



Southern Illinois Regional Assessment Project

Pope County Fact Sheet

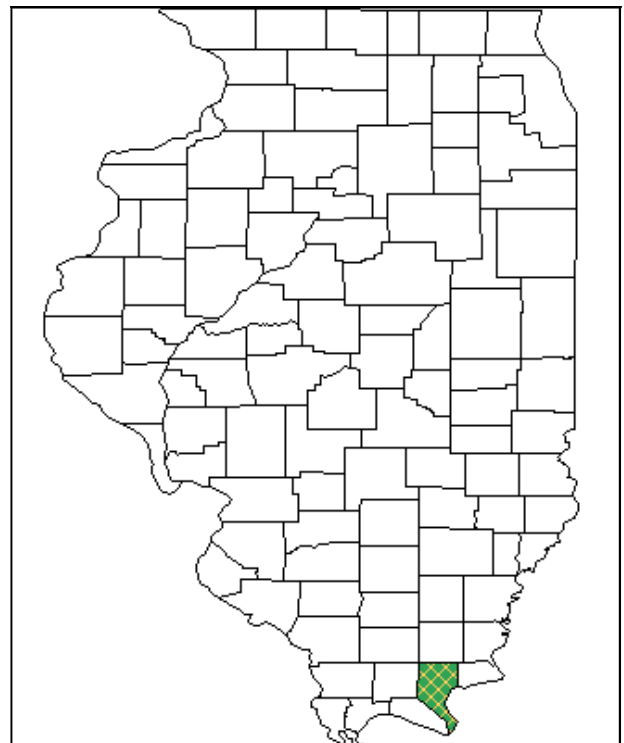
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Pope County:

Pope County was organized in 1816 out of Gallatin and Johnson counties. It was named for Nathaniel Pope, a cousin to Ninian Edwards and a Secretary of the Illinois Territory.

County Seat: Golconda

2005 Population Estimate: 4,211



Economic Indicators

Income and Poverty

2004 Per Capita Personal Income¹: \$21,193
(Region: \$23,753)

1999 Median Household Income²: \$30,048
(Region, calculated: \$30,845)

1999 Median Household Income where householder is black or African American alone²: \$40,357 (Region, calculated: \$18,340)

2000 Poverty Level²: 18.2% (Region: 15.8%)

2000 Poverty Level Among Blacks or African Americans alone²: 70.5%
(Region: 39.3%)

Households with Public Assistance Income in 2000 (percentage)²: 50 (2.9%)
(Region: 3.5%)

Unemployment Rate in 2005³: 6.2%

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	Saline, IL	79
2	Hardin, IL	74
3	Johnson, IL	45

Top 3 Counties to which Workers Out-Commute

1	McCracken, KY	266
2	Massac, IL	217
3	Saline, IL	135

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

Total number in-commuting: 344

Total number out-commuting: 1,103

Net commuting: -759

Total county workforce: 1,840

Net commuting as % of county workforce: -41.3%

Top Industries for Employment

Rank	NAICS Code	Industry Name	Employment
1	62	Health Care and Social Assistance	108
	623110	Nursing Care Facilities	41
	6214	Individual and Family Services	27
	624310	Vocational Rehabilitation Services	16
2	81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	30
	813	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	28
3	72	Accommodation and Food Services	27
	722110	Full Service Restaurants	17
4	23	Construction	17
5	444	Building Materials and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	15

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	5,438	7.4%
Soy	15,010	20.6%
Winter wheat	424	0.6%
Other small grains/ Hay	1,549	2.1%
Winter wheat/ Soybeans	152	0.2%
Other Agriculture	2,248	3.1%
Rural grassland	48,194	66.0%
Total	73,015	100.0%

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

2,908 (Region average: 18,669)

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

1,399 (Region average: 5,768)

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

4,307 (Region average: 23,361)

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

12,630 (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	163	129	-21	9,139	6,983	-24
Hogs	10	8	-20	2,733	1,548	-43
Horses	43	46	7	293	308	5

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

Soil Type	Acreage	Percent
Prime farmland soils (not eroded)	75,733	32.0%
Prime farmland soils (eroded)	67,415	28.5%
Non-prime farmland soils (all erosion classes)	93,418	39.5%
Total	236,565	100.0%

Source: National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Web Soil Survey, and Pope Soil Survey Report (1975)

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%.

