



Southern Illinois Regional Assessment Project

Randolph County Fact Sheet

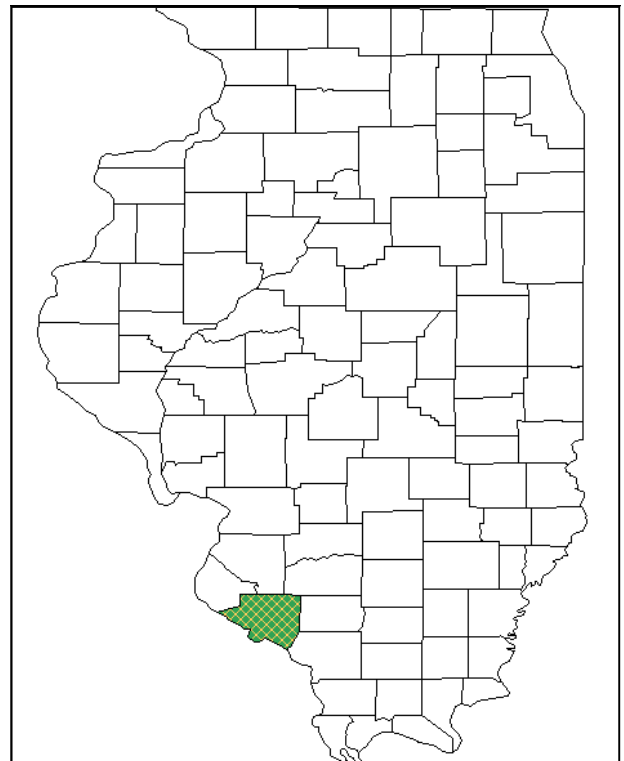
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Randolph County:

Randolph County was organized in 1795 out of part of St. Clair County and was named in honor of Edmund Randolph, governor of Virginia. Here, the Kaskaskia River flows into the Mississippi where the Mississippi River is entirely in Illinois. The county's motto is "Where Illinois Began."

County Seat: Chester

2005 Population Estimate: 33,122



Economic Indicators

Income and Poverty

2004 Per Capita Personal Income¹: \$22,566
(Region: \$23,753)

1999 Median Household Income²: \$37,013
(Region, calculated: \$30,845)

1999 Median Household Income where householder is black or African American alone²: \$29,375 (Region, calculated: \$18,340)

2000 Poverty Level²: 10.0% (Region: 15.8%)

2000 Poverty Level Among Blacks or African Americans alone²: 36.4%
(Region: 39.3%)

Households with Public Assistance Income in 2000 (percentage)²: 310 (2.6%)
(Region: 3.5%)

Unemployment Rate in 2005³: 5.5%

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	Perry, IL	887
2	St. Clair, IL	871
3	Jackson, IL	806

Top 3 Counties to which Workers Out-Commute

1	St. Clair, IL	1,162
2	Monroe, IL	485
3	St. Louis City, MO	465

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

Total number in-commuting: 5,204

Total number out-commuting: 4,223

Net commuting: 981

Total county workforce: 13,768

Net commuting as % of county workforce: 7.1%

Top Industries for Employment

Rank	NAICS Code	Industry Name	Employment
1	62	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,137
	622	Hospitals	1,317
	622110	General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	704
	622210	Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Hospitals	613
2	311	Food Manufacturing	1,378
	311822	Flour Mixes and Dough Manufacturing from Purchased Flour	2,060
3	72	Accommodation and Food Services	760
	722	Food Services and Drinking Places	714
4	331522	Nonferrous (except Aluminum) Die-Casting Foundries	657
5	81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	563

Note: NAICS is the North American Industry Classification System. Source: US Census Bureau, County Business Patterns

Agricultural Indicators

Crop	Acreage	Percent
	1999-2000	1999-2000
Corn	70,663	24.7%
Soy	86,098	30.1%
Winter wheat	19,847	6.9%
Other small grains/ Hay	4,816	1.7%
Winter wheat/ Soybeans	31,131	10.9%
Other Agriculture	293	0.1%
Rural grassland	73,589	25.7%
Total	286,437	100.0%

