



# Southern Illinois Regional Assessment Project

## Williamson County Fact Sheet

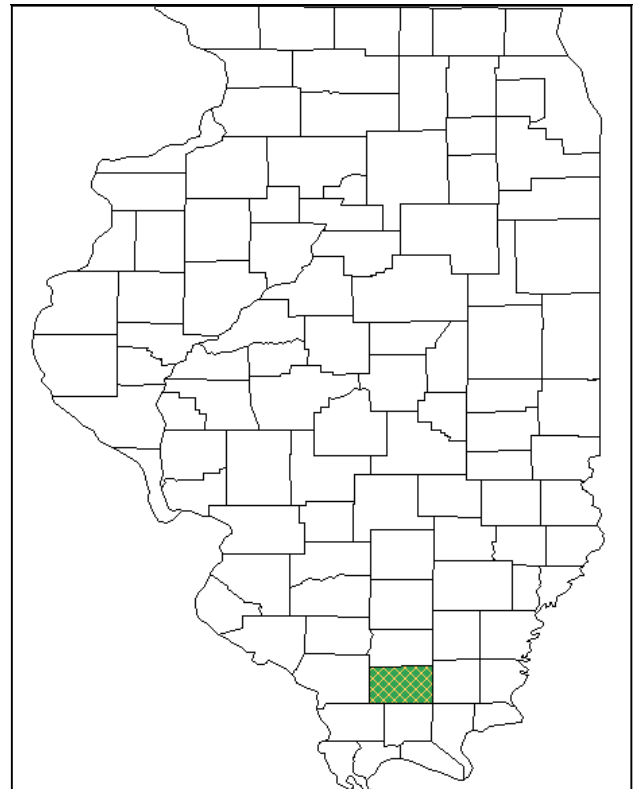
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### **Williamson County:**

Williamson County was formed out of Franklin County in 1839. It was named for Williamson County Tennessee and Hugh Williamson, a physician in the Revolutionary War and North Carolina delegate to the United States Constitutional Convention.

County Seat: Marion

2005 Population Estimate: 63,617



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# Economic Indicators

## Income and Poverty

**2004 Per Capita Personal Income<sup>1</sup>:** \$25,342  
(Region: \$23,753)

**1999 Median Household Income<sup>2</sup>:** \$31,991  
(Region, calculated: \$30,845)

**1999 Median Household Income where householder is black or African American alone<sup>2</sup>:** \$21,384 (Region, calculated: \$18,340)

**2000 Poverty Level<sup>2</sup>:** 14.6% (Region: 15.8%)

**2000 Poverty Level Among Blacks or African Americans alone<sup>2</sup>:** 34.9%  
(Region: 39.3%)

**Households with Public Assistance Income in 2000 (percentage)<sup>2</sup>:** 1,078 (4.4%)  
(Region: 3.5%)

**Unemployment Rate in 2005<sup>3</sup>:** 5.2%

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*

<b>1</b>	Franklin, IL	2,123
<b>2</b>	Jackson, IL	1,728
<b>3</b>	Johnson, IL	792

### *Top 3 Counties to which Workers Out-Commute*

<b>1</b>	Jackson, IL	4,462
<b>2</b>	Franklin, IL	1,209
<b>3</b>	Saline, IL	505

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

Total number in-commuting: 6,555

Total number out-commuting: 8,609

Net commuting: -2,054

Total county workforce: 26,721

Net commuting as % of county workforce: -7.7%

## Top Industries for Employment

Rank	NAICS Code	Industry Name	Employment
1	<b>62</b>	<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	<b>4,145</b>
	622110	General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	1,568
	621	Ambulatory Health Care Services	1,069
	623110	Nursing Care Facilities	634
2	<b>72</b>	<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	<b>2,209</b>
	722	Food Services and Drinking Places	2,060
3	<b>23</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>1,462</b>
4	<b>81</b>	<b>Other Services (except Public Administration)</b>	<b>1,361</b>
5	<b>335224</b>	<b>Household Laundry Equipment Manufacturing</b>	<b>1,349</b>

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	24,331	16.2%
Soy	34,418	23.0%
Winter wheat	5,698	3.8%
Other small grains/ Hay	1,952	1.3%
Winter wheat/ Soybeans	4,017	2.7%
Other Agriculture	308	0.2%
Rural grassland	79,100	52.8%
Total	149,824	100.0%

