



GLCEDC

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ECONOMIC PROFILE

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and provide meaningful economic development opportunities for the business, industrial, rural and residential communities of greater Livingston County.

GREATER LIVINGSTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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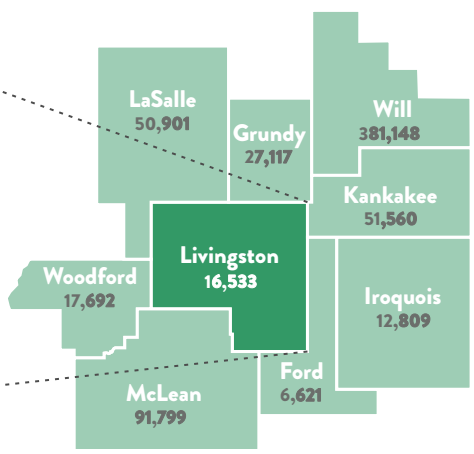


LABOR

AREA LABOR SHED

LABOR SHED BY CITY LIVINGSTON COUNTY REGIONAL LABOR FORCE

City	Labor Shed
Dwight	1,520,305
Pontiac	864,050
Odell	591,746
Chenoa	542,240
Fairbury	775,125



Source: Lightcast: 2024 - QCEW Employees, Non - QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

Note: Labor shed within a 60 mile radius of identified municipality.

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security; Economic Information and Analysis Division, Nov. 2024

LIVINGSTON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Industry Name	Jobs
Government	3,215
Manufacturing	2,860
Retail Trade	1,634
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,445
Transportation and Warehousing	1,177
Construction	799
Wholesale Trade	728
Accommodation and Food Services	716
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	709
Other Services (except Public Administration)	689
Finance and Insurance	531
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	428
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	228
Utilities	147
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	105
Educational Services	98
Real Estate and Rental Leasing	54
Information	50
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	21
Total	15,635

Source: Lightcast 2024 - QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

TOP 20 PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Company Name	Total Workers	Location
Caterpillar, Inc.	1,250	Pontiac
Vactor	750	Streator
OSF Saint James Hospital	375	Pontiac
Sheridan Pontiac	350	Pontiac
Interlake Mecalux, Inc.	230	Pontiac
Walmart	188	Pontiac
Selig Sealing Products	188	Forrest
Fairview Haven	188	Fairbury
Evenglow Senior Living	174	Pontiac
Bank of Pontiac	120	Pontiac
Manpower	112	Pontiac
U.S. Foods	109	Streator
Futures Unlimited	100	Pontiac
Technical Metals	95	Fairbury
Daves Supermarket	85	Fairbury
PTC Steel	82	Fairbury
Quantix	80	Streator
Alloy Specialties	80	Blackstone
Anthony Liftgates	75	Pontiac
Quantex	75	Chatsworth