Irrigation	1997	2002
Acres Land in Irrigated Farms	D	6,710
Total Acres Farmland	79,263	76,935
% Farmland Irrigated	—	8.7%

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

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

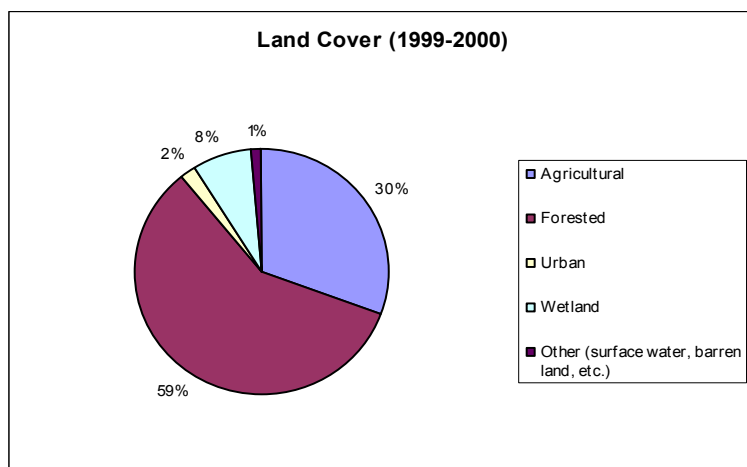
Environmental Indicators

Land

Land Cover (1999-2000)	Acreages	Percent (County)	Percent (Region)	Percent (State)
Agricultural	73,014	30.5%	64.6%	76.3%
Forested	140,229	58.6%	21.0%	11.5%
Urban	4,643	1.9%	3.0%	6.4%
Wetland	17,983	7.5%	8.5%	3.9%
Other	3,562	1.5%	2.8%	1.8%
Total	239,431	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



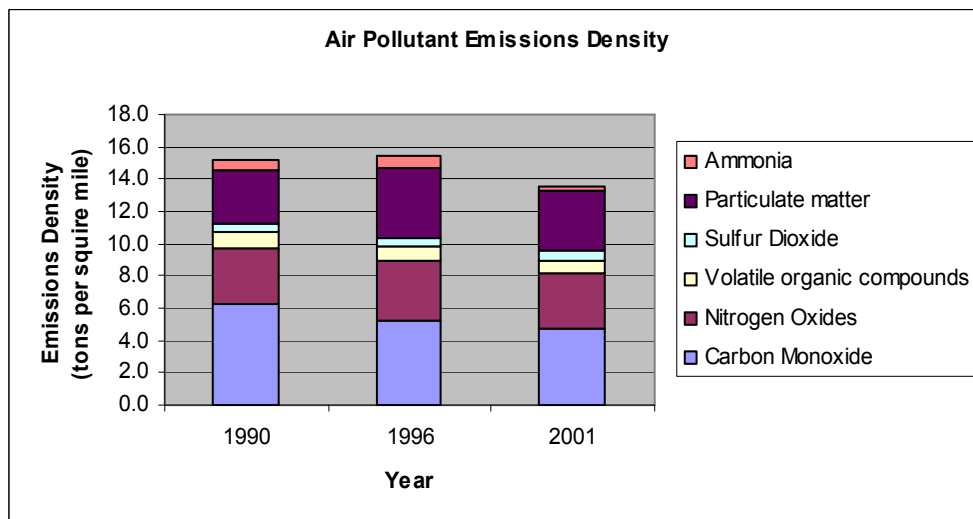
Timberland Ownership Classes	Acreages	Percent
National Forest	83,700	55.5%
Other Public	0	0.0%
Corporate	8,700	5.8%
Private	58,400	38.7%
Total	150,800	100.0%

