



Southern Illinois Regional Assessment Project

Pulaski County Fact Sheet

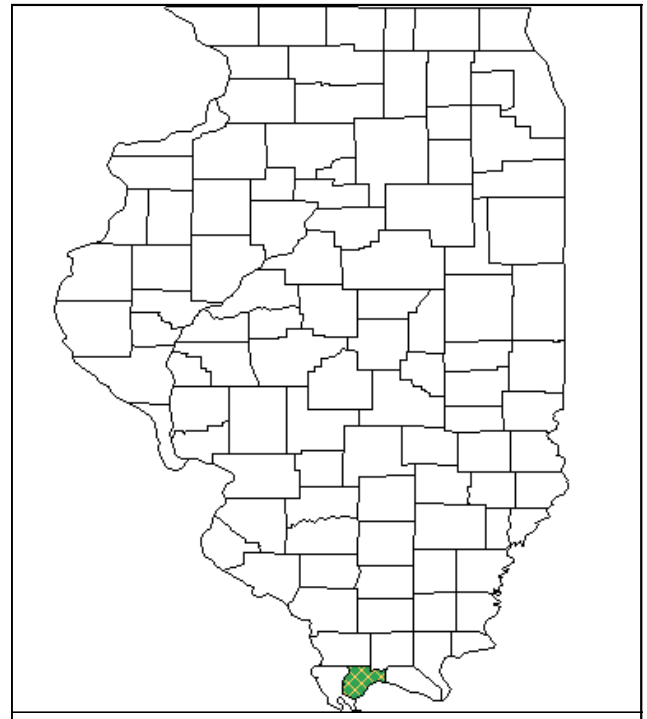
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Pulaski County:

Pulaski County is one of the smallest counties in Illinois and is bounded by the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. It was named for Revolutionary war hero, Casmir Pulaski.

County Seat: Mound City

2005 Population Estimate: 6,794



Economic Indicators

Income and Poverty

2004 Per Capita Personal Income¹: \$20,211
(Region: \$23,753)

1999 Median Household Income²: \$25,361
(Region, calculated: \$30,845)

1999 Median Household Income where householder is black or African American alone²: \$17,667 (Region, calculated: \$18,340)

2000 Poverty Level²: 24.7% (Region: 15.8%)

2000 Poverty Level Among Blacks or African Americans²: 39.6% (Region: 39.3%)

Households with Public Assistance Income in 2000 (percentage)²: 176 (6.5%)
(Region: 3.5%)

Unemployment Rate in 2005³: 8.0%

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	Union County	262
2	Alexander County	154
3	Johnson County	119

Top 3 Counties to which Workers Out-Commute

1	Alexander County	514
2	Union County	256
3	Massac County	231

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

Total number in-commuting: 942

Total number out-commuting: 1,528

Net commuting: -586

Total county workforce: 2,801

Net commuting as % of county workforce: -20.9%

Top Industries for Employment

Rank	NAICS Code	Industry Name	Employment
1	62	Health Care and Social Assistance	244
	624190	Other Individual and Family Services	105
	621610	Home Health Care Services	96
2	327992	Ground or Treated Mineral and Earth Manufacturing	66
3	326130	Laminated Plastics Plate, Sheet (except Packaging), and Shape Manufacturing	65
4	212325	Clay and Ceramic and Refractory Minerals Mining	64
5	81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	60

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	29,184	31.0%
Soy	28,987	30.8%
Winter wheat	3,416	3.6%
Other small grains/ Hay	1,539	1.6%
Winter wheat/ Soybeans	5,411	5.8%
Other Agriculture	437	0.5%
Rural grassland	25,027	26.6%
Total	94,001	100.0%

2002 Market value of agricultural crop products sold (in \$1,000):
12,760 (Region average: 18,669)

2002 Market value of livestock and poultry products sold (in \$1,000):
1,924 (Region average: 5,768)

2002 Market value of total agricultural products sold (in \$1000):
14,684 (Region average: 23,361)

2002 Market value of agricultural products sold average per farm (in dollars):
58,040 (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	99	72	-27%	5,662	4,811	-15%
Hogs	22	10	-55%	2,880	3,018	+5%
Horses	27	18	-33%	149	144	-3%

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

Soil Type	Acreage	Percent
Prime farmland soils (not eroded)	81,732	63.2%
Prime farmland soils (eroded)	12,228	9.5%
Non-prime farmland soils (all erosion classes)	35,319	27.3%
Total	129,279	100%

Irrigation	1997	2002
Acres Land in Irrigated Farms	8,179	5,836
Total Acres Farmland	86,049	86,289
% Farmland Irrigated	9.5%	6.8%

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

Source: National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Web Soil Survey, and Pulaski Soil Survey Report (1968)

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%.