Source: GLCEDC Economic Development Survey, 2024



TRANSPORTATION

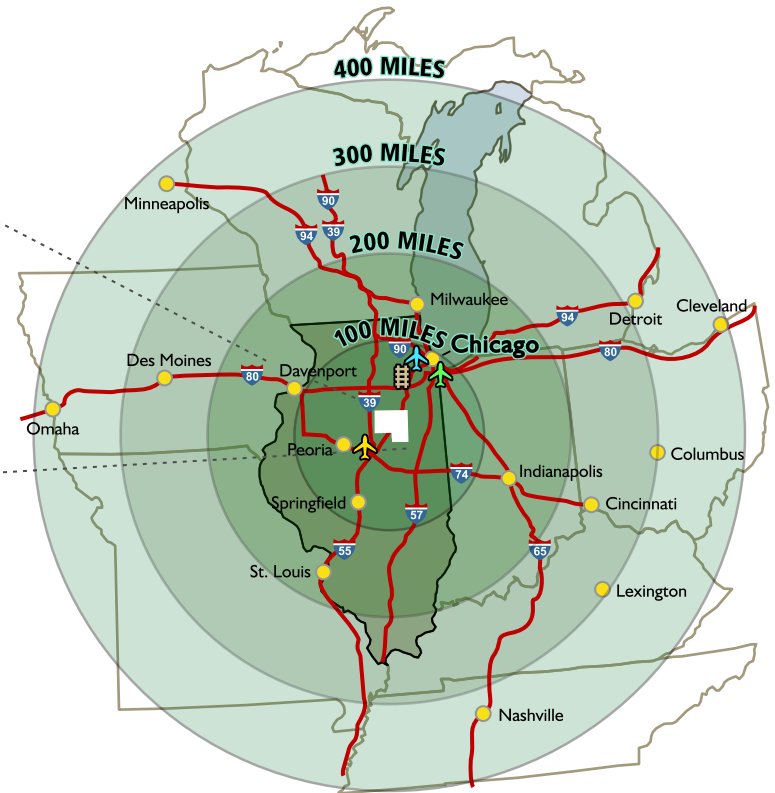
PROXIMITY TO MARKETS

Interstate 55 bisects Livingston County. Four full interchanges connect Livingston County businesses to over 2,000 miles of interstate highway in Illinois. One-third of the US population can be reached within a one-day drive time from Livingston County.

From Livingston County to:	Distance (Miles)
Peoria, IL	70
Chicago, IL	79
Springfield, IL	106
Davenport, IA	139
Milwaukee, WI	171
Indianapolis, IN	174
St. Louis, MO	189
Cincinnati, OH	288
Des Moines, IA	310
Columbus, OH	349
Detroit, MI	351
Lexington, KY	365
Cleveland, OH	415
Nashville, TN	422
Omaha, NE	450
Minneapolis, MI	453



- Joliet Intermodal
- Midway International Airport
- O'Hare International Airport
- Bloomington-Normal Airport



► Highway

Livingston County is located approximately 90 miles south of Chicago on Interstate 55. It is also centrally located within 40 miles of Interstates 1-39, 1-57, 1-74 and 1-80.

► Airway

Livingston County is located approximately 90 miles from O'Hare International Airport and 80 miles from Midway International Airport. Additionally, the Central Illinois Regional Airport (CIRA) is located in Bloomington, approximately 40 miles away. Pontiac Municipal Airport also possesses a 5,000-foot runway and jet fuel service station.

► Rail

Livingston County is a strategic freight rail hub with the intersections of the following train lines: Burlington Northern Santa Fe & Norfolk Southern, and Norfolk Southern & Union Pacific. Also, Livingston County is served by high-speed Amtrak passenger service with depots in Dwight and Pontiac.



POPULATION

COUNTY POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

Livingston County Population Percentage	Census	As a Percentage
Total Population	35,771	
Gender		
Male	18,285	51.1%
Female	17,486	48.9%
	Census	As a Percentage
Population by Age Group		
0-9 years	4,093	11.44%
10-19 years	4,489	12.55%
20-29 years	4,131	11.55%
30-39 years	4,291	12.00%
40-49 years	4,309	12.05%
50-59 years	4,697	13.13%
60-69 years	4,793	13.40%
70-79 years	3,035	8.48%
80+ years	1,933	5.40%
Total Population	35,771	100%

Source: 2024 American Community Survey Estimates

REGIONAL POPULATION

Municipality	Population
Chatsworth	1,296
Chenoa	1,552
Cullom	495
Dwight	3,814
Fairbury	3,731
Flanagan	938
Forrest	1,019
Odell	909
Pontiac	11,451
Saunemin	426
Streator	12,279