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

27,950 (Region average: 18,669)

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

11,261 (Region average: 5,768)

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

39,211 (Region average: 23,361)

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

47,644 (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	474	358	-24	21,920	17,967	-18
Hogs	113	41	-64	27,140	10,034	-63
Horses	77	105	36	416	708	70
Sheep	34	17	-50	777	660	-15

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

Soil Type	Acreage	Percent
Prime farmland soils (not eroded)	206,113	56.5%
Prime farmland soils (eroded)	61,986	17.0%
Non-prime farmland soils (all erosion classes)	96,606	26.5%
Total	364,704	100.0%

Source: National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Web Soil Survey, and Randolph Soil Survey Report (1988)

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	1,605	D
Total Acres Farmland	267,936	253,863
% Farmland Irrigated	0.6%	—

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

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

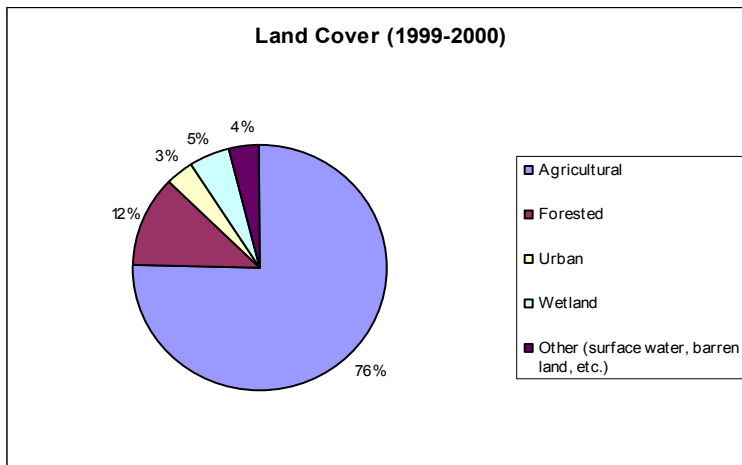
Environmental Indicators

Land

Land Cover (1999-2000)	Acreages	Percent (County)	Percent (Region)	Percent (State)
Agricultural	286,437	75.2%	64.6%	76.3%
Forested	46,295	12.1%	21.0%	11.5%
Urban	12,877	3.4%	3.0%	6.4%
Wetland	20,470	5.4%	8.5%	3.9%
Other	14,986	3.9%	2.8%	1.8%
Total	381,065	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



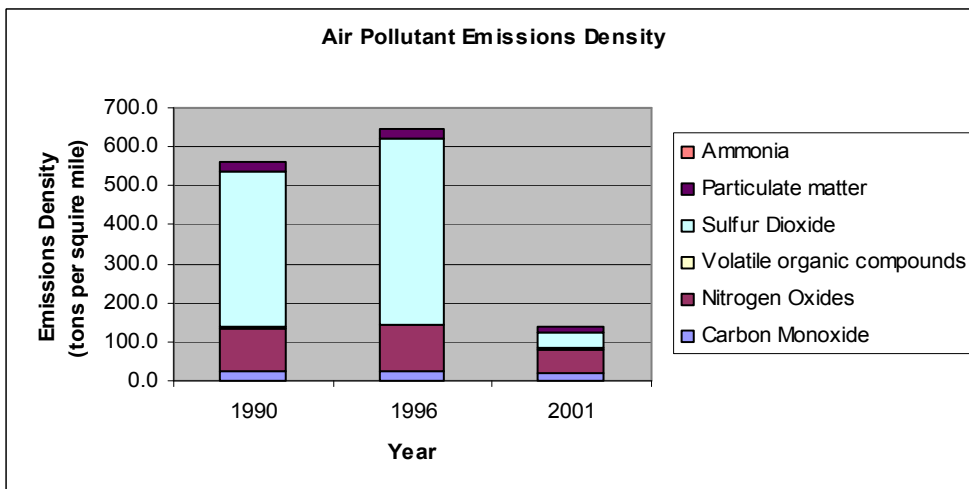
Timberland Ownership Classes	Acreages	Percent
National Forest	0	0.0%
Other Public	10,700	12.7%
Corporate	6,700	7.9%
Private	67,000	79.4%
Total	84,400	100.0%

