

2007 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

BLOOMINGTON - NORMAL
MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TAXES

Property Tax Structure

Bloomington

Taxing Body	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
McLean County	0.2206	0.14473	0.13441	0.93685	0.93874	0.93885	0.93874
Township	0.91516	1.04982	1.01732	0.1562	0.18862	0.23686	0.18862
City	1.0071	0.93722	0.9064	1.01064	1.0071	0.99901	1.0071
School District	4.42148	4.40538	4.43752	4.43447	4.47014	4.48075	4.47014
All Others	0.7614	0.076182	0.82833	0.90009	0.91805	0.86612	0.91805
Totals	7.42444	7.29897	7.34822	7.43825	7.52265	7.52159	7.52265

Normal

Taxing Body	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
McLean County	0.10605	0.10233	0.12649	0.93685	0.93874	0.93885	0.93874
Township	0.68647	0.74427	0.72823	0.12399	0.12592	0.12249	0.12592
Town	0.91516	0.93722	0.93064	0.83987	0.82629	0.79281	0.82629
School District	4.43254	4.35044	4.34413	4.43031	4.50786	4.47579	4.50786
All Others	0.94359	0.94372	0.95181	1.03216	1.06591	1.00536	1.06591
Totals	7.08381	7.07798	7.0813	7.36318	7.46472	7.3353	7.46472

Source: McLean County Assessor's Office

State of Illinois Taxes

Corporate Income Tax

Calculated from reported federal income. The rate is 7.3% based on a 4.8% income tax and 2.5% replacement tax.

Sales/Use Tax

Sales tax of 6.25% is imposed on the purchase price of tangible personal property for use or consumption.

Property Tax

The State of Illinois levies no property taxes. Counties and municipalities, however, do levy these taxes.

Unemployment Compensation

Average rate 3.4%. Maximum rate typically around 6.8%. Average payroll tax is 3.1% on the first \$9,000 paid to each employee. Average worker's comp rate is 6.48% for manufacturing.

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue

Average Land Costs by Type in Dollars per Acre

	Low	High	Typical
Retail	\$100,000	\$600,000	\$200,000
Office	\$50,000	\$300,000	\$100,000
Commercial	\$80,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
Manufacturing	\$19,000	\$85,000	\$30,000
Agricultural	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$6,500
Development	\$20,000	\$350,000	\$100,000

Source: Figures are derived from a non-scientific, non-professional examination of the local market. Figures are not binding in any way, shape or form.

Utilities

Electricity

Ameren

Residential(800) 755-5000

Commercial(800) 363-6805

Corn Belt Energy.....(800) 879-0339

Natural Gas

Corn Belt Energy.....(800) 879-0339

Nicor Gas(888) 642-6748

Telephone

El Paso Telephone Co.(309) 527-4500

Frontier, A Citizens Communication Co. ... (217) 854-6067

Gridley Telephone Co.(309) 747-2221

Verizon

Residential(800) 483-4600

Commercial(800) 483-5600

Water

City of Bloomington(309) 434-2426

Town of Normal.....(309) 454-9563

Wastewater

Bloomington & Normal

Water Reclamation District.....(309) 827-4396

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Retail Sales and Sales Tax Receipts

Normal

	Sales Tax Receipts			Retail Sales		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
1 General Merchandise	\$5,449,696	\$6,343,165	\$6,864,313	\$72,662,611	\$84,575,537	\$91,524,170
2 Food	\$1,938,435	\$1,995,753	\$1,889,312	\$193,843,523	\$199,575,296	\$188,931,199
3 Drinking and Eating Places	\$2,950,082	\$2,856,204	\$2,918,982	\$39,334,425	\$38,082,719	\$38,919,755
4 Apparel	\$848,051	\$735,701	\$999,335	\$11,307,348	\$9,809,340	\$13,324,466
5 Furniture & H.H. & Radio	\$1,134,443	\$1,100,017	\$1,442,297	\$15,125,902	\$14,666,890	\$19,230,624
6 Lumber, Bldg, Hardware	\$2,673,484	\$2,914,027	\$2,961,948	\$35,646,450	\$38,853,699	\$39,492,645
7 Automotive & Filling Stations	\$3,946,069	\$3,561,247	\$4,056,614	\$52,614,248	\$47,483,299	\$54,088,193
8 Drugs & Misc. Retail	\$2,524,282	\$2,513,277	\$2,589,822	\$33,657,089	\$33,510,361	\$34,530,963
9 Agriculture & All Others	\$1,203,171	\$1,376,912	\$1,688,528	\$16,042,275	\$18,358,829	\$22,513,711
10 Manufacturers	\$510,638	\$401,619	\$394,426	\$6,808,508	\$5,354,917	\$5,259,014
Totals	\$23,178,349	\$23,797,922	\$25,805,578	\$477,042,378	\$490,270,890	\$507,814,740