Source: 2024 American Community Survey Estimates



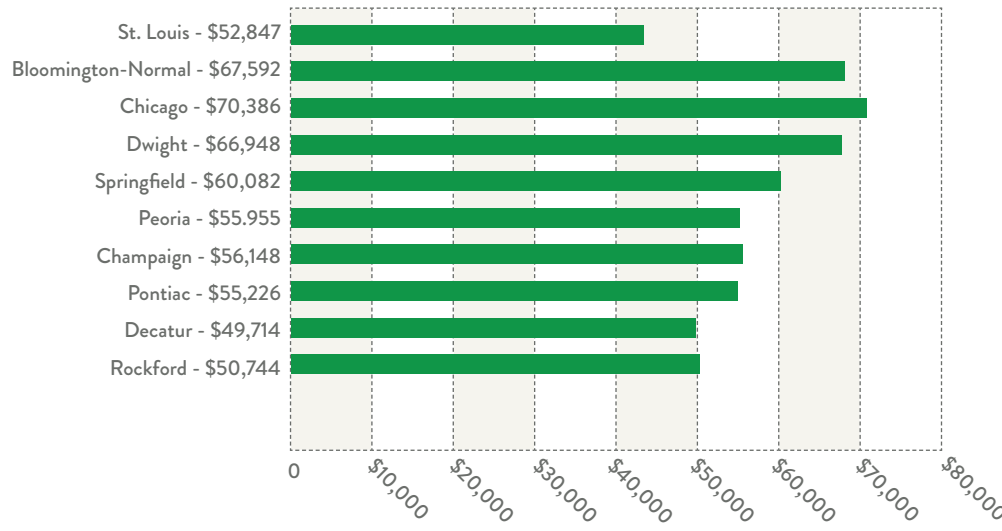
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INCOME

ANNUAL MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME



Source: 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Gross Metropolitan Product (in billions \$)

Location	GMP	Distance From Livingston County
Livingston County	\$2.2	
Danville MSA	\$3.6	101 miles
Kankakee - Bradley MSA	\$6.3	49 miles
Decatur MSA	\$7.6	87 miles
Champaign - Urbana MSA	\$12.9	69 miles
Bloomington-Normal MSA	\$16.3	38 miles
Springfield MSA	\$18.9	106 miles
Rockford MSA	\$19.3	127 miles
Peoria MSA	\$26.7	60 miles
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin	\$873.7	98 miles

Source: Lightcast 2024 - QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

WAGE RATES FOR SELECT OCCUPATIONS

Job Title	Livingston County Median Hourly Wage	Chicagoland* Median Hourly Wage
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing	\$30.05	\$33.98
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$23.23	\$24.96
Social Workers	\$23.04	\$29.50
Driver/Sales Workers and Truck Drivers	\$21.87	\$25.15
Machinists	\$21.75	\$24.43
Bookkeeping, Accounting and Auditing Clerks	\$21.37	\$24.18
Miscellaneous Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers	\$20.48	\$22.70
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	\$18.99	\$23.62
Customer Service Representatives	\$18.17	\$21.55
Nursing Assistants, Orderlies, and Psychiatric Aides	\$18.08	\$20.25
Laborers and Material Movers	\$17.56	\$19.09
Retail Salespersons	\$14.95	\$16.91
Cashiers	\$13.83	\$15.72
Food Preparation Workers	\$13.07	\$16.06

Source: Lightcast 2024 - QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed
 *Chicagoland includes the counties of Cook, Will, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Kane, and Kendall.



TAXES & UTILITIES

STATE OF ILLINOIS TAXES

► Corporate Income Tax

Corporations, other than S corporations, pay 7 percent (.07) income tax. Small business corporations (S corporations) who file the federal form 1120S, U.S. Income Tax Return for an S corporation, do not pay income tax. Corporations, including S corporations, also pay replacement tax. Corporations, other than S corporations, pay 2.5 percent (.025) replacement tax. S corporations pay 1.5 percent (.015) replacement tax.

► Sales/Use Tax

Illinois Sales and Use Tax has two rate structures - general merchandise, including items that must be titled or registered by an agency of Illinois state government, and one for qualifying food, drugs, and medical appliances.

The Illinois' general state sales and use tax rates are:

6.25 percent on general merchandise, including items required to be titled or registered by an agency of Illinois state government; and
1 percent on qualifying foods, drugs, and medical appliances.

** The sales tax rate is higher in some areas because of certain local jurisdictions are allowed to impose their own taxes which can be combined with the state sales tax rate. Local tax rates are generally subject to change twice a year on January 1 and July 1.*

► Property Tax

There is no set rate for property tax in Illinois. Your tax bill is based on two factors, the equalized assessed value (EAV) of your property, and the amount of money your local taxing districts need to operate during the coming year.

► Unemployment Compensation

The 2024 Illinois state unemployment insurance (SUI) experience-rated tax rates range from .850% to 8.65%.

