	1,118	3.2%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
White alone	38,485	98.6%
Black or African American alone	59	0.2%
Hispanic or Latino		
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	85	0.2%
Asian alone	70	0.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	5	0.0%
Some other race alone	56	0.1%
Two or more races	246	0.6%
Total Population	39,723	100%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

Note: The Hispanic / Latino figures may be included in other race categories.

2002-2003 County-to-County

	In-migrants	Out-migrants	Net migrants
Total migration: US and Foreign	1,536	1,315	221
Median adjusted gross income of migrants	\$17,643	\$17,600	—
Total US migration	1,520	1,315	205
Total migration to/from the same state	1,075	927	148
Total migration to/from a different state	445	388	57
Non-migrants	30,887	30,887	—
#1 County migrants move from/to	Williamson, IL (384)	Williamson, IL (372)	12
#2 County migrants move from/to	Jefferson, IL (100)	Jefferson, IL (83)	17
#3 County migrants move from/to	Perry, IL (95)	Jackson, IL (78)	—

Source: 2003 IRS Migration Files

Note: This table shows that between 2002 and 2003, Franklin County had positive net migration. There was no change in the median county income level caused by the in-migrants. Franklin County traded residents to a great degree with other Illinois Counties, rather than with counties of other states. The net migration rates to Williamson and Jefferson Counties are both very small, but positive.

Social Indicators

Education

	Number	% Change 2004-2005
2005-2006 K-12 Enrollment	6,334	+0.9%
2005-2006 Total Housed Student Enrollment	6,497	+1.1%
Projected 2007-2008 Enrollment (K-12)	6,219	-1.0%
Projected 2012-2013 Enrollment (K-12)	6,103	-2.8%

Race/Ethnicity (2005-2006)	Number	Percent
White	6366	98.0%
Black	11	0.2%
American Indian	11	0.2%
Asian	15	0.2%
Hispanic	39	0.6%
Multi-racial	55	0.8%
Total	6,497	100.0%

Selected School Report Statistics	County	Region Avg.	State
Average Low-income-family Student Rate in 2005	54.4	45.5	40.0
Average High School Dropout Rate in 2005	2.4	3.2	4.0
Average High School Graduation Rate in 2005	91.7	90.7	87.4

Source: Illinois State Board of Education, Data Analysis & Process Reporting

Note: Total housed student enrollment includes pre-K through post secondary students. All rates in school report statistics are numbers per 100 students.

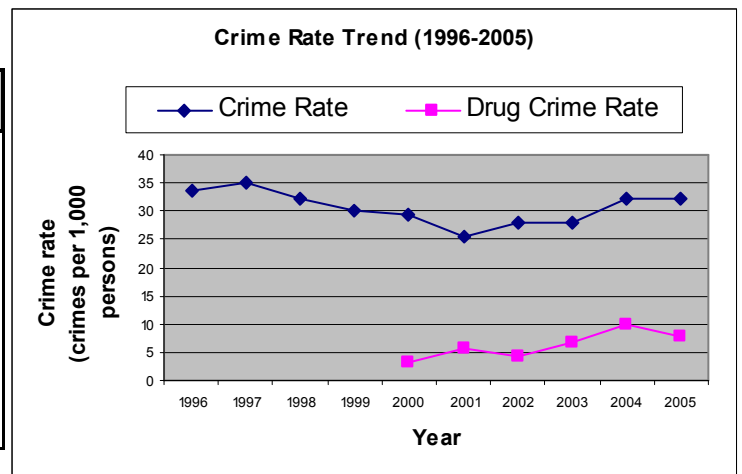
Educational Attainment (Percent, Population 25 years and over)	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
High School Graduate or Higher	18,142	66.7%	20,681	76.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,233	8.2%	3,058	11.3%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 1990 and 2000,

Crime

	Number in 2005
Total Crimes	1,269
Crime Rate (crimes per 1,000 persons)	32
Drug Arrests	309
Drug Crime Arrest Rate (arrests per 1,000 persons)	8

Source: Illinois State Police, Crime in Illinois, 2006



Note: The Illinois State Police calculated crime rate as the number of crimes per 100,000 persons. We adjusted the rate to the number of crimes per 1000 persons here due to relatively small populations of most southern Illinois counties.

Health Care Coverage

Percent of persons having some kind of health care coverage (including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare)	2003	2003 Region Avg.	2004 State
		80.9%	83.0%

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Housing

	Percent	Region
Mobile homes that are rented	24.0%	24.6%
Owner-occupied units with housing problems	19.9%	18.7%
Renter-occupied units with housing problems	33.7%	35.6%
Homeownership	77.7%	73.6%
Homeownership among blacks/African Americans*	57.1%	41.4%
Vacant housing units for seasonal or recreational use	0.9% (165)	2.0%

Source: US Census 2000 and HUD (2000)

Note: Housing problems, according to HUD, include incomplete plumbing, incomplete kitchen facilities, over-crowding or non-affordability.

* There are 7 households in Franklin County in which the householder is black or African American alone, which lowers the reliability of this statistic.

<p>Housing Permits in 2005: 29 Houses Sold in the First Quarter of 2006: 76 Median House Sale Price in the First Quarter of 2006: \$35,500</p>
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Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development; IL Association of Realtors

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