Bloomington

	Sales Tax Receipts			Retail Sales		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
1 General Merchandise	\$7,700,274	\$7,235,442	\$7,056,094	\$102,670,325	\$96,472,559	\$94,081,255
2 Food	\$3,076,112	\$3,291,743	\$3,662,162	\$307,611,247	\$329,174,285	\$366,216,153
3 Drinking and Eating Places	\$6,632,141	\$6,974,442	\$7,368,719	\$88,428,545	\$92,992,557	\$98,249,592
4 Apparel	\$2,100,575	\$1,871,466	\$2,036,021	\$28,007,662	\$24,952,885	\$27,146,946
5 Furniture & H.H. & Radio	\$4,419,681	\$5,247,601	\$5,346,919	\$58,929,081	\$69,968,019	\$71,292,259
6 Lumber, Bldg, Hardware	\$4,489,754	\$4,631,474	\$4,300,439	\$59,863,392	\$61,752,984	\$57,339,190
7 Automotive & Filling Stations	\$14,984,468	\$14,419,308	\$19,180,864	\$199,792,903	\$192,257,441	\$255,744,857
8 Drugs & Misc. Retail	\$5,464,602	\$5,657,717	\$5,922,015	\$72,861,358	\$75,436,230	\$78,960,204
9 Agriculture & All Others	\$5,367,407	\$4,965,371	\$5,796,709	\$71,565,421	\$66,204,945	\$77,289,451
10 Manufacturers	\$880,665	\$1,001,824	\$870,206	\$11,742,200	\$13,357,655	\$11,602,752
Totals	\$55,115,679	\$55,296,388	\$61,540,149	\$1,001,472,134	\$1,022,569,558	\$1,137,922,657

McLean County

	Sales Tax Receipts			Retail Sales		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
1 General Merchandise	\$13,149,970	\$13,625,810	\$13,965,202	\$175,332,935	\$181,677,462	\$186,202,689
2 Food	\$7,008,311	\$6,854,347	\$7,261,213	\$700,831,137	\$685,434,739	\$726,121,320
3 Drinking and Eating Places	\$10,075,018	\$10,336,603	\$10,965,118	\$134,333,573	\$137,821,377	\$146,201,575
4 Apparel	\$2,948,626	\$2,607,167	\$3,035,356	\$39,315,009	\$34,762,225	\$40,471,412
5 Furniture & H.H. & Radio	\$5,803,145	\$6,615,104	\$7,007,799	\$77,375,268	\$88,201,387	\$93,437,315
6 Lumber, Bldg, Hardware	\$7,877,071	\$8,263,912	\$8,255,718	\$105,027,619	\$110,185,497	\$110,076,236
7 Automotive & Filling Stations	\$20,945,535	\$20,579,394	\$26,000,763	\$279,273,805	\$274,391,923	\$346,676,844
8 Drugs & Misc. Retail	\$8,501,660	\$8,732,925	\$9,425,531	\$113,355,472	\$116,439,005	\$125,673,746
9 Agriculture & All Others	\$8,099,146	\$8,026,624	\$8,859,192	\$107,988,610	\$107,021,649	\$118,122,558
10 Manufacturers	\$1,698,350	\$1,840,060	\$2,031,314	\$22,644,666	\$24,534,134	\$27,084,189
Totals	\$86,106,833	\$87,481,947	\$97,540,664	\$1,755,478,095	\$1,760,469,398	\$1,920,067,882