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.
	561.2	645.7	141.0	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: 18
Number of water health based violation (since 1993): 35
Number of impaired or threatened water bodies: 77
Percentage of surface water areas with impaired or threatened uses: 10%

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
	1053.25	1179.41	2232.66

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

Toxics and Wastes

	Number
Facilities producing air emissions	73
Companies with wastewater discharging permits	75
Facilities having toxic chemical releases	7
Potential waste sites in Superfund	1
Hazardous waste generating facilities	77
Radiation regulated facilities	0

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

Outdoor Recreation Areas

Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area
Randolph County State Conservation Area
Turkey Sluffs State Fish and Wildlife Area
Mississippi River
Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site
Pierre Menard Home State Historic Site
Governor Bond State Memorial
Kaskaskia Bell State Memorial

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)	59.8	58.6	57.3
Population	34,583	33,893	33,122
Dependency Ratio	55.3	50.5	—
Inmate Population	1,627	3,201	—

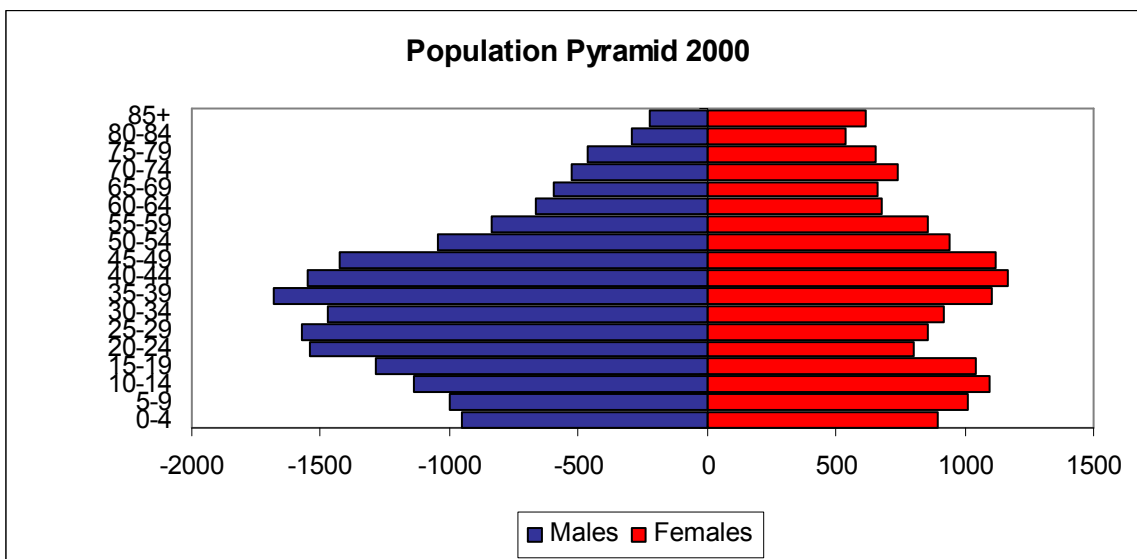
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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)	11.3	11.2	14.9
Average Crude Death Rate (1990-2004)	11.3	12.5	8.6
Average Percent of Birth of Low Birth Weight to Total Birth (1995-2001)	7.1%	7.7%	8.0%
Percent of People with Disability in the 16 to 64 Age Group (2000)	18.3%	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	11,826	40.9%
English	3,499	12.1%
US/American	2,803	9.7%
Other groups	2,543	8.8%
French (except Basque)	2,066	7.1%
Irish	2,063	7.1%
Polish	774	2.7%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
White alone	30,068	88.7%
Black or African American alone	3,147	9.3%
Hispanic or Latino		
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	53	0.2%
Asian alone	81	0.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	14	0.0%
Some other race alone	274	0.8%
Two or more races	256	0.8%
Total Population	33,893	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	1,105	1,102	3
Median adjusted gross income of migrants	\$19,425	\$17,848	—
Total US migration	1,105	1,102	3
Total migration to/from the same state	759	712	47
Total migration to/from a different state	346	390	-44
Non-migrants	24,272	24,272	—
#1 County migrants move from/to	St. Clair, IL (218)	St. Clair, IL (178)	40
#2 County migrants move from/to	Perry, IL (119)	Monroe, IL (116)	—
#3 County migrants move from/to	Monroe, IL (109)	Perry, IL (108)	—