The SUI taxable wage base also increased to \$13,590 for 2024, up from \$13,271 for 2023.

The standard unemployment tax rates for new employers is 3.95% the same as in 2023.

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Department of Employment

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Utility	Provider	Contact
911	Vermillion Valley	
Electricity	Ameren Energy	ameren.com
Electricity	ComEd	comed.com
Internet	CIRBN	cirbn.org
Internet/Telephone	AT&T	att.com
Internet/Telephone	Frontier	frontier.com
Internet/Telephone	Mediacom	mediacomcable.com
Natural Gas	Nicor Gas	nicorgas.com
Waste Services	Republic Services, Inc.	republicservices.com
Water	Illinois American Water	amwater.com
Waste Water	Various Municipal Sources	



QUALITY OF LIFE

EDUCATION IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Public Schools	Website
Cornell Community Consolidated School District 426	cornellgradeschool.org
Dwight Common School District 230	dwight.k12.il.us
Dwight Township High School District 232	dwight.k12.il.us
Flanagan Cornell Unit 74	fc74.org
Heartland Headstart, Inc.	heartlandheadstart.org
Odell Community Consolidated School District 435	odellschool.com
Pontiac Community Consolidated School District 429	pontiac429.org
Pontiac Township High School District 90	pontiac90.org
Prairie Central High School District 8	prairiecentral.org
Rooks Creek Community Consolidated School District 425	rooks creek.k12.il.us
Saunemin Community Consolidated School District 438	saunemin.org
Tri-Point Community Unit School District 6-J	tripointschools.org
Woodland Community Unit School District 5	woodland5.org

Private Schools	Website
Dwight Baptist Academy	fbcwdwight.org/dwight-baptist-academy-2
Grace Christian School	gcsgrators.org
St. Mary's Catholic School	school.stmaryspontiac.org
St. Paul School	stpaulodell.weebly.com

Source: www.illinoischools.com

Bradley University

Main Campus – Peoria, Illinois

In 2023, Bradley University's fall enrollment was 4,600 undergraduates and 1,300 graduate students. Bradley University has 5 colleges, over 185 programs, and more than 350 faculty members. Bradley offers 38 graduate, doctorate, and certificate programs.

Heartland Community College

Main Campus – Normal, Illinois

In 2023, HCC's enrollment was 4,795 credit students and 9,021 non-credit students. HCC offers 15 degrees, 63 certificates, and 78 faculty members.

Illinois State University

Main Campus – Normal, Illinois

In 2023, ISU's enrollment was 18,450 undergraduate students and 2,539 graduate students. ISU has six schools offering more than 160 fields of study and 1,194 faculty members.

Illinois Wesleyan University

Main Campus – Bloomington, Illinois

In 2023, IWU's enrollment was 1,526 students. Recognized as one of the nation's premier private residential liberal arts universities, IWU offers 80 majors, minors, and concentrations and 137 faculty members.

Joliet Junior College

Main Campus – Joliet, Illinois

In 2023, JJC's fall enrollment was 3,745 full-time and 6,118 part-time students. JJC has three campuses and three extension centers offering more than 180 degrees and certificate programs and 202 faculty members.

- **ATTRACTIONS:** Livingston County is home to six museums and a number of other exhibits and displays. Most with free admission!
- **HEALTHCARE:** OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, located in Pontiac, Illinois, is a 42 bed, not for profit, acute care facility, fully accredited by The Joint Commission. OSF HealthCare Saint James serves as the area's gateway to health care with 24/7 emergency services, inpatient and outpatient surgery, critical care, multidisciplinary rehabilitation services, sophisticated diagnostic testing, cataract surgery, wellness, occupational health services and more to support residents on their health journey. Multiple OSF Medical Group locations and OSF Home Care can provide the care you need where and when you need it. Please visit their website at www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-james for a complete list of programs and services.
- **PUBLIC PARKS & POOLS:** Throughout Livingston County, there are 25 municipal parks and two indoor swimming facilities: the Flanagan Memorial Pool and the Pontiac Recreation Center. Outdoor pool facilities are in Chatsworth, Chenoa, Dwight, Fairbury, and Odell, and an outdoor splash-pad in Pontiac.
- **SPECIAL EVENTS:** Livingston County is home to a number of annual events throughout the year including Harvest Days, Dwight; Heritage Days, Chatsworth & Pontiac; The Illinois Basset Waddle, Dwight; The Red Carpet Corridor Festivals, Dwight, Odell, and Pontiac; and the Thresherman's Reunion, Pontiac, to name just a few.
- **VIBRANT ART COMMUNITY:** Livingston County enjoys an active arts scene with local artists and performing arts groups, many of which perform at the Eagle Performing Arts & Conference Center in Pontiac. The Vermillion Players has been entertaining audiences for nearly 60 years. There are also several art museums and galleries including Fairbury Echoes, the International Walldog Mural and Sign Art Museum, and the Pontiac Community Art Center.