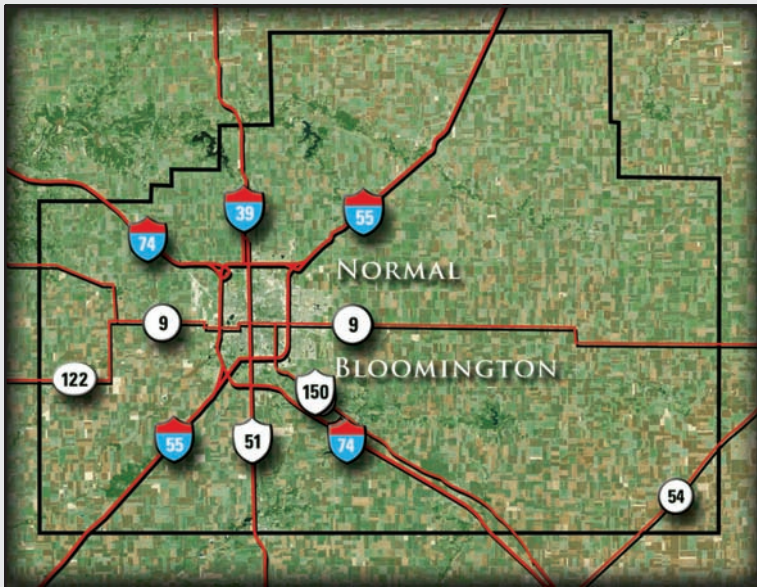
Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Data Current as of 2/2007

Note: Retail sales are generated by dividing sales tax receipts by the individual sales tax rates for items in each category.

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TRANSPORTATION

McLean County Map



McLean County Ground Transportation

Rail Freight Canadian National
 Norfolk Southern
 Union Pacific
 Southern Pacific

Passenger Amtrak

Bus Bloomington-Normal Public Transit (Local)
 ISU Nite Ride (Local)
 Peoria Charter (Regional, National)
 Illini Swallow (Regional Charter/Tour)
 Brewer Charter (Regional Charter)
 Monticello Bus Service (Charter)
 Greyhound (Regional, National)
 Burlington Trailways (Regional, National)

Regional Major Metro Areas - Distance from B-N



Chicago, IL	130 Miles	Kansas City, MO	405 Miles
Cincinnati, OH	285 Miles	Louisville, KY	290 Miles
Detroit, MI	390 Miles	Milwaukee, WI	210 Miles
Indianapolis, IN	175 Miles	St. Louis, MO	165 Miles

Central Illinois Regional Airport

Five airlines serve the airport - Airtran, American Eagle, Delta Connection, Northwest Airlinck and United Express. Access to the world is available from CIRA with daily jet service to and from four hubs. Five car rentals serve customers from the terminal - Hertz, National, Avis, Alamo and Enterprise.

Annual Airport Usage

	Passenger Enplanements	Cargo Shipped (lbs)
2006	262,409	5,057,765
2005	232,089	7,198,577
2004	224,655	4,124,536
2003	211,828	4,378,312
2002	207,014	4,714,586
2001	223,080	4,222,453
2000	242,280	985,618
1999	220,827	280,615
1998	194,333	272,856
1997	142,961	205,199
1996	83,941	84,733

Source: Central Illinois Regional Airport



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County of McLean

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**Illinois Small Business
Development Center at**

Illinois State University
College of Business Building
Campus Box 5580
Normal, IL 61790-5580
(309) 438-3610
www.sbdc.ilstu.edu

Central Illinois SCORE

402 N. Hershey Rd.
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 664-0549
www.central-illinois-score.org

Career Link - McLean County

207 E. Hamilton Rd.
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 827-4026
www.careerlink16.com

Town of Normal

100 E. Phoenix Ave.
P.O. Box 589
Normal, IL 61761-0589
(309) 454-2444
www.normal.org

**Bloomington-Normal Area
Convention and Visitors Bureau**

3201 CIRA Dr., Suite 201
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 665-0033
www.bloomingtonnormalcvb.org

McLean County Chamber of Commerce

210 S. East St.
P.O. Box 1586
Bloomington, IL 61702-1586
(309) 829-6344
www.mcleancochamber.org

IL Manufacturing Extension Center

Illinois State University
153 Turner Hall
Campus Box 5100
Normal, IL 61790-5100
(309) 438-3767
www.imec1.org

City of Bloomington

109 E. Olive St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
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**Stevenson Center for Community
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Illinois State University
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Normal, IL 61790-4200
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www.stevensoncenter.org

**McLean County Regional
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Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 828-4331
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The EDC helps businesses in McLean County grow and attracts new businesses to our community. We are a leadership organization, investing our community's assets to grow and improve our prosperity and quality of life.