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.
	15.2	15.5	13.5	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: 4
Number of water health based violation (since 1993): 0
Number of impaired or threatened water bodies: 21
Percentage of surface water areas with impaired or threatened uses: 4%

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
	0.26	0.53	0.79

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

Toxics and Wastes

	Number
Facilities producing air emissions	4
Companies with wastewater discharging permits	11
Facilities having toxic chemical releases	0
Potential waste sites in Superfund	0
Hazardous waste generating facilities	9
Radiation regulated facilities	0

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

Outdoor Recreation Areas

Shawnee National Forest
Teal Pond
Sugar Creek Lake
Roper's Landing
Lusk Creek
Millston Bluff Federal Recreation Area
Bell Smith Springs Federal Recreation Area
Lake Glendale Federal Recreation Area
Dixon Springs State Park
Rauchfuss Hill State Recreational Area
Burden Falls Wilderness Recreational Area
Bay Creek Wilderness Recreational Area
Lusk Creek Wilderness Recreational Area
Golconda Marina
Ohio River

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)	11.8	11.9	11.4
Population	4,373	4,413	4,211
Dependency Ratio	56.0	51.6	—
Inmate Population	141	0	—

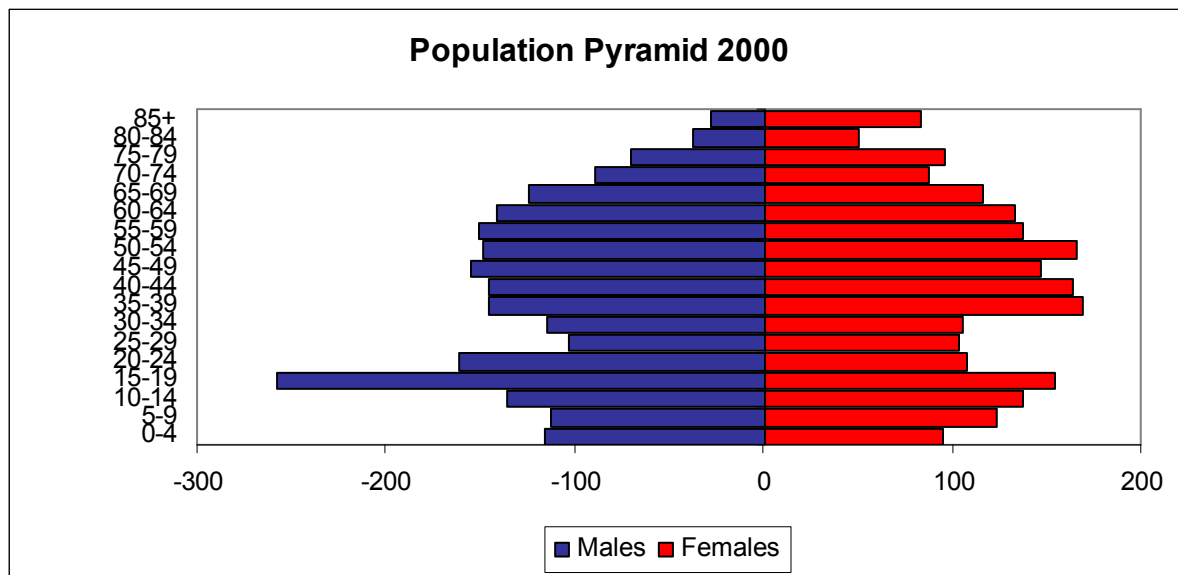
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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)	7.8	11.2	14.9
Average Crude Death Rate (1990-2004)	10.5	12.5	8.6
Average Percent of Birth of Low Birth Weight to Total Birth (1995-2001)	5.6%	7.7%	8.0%
Percent of People with Disability in the 16 to 64 Age Group (2000)	22.1%	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
German	693	19.1%
US/American	687	18.9%
Irish	539	14.9%
Other groups	519	14.3%
English	432	11.9%
Dutch	133	3.7%
Scotch-Irish	129	3.6%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
White alone	4,117	93.3%
Black or African American alone	166	3.8%
Hispanic or Latino		
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	35	0.8%
Asian alone	12	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	0.0%
Some other race alone	20	0.5%
Two or more races	63	1.4%
Total Population	4,413	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	171	189	-18
Median adjusted gross income of migrants	\$19,166	\$18,863	—
Total US migration	171	189	-18
Total migration to/from the same state	104	132	-28
Total migration to/from a different state	67	57	10
Non-migrants	2,717	2,717	—
#1 County migrants move from/to	Saline, IL (21)	Johnson, IL (28)	—
#2 County migrants move from/to		Massac, IL (32)	—
#3 County migrants move from/to		Saline, IL (21)	—