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Adam Dontz – Chief Executive Officer

* Denotes GLCEDC Executive Committee

MESSAGE FROM GLCEDC

In Livingston County, you will find a pro-business and “can-do” attitude among our business and governmental leadership. We have a long history of working well with corporations to ensure their success and to assist them with their growth initiatives. I encourage you to join them and experience the success that comes with the proper mix of talented people, strategic location, and an abundant supply of quality raw materials.

TESTIMONIALS

“Caterpillar supports the GLCEDC and its workforce development efforts. We were pleased that we could provide classroom space for the GLCEDC’s recent Manufacturing Skills Training Program.”

Caterpillar - Pontiac, Illinois Facility

“The GLCEDC’s property tax abatement and hiring incentive programs, with the support of local government units, have assisted Anthony Liftgates to expand its facility by nearly 25% and increase employment by nearly 20%. Collectively, Anthony Liftgates has invested over \$1,000,000 on building improvements, sales, marketing, and product offerings in order to grow our market share in the truck equipment industry. The GLCEDC’s simple and streamlined approach to getting things done is very refreshing. Helping existing local businesses is a great approach to improving economic opportunities for employers and employees alike. We look forward to working with the GLCEDC as we continue to invest in our company and its people.”

Thomas Walker - President, Anthony Liftgates

“Based upon direction from local manufacturing leaders, the GLCEDC was able to quickly and efficiently organize an intensive six-week, 100 hour, Manufacturing Skills Training Program which was taught by Heartland Community College. We were able to pair newly trained individuals with immediate job openings. Education, exposure, and experience is a winning workforce combination.”

Sandy Erschen - Branch Manager, Manpower

“The GLCEDC helped connect us with employers responsible for over 1,000 jobs in the country. The business perspective gained allows us to link curriculum to the community expectations and needs to help prepare tomorrow’s workforce and future leaders.”

Tera L. Graves - Director, Livingston Area Career Center

“In the spring of 2015, Selig invested in a 25,000 square foot expansion to its Livingston County facility. Under pressures brought about by current state laws and the overall cost of doing business in Illinois we looked to the GLCEDC for assistance to help our business grow. The assistance received was a ten-year property tax abatement with Livingston County, Village of Forrest, and Prairie Central Schools in recognition of Selig’s continuing investment in the community. Local pro business initiatives and convenient proximity to Interstate highways, rail, and the Chicago market make Livingston County an excellent location for Selig’s continued corporate growth.”

Jason Imig - Director of Operations - US, Selig Sealing

“Wally’s received an Employment Stimulus Grant from the Greater Livingston County Economic Development Council (GLCEDC) which provided meaningful financial support just prior to our grand opening. The GLCEDC processed our grant application efficiently, and served as a helpful liaison with local vendors, utility providers, and government officials. Additionally, the staff and elected officials at the City of Pontiac made the development process refreshingly smooth. Without hesitation, we recommend working Adam at the GLCEDC and the team at the City of Pontiac!”

Michael Rubenstein - President and CEO, Wally’s

“The OSF Board of Directors was proud to be part of the initial investment in the GLCEDC. That commitment continues today. We view the GLCEDC as our best opportunity to invest in the Livingston County community.”

Derrick Frazier - President, OSF HealthCare St. James John W. Albrecht Medical Center