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POPULATION

Population and Projections

Population by Gender	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Male	77,115	81,330	85,571	89,896	93,156	94,643
Female	82,590	87,281	92,129	97,190	101,680	104,459

Population by Race	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Asian	4,035	5,005	5,963	6,902	7,642	8,062
Black	10,734	12,182	13,586	15,000	16,281	17,279
Latino	4,381	4,907	5,381	5,852	6,368	6,935
Other	4,578	5,313	6,114	6,964	7,721	8,333
White	140,358	146,111	152,037	158,220	163,192	165,428

Population by Age Group	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
0-4	10,101	10,601	11,359	12,046	12,151	11,819
5-9	10,111	10,468	10,955	11,709	12,357	12,288
10-14	10,145	10,111	10,463	10,956	11,659	12,182
15-19	13,682	14,070	14,008	14,339	14,774	15,368
20-24	21,105	20,922	21,100	20,932	20,955	21,014
25-29	11,208	12,132	11,971	12,123	11,854	11,424
30-34	10,547	10,847	11,747	11,614	11,703	11,269
35-39	10,562	10,667	10,977	11,875	11,666	11,589
40-44	11,807	10,921	11,026	11,365	12,202	11,861
45-49	11,217	11,908	11,035	11,151	11,444	12,166
50-54	10,059	11,202	11,901	11,074	11,118	11,313
55-59	8,022	9,794	10,959	11,685	10,806	10,743
60-64	5,558	7,615	9,374	10,543	11,180	10,236
65-69	4,120	5,199	7,174	8,887	9,940	10,462
70-74	3,383	3,633	4,621	6,448	8,015	8,955
75-79	3,110	2,887	3,115	4,013	5,611	6,979
80-84	2,423	2,556	2,409	2,608	3,358	4,664
85+	2,545	3,078	3,506	3,718	4,043	4,770

Total Population **159,705** **168,611** **177,700** **187,086** **194,836** **199,102**

Source: Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Northern Illinois Planning Commission

Municipal Population

Municipalities	2005
Anchor village	170
Arrowsmith village	285
Bellflower village	387
Bloomington city*	74,975
Carlock village	434
Chenoa city	1,805
Colfax village	991
Cooksville village	202
Danvers village	1,132
Downs village	745
Ellsworth village	258
El Paso city	2,748
Gridley village	1,398
Heyworth village	2,470
Hudson village	1,664
Le Roy city	3,391
Lexington city	1,866
McLean village	783
Normal town*	50,519
Saybrook village	736
Stanford village	644
Towanda village	479
McLean County**	165,733
State of Illinois	12,875,035
United States	300,976,905

* Figures from Special Census

** Figures include Special Census & Unincorporated Areas of McLean County

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



For more in-depth information about
Bloomington-Normal and McLean
County visit the EDC Web site,
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LABOR

Major Employers

Company Name	Total FTE's*
1. State Farm Insurance Companies	14,653
2. Illinois State University	3,121
3. COUNTRY Insurance & Financial Services	2,158
4. Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing	1,800
5. Unit 5 Schools	1,785
6. BroMenn Healthcare	1,514
7. Afni, Inc.	1,217
8. OSF St. Joseph Medical Center	956
9. McLean County	870
10. District 87 Schools	675
11. City of Bloomington	631
12. Town of Normal	523
13. Nestle USA	525
14. Illinois Wesleyan University	513
15. Wildwood Industries/Studley Products, Inc.	450
16. Heritage Enterprises	420
17. Stark Excavating & Materials	400
18. Verizon Communications	400
19. Heartland Community College	364
20. Bridgestone/Firestone Off-Road Tire Co.	363
21. Chestnut Health Systems	**335
22. GROWMARK, Inc.	334
23. Illinois Agricultural Association	273
24. The Baby Fold	241
25. The Pantagraph	216

Source: Human Resource Depts./Public Relations Depts.
 *Full-Time Equivalent
 **Information from 2005

County Labor Force

Year	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
2006	88,931	85,828	3,103	3.5%
2005	88,466	84,953	3,513	4.0%
2004	85,546	81,827	3,719	4.3%
2003	85,966	82,552	3,414	4.0%
2002	86,696	83,451	3,245	3.7%