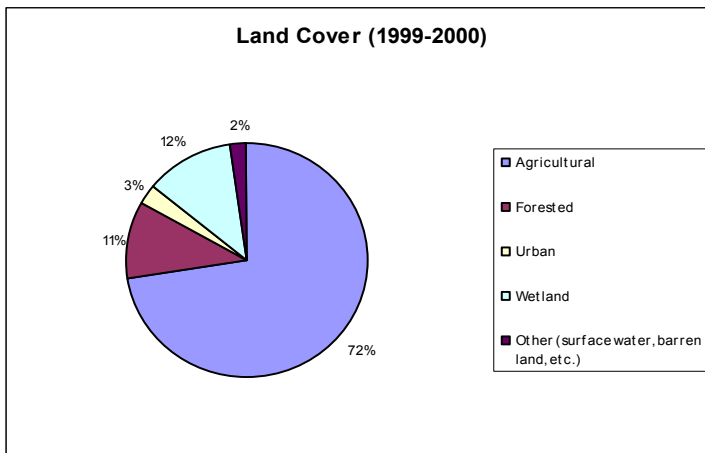
Environmental Indicators

Land

Land Cover (1999-2000)	Acreages	Percent (County)	Percent (Region)	Percent (State)
Agricultural	94,000	72.3%	64.6%	76.3%
Forested	14,127	10.9%	21.0%	11.5%
Urban	3,612	2.8%	3.0%	6.4%
Wetland	15,552	12.0%	8.5%	3.9%
Other	2,778	2.1%	2.8%	1.8%
Total	130,069	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



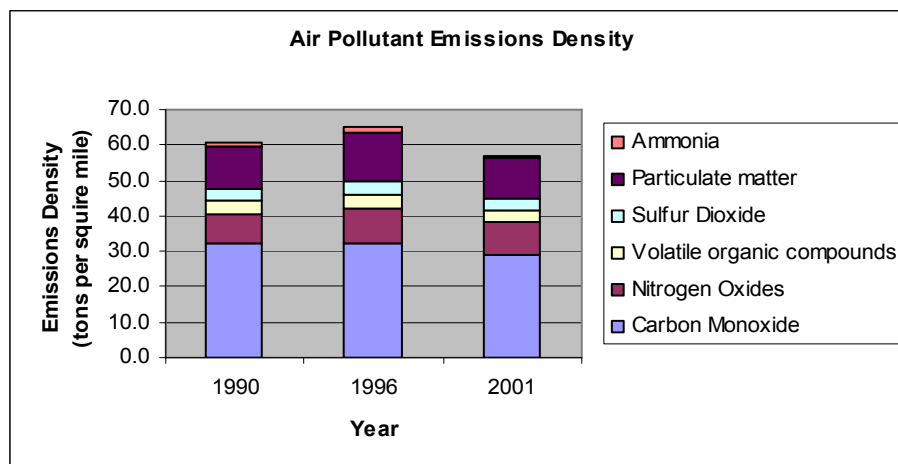
Timberland Ownership Classes	Acreages	Percent
National Forest	0	0.0%
Other Public	9,900	23.6%
Corporate	0	0.0%
Private	32,000	76.4%
Total	41,900	100.0%

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.
	60.9	65.0	56.8	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: 11
Number of water health based violation (since 1993): 5
Number of impaired or threatened water bodies: 39
Percentage of surface water areas with impaired or threatened uses: 20%

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
	1.06	1.31	0.97

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

Toxics and Wastes

Facilities Generating Toxics and Wastes	Number
Facilities producing air emissions	22
Companies with wastewater discharging permits	22
Facilities having toxic chemical releases	1
Potential waste sites in Superfund	0
Hazardous waste generating facilities	22
Radiation regulated facilities	0