**2002 Market value of agricultural crop products sold (in \$1,000):**  
5,856 (Region average: 18669)

**2002 Market value of livestock and poultry products sold (in \$1,000):**  
3,919 (Region average: 5768)

**2002 Market value of total agricultural products sold (in \$1000):**  
9,775 (Region average: 23361)

**2002 Market value of agricultural products sold average per farm (in dollars):**  
15,491 (Region average: 50680)

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	317	228	-28	9,362	9,774	4
Hogs	29	12	-59	6,475	8,221	27
Horses	131	160	22	793	814	3

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

Soil Type	Acreage	Percent
Prime farmland soils (not eroded)	147,562	55.2%
Prime farmland soils (eroded)	35,151	13.1%
Non-prime farmland soils (all erosion classes)	84,621	31.7%
Total	267,334	100.0%

Irrigation	1997	2002
Acres Land in Irrigated Farms	254	73
Total Acres Farmland	101,222	105,325
% Farmland Irrigated	0.3%	0.1%

Source: USDA, 1997 and 2002 Census of Agriculture

Source: National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Web Soil Survey, and Williamson Soil Survey Report (1959)

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%.

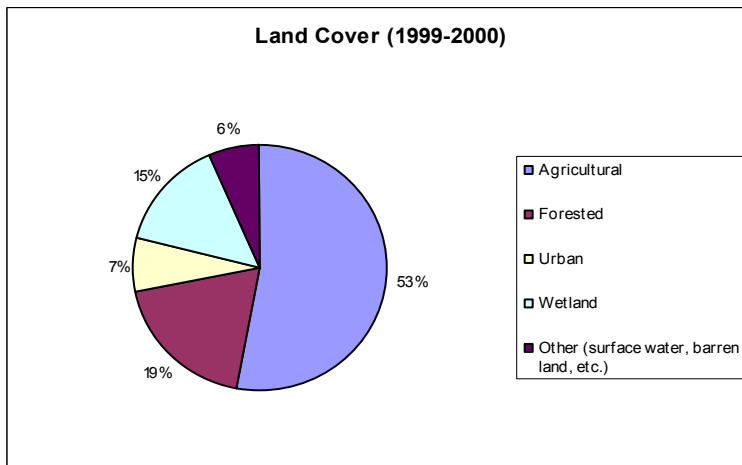
# Environmental Indicators

## Land

Land Cover (1999-2000)	Acreages	Percent (County)	Percent (Region)	Percent (State)
Agricultural	149,824	52.7%	64.6%	76.3%
Forested	53,681	18.9%	21.0%	11.5%
Urban	20,560	7.2%	3.0%	6.4%
Wetland	41,816	14.7%	8.5%	3.9%
Other	18,323	6.4%	2.8%	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>284,204</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

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



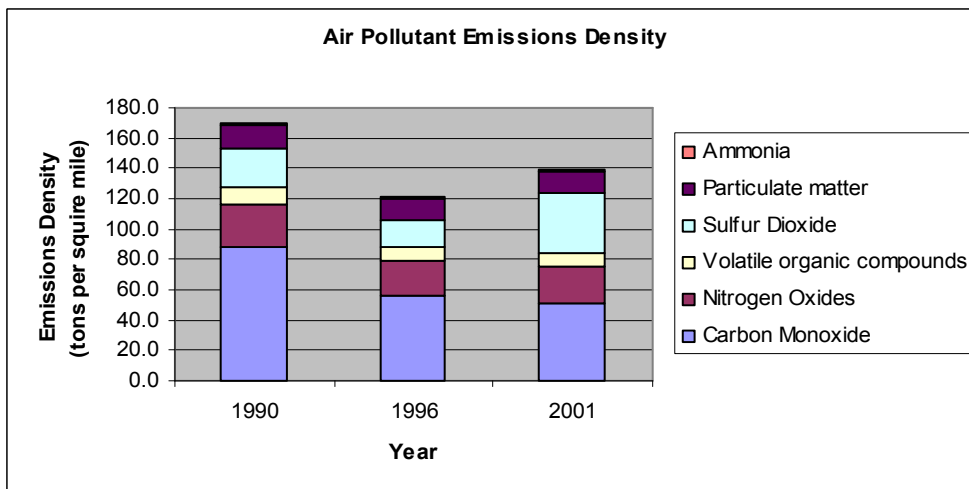
Timberland Ownership Classes	Acreages	Percent
National Forest	0	0.0%
Other Public	21,700	24.7%
Corporate	9,400	10.7%
Private	56,800	64.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,900</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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.
	170.0	121.5	138.5	59.6



Note: EPA collects emissions data for three criteria air pollutants: Carbon monoxide (CO), Sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), Particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>), and three precursors/promoters of criteria air pollutants: Volatile organic compounds (VOC), Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>).