Source: 2003 IRS Migration Files

Note: This table shows that between 2002 and 2003, Randolph County had effectively no net migration. In-migrants had higher incomes than out-migrants. The bulk of migration was within Illinois. Randolph County varies from the other regional counties here by including two counties from outside the region in both its top 3 sources of in-migrants and top 3 destinations for out-migrants.

Social Indicators

Education

	Number	% Change 2004-2005
2005-2006 K-12 Enrollment	4,228	-0.6%
2005-2006 Total Housed Student Enrollment	4,419	-0.1%
Projected 2007-2008 Enrollment (K-12)	4,054	-4.7%
Projected 2012-2013 Enrollment (K-12)	3,744	-12.0%

Race/Ethnicity (2005-2006)	Number	Percent
White	3,995	90.4%
Black	332	7.5%
American Indian	4	0.1%
Asian	19	0.4%
Hispanic	34	0.8%
Multi-racial	35	0.8%
Total	4,419	100.0%

Selected School Report Statistics	County	Region Avg.	State
Average Low-income-family Student Rate in 2005	32.4	45.5	40.0
Average High School Dropout Rate in 2005	3.1	3.2	4.0
Average High School Graduation Rate in 2005	85.3	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.

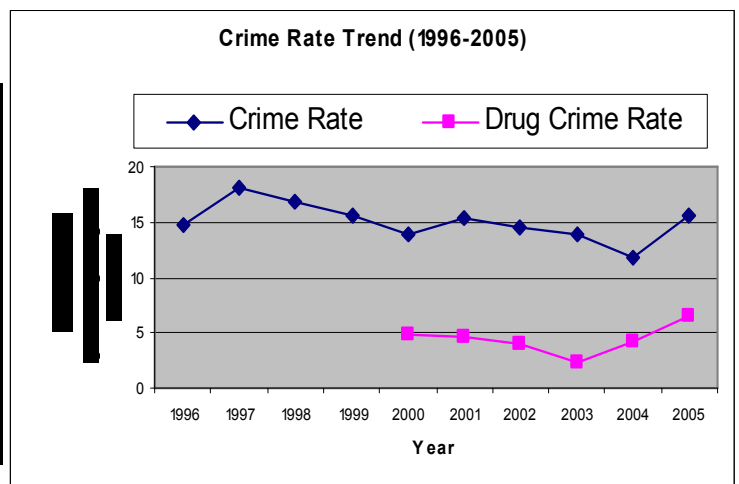
Educational Attainment (Percent, Population 25 years and over)	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
High School Graduate or Higher	14,673	64.2%	16,506	71.3%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,903	8.3%	1,998	8.6%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 1990 and 2000,

Crime

	Number in 2005
Total Crimes	520
Crime Rate (crimes per 1,000 persons)	16
Drug Arrests	220
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
	87.4%	83.0%	84.8%

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

Housing

	Percent	Region
Mobile homes that are rented	25.2%	24.6%
Owner-occupied units with housing problems	16.2%	18.7%
Renter-occupied units with housing problems	25.3%	35.6%
Homeownership	79.4%	73.6%
Homeownership among blacks/African Americans*	51.7%	41.4%
Vacant housing units for seasonal or recreational use	1.9% (254)	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 331 households in Randolph County in which the householder is black or African American alone.

<p>Housing Permits in 2005: 106 Houses Sold in the First Quarter of 2006: 34 Median House Sale Price in the First Quarter of 2006: \$70,000</p>

Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development; IL Association of Realtors

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