Numbers are annual averages calculated by Bureau of Labor Statistics

Bloomington-Normal Employment By Industry

	2004	2005	2006*
Total Nonfarm	89,000	89,700	89,425
Total Private	74,500	75,000	74,600
Goods Producing	10,100	9,600	8,900
Service-Providing	78,900	80,100	80,000
Private Service Providing	64,400	65,400	65,700
Natural Resources, Mining, & Cons.	3,200	3,200	3,100
Manufacturing	7,000	6,500	5,800
Durable Goods	4,600	4,100	3,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,800	13,800	13,900
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,600
Retail Trade	9,400	9,300	9,300
Transportation and Utilities	2,000	2,000	2,000
Information	1,200	1,100	1,100
Financial Activities	11,800	11,900	12,000
Professional and Business Services	16,700	17,400	17,400
Educational and Health Services	8,300	8,600	8,800
Leisure and Hospitality	9,100	9,200	9,100
Other Services	3,500	3,400	3,400
Government	14,500	14,700	14,800

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
 *2006 annual data include averages based on preliminary numbers for December

Annual Net Job Flow

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Bloomington	261	142	-170	-235	1,412
Normal	395	379	-188	-39	952
Illinois	-63,300	-147,300	-27,000	68,600	93,000

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

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HOUSING

Bloomington-Normal Home Sales

Year	Sales	Avg. Price
2006	2,918	\$167,963
2005	2,932	\$166,274
2004	2,827	\$161,135
2003	2,868	\$153,326
2002	2,799	\$144,641
2001	2,845	\$139,322
2000	2,353	\$134,351

Source: Bloomington-Normal Association of Realtors

Construction Trends 2006

Bloomington	Permits	Value
Single Family Houses	360	\$81,204,943
Multi-Family Houses	12	\$7,005,988
Non-res / Commercial	208	\$131,898,407
Total	580	\$159,048,990

Normal	Permits	Value
Single Family Houses	260	\$24,043,000
Multi-Family Houses	**	
Non-res / Commercial	10	\$26,673,059
Total	270	\$50,716,059

McLean County	Permits	Value
Single Family Houses	75	\$17,914,654
Multi-Family Houses	0	\$0
Non-res / Commercial	10	\$2,074,000
Total	85	\$19,984,654

Major Utility: Wind Turbines **132** **\$324,394,667**

Source: City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County
 **2 Mixed-use buildings, 12 units in Commercial total

INCOME

Average Household Effective Buying Income (EBI)

Area	2005 EBI	2010 EBI
Bloomington-Normal	\$52,770	\$58,989
Champaign-Urbana	\$45,100	\$50,396
Decatur	\$42,448	\$45,844
Peoria	\$47,270	\$52,143
Springfield	\$50,104	\$56,230
Chicago	\$61,371	\$66,874
Illinois	\$55,627	\$61,819
Surrounding States	\$46,040	\$51,148
United States	\$49,200	\$54,910

Source: Sales and Marketing Management Survey of Buying Power

Average Wages by County

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006*
McLean	36,133	37,542	38,823	39,404	42,120
Peoria	34,316	35,524	37,501	39,330	40,846
Cook	44,544	45,450	47,730	49,487	51,740
Sangamon	37,554	38,205	38,483	39,545	40,118
Champaign	31,995	32,409	33,163	33,863	34,034

% Change Annual

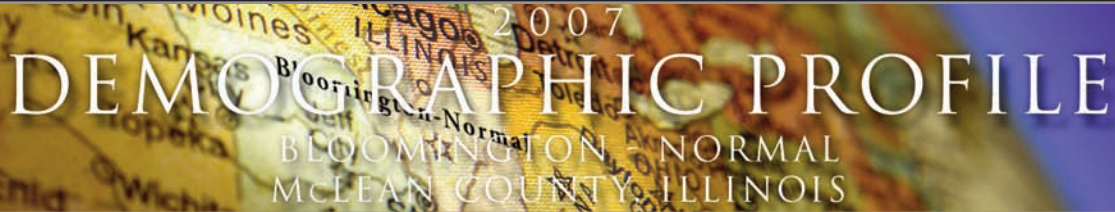
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006*
McLean	2.91%	3.90%	3.41%	1.50%	6.89%
Peoria	3.09%	3.52%	5.57%	4.88%	3.85%
Cook	0.99%	2.03%	5.02%	3.68%	4.55%
Sangamon	3.57%	1.73%	0.73%	2.76%	1.45%
Champaign	4.94%	1.29%	2.33%	2.11%	0.50%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
 *2006 annual averages are derived from preliminary data