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

## Water

Number of public water systems: 27  
Number of water health based violation (since 1993): 6  
Number of impaired or threatened water bodies: 142  
Percentage of surface water areas with impaired or threatened uses: 21%

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.

<b>Estimated Use of Water</b> (in million gallons per day)	<b>1990</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>2000</b>
	82.91	13.76	108.75

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

## Toxics and Wastes

	<b>Number</b>
Facilities producing air emissions	89
Companies with wastewater discharging permits	65
Facilities having toxic chemical releases	15
Potential waste sites in Superfund	2
Hazardous waste generating facilities	150
Radiation regulated facilities	0

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

## Outdoor Recreation Areas

Shawnee National Forest  
Crab Orchard Federal Recreation Area

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)	136.4	144.8	150.2
Population	57,733	61,296	63,617
Dependency Ratio	58.1	55.0	—
Inmate Population	616	712	—

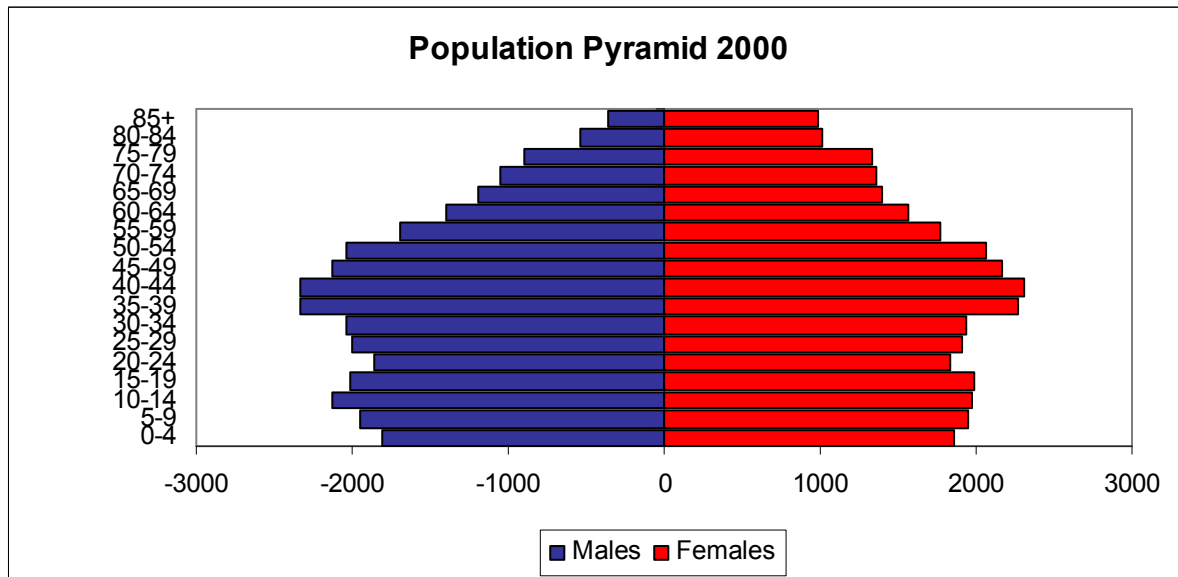
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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)	11.6	11.2	14.9
Average Crude Death Rate (1990-2004)	11.7	12.5	8.6
Average Percent of Birth of Low Birth Weight to Total Birth (1995-2001)	6.0%	7.7%	8.0%
Percent of People with Disability in the 16 to 64 Age Group (2000)	19.1%	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	10,294	19.4%
Irish	7,883	14.9%
English	7,358	13.9%
Other groups	7,185	13.6%
US/American	6,854	12.9%
Norwegian	3,030	5.7%
Scotch-Irish	1,806	3.4%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
White alone	58,441	95.3%
Black or African American alone	1,527	2.5%
Hispanic or Latino		
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	167	0.3%
Asian alone	308	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	19	0.0%
Some other race alone	233	0.4%
Two or more races	601	1.0%
Total Population	61,296	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	2,943	2,690	253
Median adjusted gross income of migrants	\$19,925	\$18,885	—
Total US migration	2,930	2,665	265
Total migration to/from the same state	1,933	1,630	303
Total migration to/from a different state	997	1,035	-38
Non-migrants	45,875	45,875	—
#1 County migrants move from/to	Jackson, IL (487)	Jackson, IL (411)	76
#2 County migrants move from/to	Franklin, IL (372)	Franklin, IL (384)	-12
#3 County migrants move from/to	Johnson, IL (157)	Johnson, IL (129)	28