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

Outdoor Recreational Areas

Ohio River
Cache River

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

Demographic Indicators

Population	1990	2000	2005
Population Density (population per square mile land area)	37	37	34
Population	7,523	7,348	6,794
Dependency Ratio	76.1	65.3	—
Inmate Population	0	184	—

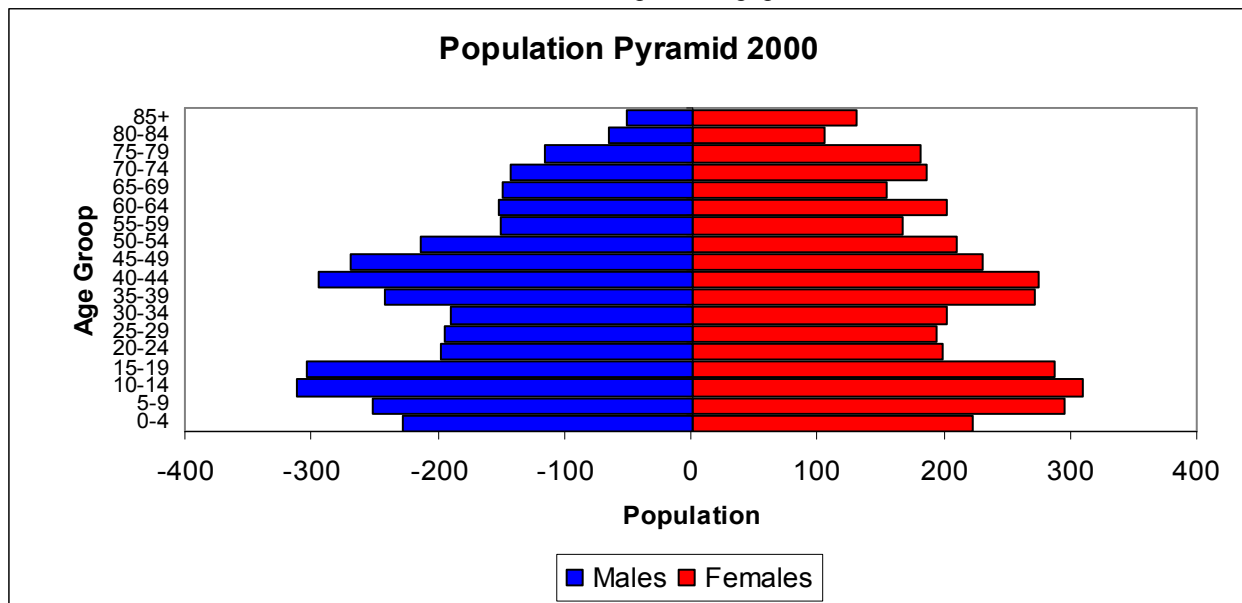
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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	Pulaski	Region Avg.	State
Average Crude Birth Rate (1990-2004)	13.8	11.2	14.9
Average Crude Death Rate (1990-2004)	14.5	12.5	8.6
Average Percent of Birth of Low Birth Weight to Total Birth (1995-2001)	11.9%	7.7%	8.0%
Percent of People with Disability in the 16 to 64 Age Group (2000)	28.5%	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

Note: All figures on the X-axis are population numbers and should be treated as positive.

Ancestry

Ancestry	Number	Percent
Other groups	1,913	32.5%
US/American	1,317	23.3%
German	884	15.0%
Irish	591	10.0%
English	504	8.6%
Sub-Saharan African	103	1.8%
French (except Basque)	90	1.5%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

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

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
White alone	4,841	65.9%
Black or African American alone	2,249	30.6%
Hispanic or Latino	107	1.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	10	0.1%
Asian alone	68	0.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	0.0%
Some other race alone	6	0.1%
Two or more races	67	0.9%
Total Population	7,348	100.0%