2006 Consumer Price Index for Class B/C Cities Across the US

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Midwest	121.6	121.6	122.3	123.3	123.7	124.0	124.1
Northeast	124.8	125.2	126.0	127.3	127.4	127.7	128.2
South	122.0	122.1	123.0	124.1	124.6	125.0	125.5
West	122.9	123.7	124.2	124.9	125.7	125.6	125.6
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	% Change
Midwest	124.1	123.2	122.6	123.1	123.0	123.1	1.15%
Northeast	128.5	127.2	126.9	126.4	126.7	126.9	1.52%
South	125.4	124.4	123.7	123.4	123.8	123.9	1.48%
West	126.2	125.9	125.5	125.1	125.0	125.0	1.71%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
 Class B/C Cities denotes urban areas with populations between 50,000 and 1,500,000



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QUALITY OF LIFE

Education

Public School Districts	Enrollment	Phone Number
Bloomington Sch. Dist. 87	5,384	(309) 827-6031
El Paso-Gridley CUSD 11	1,338	(309) 527-4410
Heyworth CUSD 4	933	(309) 473-3727
LeRoy CUSD 2	775	(309) 962-4211
Lexington CUSD 7	568	(309) 365-4141
McLean County Unit Dist. 5	11,366	(309) 452-4476
Olympia CUSD 16	2,106	(309) 379-2842
Prairie Central CUSD 8	2,307	(815) 692-2355
Ridgeview CUSD 19	659	(309) 723-5111
Tri-Valley CUSD 3	1,053	(309) 378-2351

Illinois State University Laboratory Schools

University High School	617	(309) 438-8163
Thomas Metcalf School	442	(309) 378-2351

Private Schools

Bloomington Grove Academy	*130	(309) 827-2932
Calvary Baptist Academy	326	(309) 452-7912
Central Catholic High School	356	(309) 661-7000
Cornerstone Christian Academy	450	(309) 662-9900
Epiphany Catholic School	462	(309) 452-3268
Hammit School	101	(309) 452-1170
Holy Trinity Catholic School	640	(309) 828-2151
Mulberry School	76	(309) 451-0510
St. Mary's Catholic School	160	(309) 828-5954
Trinity Lutheran School	368	(309) 829-7513

Source: Public Schools - 2005 Public School Report Cards; Private Schools - Administrative Personnel
*number from website

Heartland Community College

HCC was established in 1990, and classes were first offered in the fall of 1991. Since then, enrollment has grown to 4,775 credit students and 6,748 non-credit students. HCC offers associate and transfer degrees and certifications in 58 different areas.

Illinois State University

Founded in 1857, ISU was the first public university in Illinois. With an enrollment of over 20,261 and a faculty and staff numbering 3,341, ISU offers more than 160 major/minor options in six colleges.

Illinois Wesleyan University

A private university founded in 1850, IWU has a student enrollment of 2,137 undergraduates. Recognized as one of the nation's premier private residential liberal arts universities, IWU offers 35 majors and seven pre-professional programs with 543 faculty and staff members.

Lincoln College - Normal

Lincoln College's Normal campus, a private residential college, offers academic and vocational programs to 550 students. Accredited by the North Central Association, Lincoln offers associate degrees as well as bachelor's degrees in business management and liberal arts with a student/faculty ratio of 14:1.

Climate

	Mean Temp	Precipitation
January	28.1°	2.40"
February	29.8°	0.56"
March	41.4°	3.20"
April	56.3°	5.18"
May	62.5°	1.29"
June	71.3°	1.99"
July	78.6°	2.04"
August	74.9°	7.56"
September	64.2°	1.67"
October	50.8°	2.17"
November	44.3°	3.86"
December	34.1°	3.14"

Source: National Weather Service

Parks

Bloomington – (309) 434-2260

The City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of 39 parks, 3 golf courses, Miller Park Zoo and the Constitution Trail.

Normal – (309) 454-9540

The Town of Normal Parks and Recreation Department includes 13 parks, 1 golf course, a historic theater, a community center, 2 outdoor pools, a 10-field softball complex and the Constitution Trail.

McLean County – (309) 726-2022

The McLean County Department of Parks and Recreation encompasses 2,250 acres of regional parks, including Comlara Park, offering camping and boating, and West County Park.

Moraine View State Park – (309) 724-8032

Moraine View State Park is located near rural LeRoy and offers several activities such as camping, boating, fishing, swimming, cross-country skiing and sledding.