Source: 2003 IRS Migration Files

Note: This table shows that between 2002 and 2003, Williamson County had positive net migration, though small in comparison to gross migration. In-migrants had slightly higher incomes than out-migrants. The county saw a small amount of international migration. The bulk of migration was within Illinois, however. The three largest providers of in-migrants to Williamson also absorb the most out-migrants from Williamson. The net migration flow to these counties is small.

# Social Indicators

## Education

	Number	% Change 2004-2005
2005-2006 K-12 Enrollment	9,357	-0.2%
2005-2006 Total Housed Student Enrollment	9,704	+0.8%
Projected 2007-2008 Enrollment (K-12)	9,124	-2.7%
Projected 2012-2013 Enrollment (K-12)	8,968	-4.3%

Race/Ethnicity (2005-2006)	Number	Percent
White	8,759	90.3%
Black	472	4.9%
American Indian	33	0.3%
Asian	86	0.9%
Hispanic	155	1.6%
Multi-racial	199	2.1%
Total	9,704	100.0%

Selected School Report Statistics	County	Region Avg.	State
Average Low-income-family Student Rate in 2005	37.3	45.5	40.0
Average High School Dropout Rate in 2005	1.8	3.2	4.0
Average High School Graduation Rate in 2005	95.2	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.

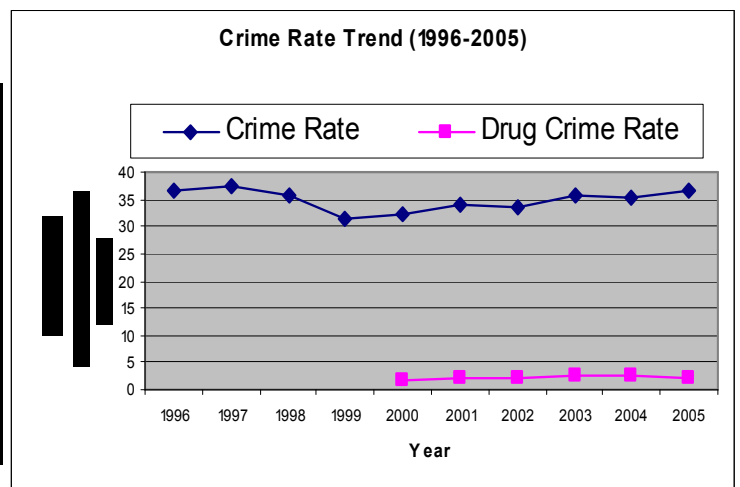
Educational Attainment (Percent, Population 25 years and over)	1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
High School Graduate or Higher	27,803	71.8%	33,476	79.8 %
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	5,501	14.2%	7,199	17.2%

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 1990 and 2000.

## Crime

	Number in 2005
Total Crimes	2,303
Crime Rate (crimes per 1,000 persons)	37
Drug Arrests	133
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
	87.3%	83.0%	84.8%

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

## Housing

	Percent	Region
Mobile homes that are rented	23.7%	24.6%
Owner-occupied units with housing problems	18.5%	18.7%
Renter-occupied units with housing problems	33.6%	35.6%
Homeownership	73.6%	73.6%
Homeownership among blacks/African Americans*	44.4%	41.4%
Vacant housing units for seasonal or recreational use	0.9% (262)	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 468 households in Williamson County in which the householder is black or African American alone.

<p>Housing Permits in 2005: 341  Houses Sold in the First Quarter of 2006: 158  Median House Sale Price in the First Quarter of 2006: \$90,650</p>
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Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development; IL Association of Realtors

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