



Kankakee County
Regional Planning Department

NEWSLETTER

KANKAKEE COUNTY CENSUS DATA

Statistical Information and Demographics are now available for the County of Kankakee from the 2000 decennial census. Kankakee County ranks 18th in the State of Illinois for population. Kankakee County has 677 square miles with a population average of 153.4 persons per square mile. Kankakee County's population increased to 103,833 in the year 2000. This is a 7.9% change from 1990. Kankakee County has 17 political townships within its borders.

Township	2000 Population	2000 Housing Units
Aroma	5,835	2,094
Bourbonnais	33,061	12,373
Essex	1,294	462
Ganeer	3,222	1,222
Kankakee	28,029	10,276
Limestone	4,659	1,652
Manteno	7,846	3,066
Momence	3,884	1,365
Norton	1,067	375
Otto	2,430	909
Pembroke	2,784	928
Pilot	2,065	721
Rockville	786	265
Salina	1,317	451
St. Anne	2,108	801
Sumner	879	298
Yellowhead	2,567	924
Kankakee County	103,833	38,182

The population and housing unit totals for these townships are listed in the table to the left.

Bourbonnais Township leads the county in population with 33,061 while Rockville Township has least with 786. Likewise, Bourbonnais Township has the highest number of housing units with 12,373 while Rockville Township has the least with 265.

The County's housing stock grew from 37,001 in 1990 to 38,182 units in 2000.

AGE / EDUCATION

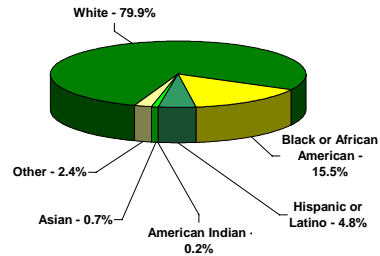
Kankakee County has 43,721 people 25 years old or older with a high school diploma and 7,148 people 25 years old or older with a college diploma. The County has 20,837 children between the ages of 5 and 18. The county is getting older. The current median age for Kankakee County is 35.2 years old. That number has increased over the last 20 years from 28.8 in 1980 to 32.9 in 1990.

ECONOMIC CENSUS

Kankakee County's has 2,305 (1999 data) private non-farm business establishments employing 55,090 (1999 data) people. Retail Sales for Kankakee County were 2,253,237,000 for the year 1997, which averages to \$8,878 per person. Minorities own 4.1% of firms while women own 31.5% according to 1997 figures. As of March 2002, Kankakee County has a labor force of 52,057 people, 48,456 of which are employed. The unemployment rate for March 2002 was 6.9% ranking Kankakee County 35th within the State of Illinois. The median income for persons living within the county grew by 13% to \$41,532 (1999). However this figure is approximately 11% below the statewide median of \$46,000 (1999).

RACE

79.9% of Kankakee County's population is white, 15.5% is Black or African American, 4.8% is of Hispanic or Latino origin, 0.2% is American Indian, and 0.7% is Asian with 2.4% reporting some other race. The racial diversity within the county did not change significantly between 1990 and 2000. Kankakee and Pembroke Townships have the highest percentage of minority races in the year 2000 at 46.5% and 94.2% respectively.



MUNICIPALITIES

There are 19 incorporated municipalities within the County of Kankakee. According to the 2000 census the City of Kankakee was the most heavily populated with a population of 27,491. The Village of Irwin located in Otto Township had the least amount of population with a population of 60.

Municipality	2000 Population	2000 Housing Units
Aroma Park	821	314
Bonfield	350	129
Bourbonnais	15,256	5,505
Bradley	12,784	5,272
Buckingham	400	84
Cabery	300	118
Chebanse	1,148	450
Essex	500	208
Grant Park	1,358	517
Herscher	1,523	554
Hopkins Park	711	271
Irwin	60	34
Kankakee	27,491	10,965
Manteno	6,414	2,750
Momence	3,171	1,223
Reddick	208	83
St. Anne	1,212	486
Sun River Terrace	552	147
Union Hill	66	29

The City of Kankakee also has the largest number of housing units with 10,965 and the Village of Union Hill has the smallest number of housing Units with 29. The table on the left shows the various municipalities and their population and number of housing units. All of the municipalities within Kankakee County grew in population from 1990 to 2000 with the exception of the City of Kankakee, which lost 84 people or 0.3% .

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Census Bureau's Web Site at <http://www.census.gov> or by calling Eric Sadler, the Kankakee County Regional Planning Department's demographics liaison at 937-2940. Census tract maps are now available on CD-ROM from the County Planning Department, ask Eric for details. Census data will also be able to be obtained on CD-ROM as it becomes available.