2002-2003 County-to-County Migration

Migration	In-migrants	Out-migrants	Net migrants
Total migration: US and Foreign	265	360	-95
Median adjusted gross income of migrants	\$15,499	\$14,389	—
Total US migration	265	360	-95
Total migration to/from the same state	179	230	-51
Total migration to/from a different state	86	130	-44
Non-migrants	5,131	5,131	—
#1 County migrants move from/to	Alexander, IL (71)	Alexander, IL (59)	12
#2 County migrants move from/to	Union, IL (18)	Massac, IL (33)	—
#3 County migrants move from/to		Cape Girardeau, MO (24)	—

Source: 2003 IRS Migration Files

Note: This table shows that between 2002 and 2003, there were -95 net migrants to Pulaski County. The incomes of the in-migrants was higher than that of the out-migrants, which may be a result of the age bracket of the in-migrants (potential retirees). More migration movement occurred between Pulaski and other IL counties than occurred across state lines. Alexander County is both the leading recipient of out-migrants and source of in-migrants. On net, 12 people moved into Pulaski from Alexander in 2002-2003.

Social Indicators

Education

Enrollment	Number	% Change 2004-2005	Race/Ethnicity (2005-2006)	Number	Percent
2005-2006 K-12 Enrollment	1,060	-6.0%	White	556	47.4%
2005-2006 Total Housed Student Enrollment	1,174	-4.3%	Black	584	49.7%
Projected 2007-2008 Enrollment (K-12)	1,052	-6.7%	American Indian	2	0.2%
Projected 2012-2013 Enrollment (K-12)	885	-21.5%	Asian	0	0.0%
			Hispanic	9	0.8%
			Multi-racial	23	2.0%
			Total	1,174	100%

Selected School Report Statistics	Pulaski	Region Avg.	State
Average Low-income-family Student Rate in 2005	77.1	45.5	40.0
Average High School Dropout Rate in 2005	1.0	3.2	4.0
Average High School Graduation Rate in 2005	97.2	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.

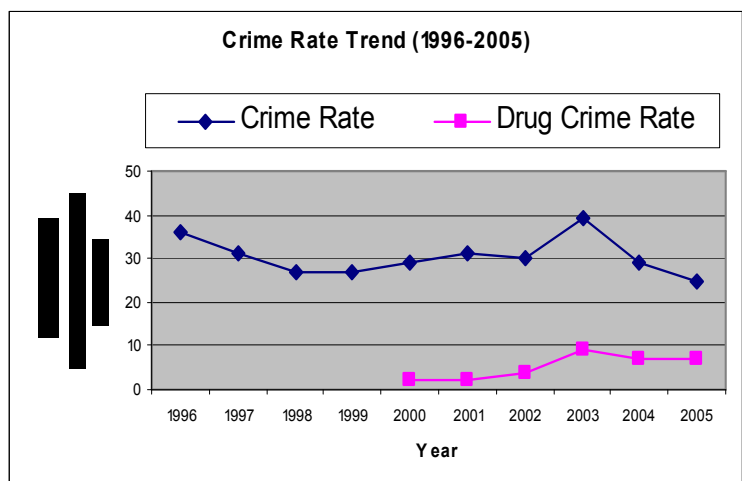
Educational Attainment (Percent, Population 25 years and over)	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
High School Graduate or Higher	2,879	59.8%	3,327	70.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	294	6.1%	335	7.1%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 1990 and 2000.

Crime

Crime in 2005	Number
Total Crimes	178
Crime Rate (crimes per 1,000 persons)	25
Drug Arrests	49
Drug Crime Arrest Rate (arrests per 1,000 persons)	7

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
	75.9%	83.0%	84.8%

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

Housing

Housing	Percent	Region
Mobile homes that are rented	19.0%	24.6%
Owner-occupied units with housing problems	22.5%	18.7%
Renter-occupied units with housing problems	34.3%	35.6%
Homeownership	75.7%	73.6%
Homeownership among blacks/African Americans (2)	65.3%	41.4%
Vacant housing units for seasonal or recreational use	2.7%	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.

2) There are 832 households in the county in which the householder is black or African American alone.

<p>Housing Permits in 2005: 6 Houses Sold in the First Quarter of 2006: 1 Median House Sale Price in the First Quarter of 2006: \$13,500</p>
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Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development; IL Association of Realtors

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