Source: 2003 IRS Migration Files

Note: This table shows that between 2002 and 2003, Pope County had small negative net population loss due to migration. In- and out-migrants had roughly equal median incomes. Only one county is listed as a source of in-migrants. Others are not listed due to disclosure policies.

Social Indicators

Education

	Number	% Change 2004-2005
2005-2006 K-12 Enrollment	530	-1.1%
2005-2006 Total Housed Student Enrollment	570	-1.9%
Projected 2007-2008 Enrollment (K-12)	477	-11.0%
Projected 2012-2013 Enrollment (K-12)	387	-27.8%

Race/Ethnicity (2005-2006)	Number	Percent
White	556	97.5%
Black	6	1.1%
American Indian	2	0.4%
Asian	0	0.0%
Hispanic	5	0.9%
Multi-racial	1	0.2%
Total	570	100.0%

Selected School Report Statistics	County	Region Avg.	State
Average Low-income-family Student Rate in 2005	46.1	45.5	40.0
Average High School Dropout Rate in 2005	4.5	3.2	4.0
Average High School Graduation Rate in 2005	83.3	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.

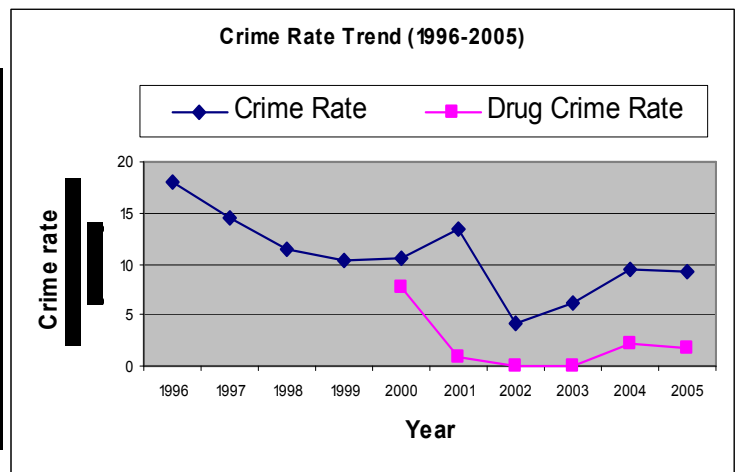
Educational Attainment (Percent, Population 25 years and over)	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
High School Graduate or Higher	1,838	65.2%	2,265	75.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	177	6.3%	314	10.5%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 1990 and 2000,

Crime

	Number in 2005
Total Crimes	40
Crime Rate (crimes per 1,000 persons)	9
Drug Arrests	8
Drug Crime Arrest Rate (arrests per 1,000 persons)	2

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
	82.6%	83.0%	84.8%

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

Housing

	Percent	Region
Mobile homes that are rented	13.2%	24.6%
Owner-occupied units with housing problems	17.2%	18.7%
Renter-occupied units with housing problems	27.6%	35.6%
Homeownership	78.6%	73.6%
Homeownership among blacks/African Americans*	61.5%	41.4%
Vacant housing units for seasonal or recreational use	15.2% (357)	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 13 households in Pope County in which the householder is black or African American alone. The reliability of this statistic may be questionable.

<p>Housing Permits in 2005: 0 Houses Sold in the First Quarter of 2006: 0 Median House Sale Price in the First Quarter of 2005: \$38,500 (2005 is reported here because there is no 2006 data, due the lack of sales).</p>
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Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development; IL Association of Realtors

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