



Community Profile

Loves Park, Illinois

Population Characteristics

TRENDS	1990	2000
City	15,462	20,044
County	252,913	278,418
Rockford MSA*	329,676	371,236
State of Illinois	11,430,602	12,419,293

POPULATION DENSITY (2000)

	Land Area	Density
City	17.0 sq. mi.	1,179.0
County	519.0 sq. mi.	536.4
Rockford MSA*	1,560.0 sq. mi.	238.0
State of Illinois	55,748.0 sq. mi.	222.8

GENDER/RACE/ETHNICITY (2000)

Total Population	20,044	100.0%
Male	9,814	49.0%
Female	10,230	51.0%
White	18,618	92.9%
Black	467	2.3%
Amer. Indian, Eskimo, Aleut	43	0.2%
Asian, Pacific Islander	368	1.8%
Other Race	227	1.1%
2 or more races	321	1.6%
Hispanic Origin**	655	3.3%

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE (2000)

Total Households	8,144	100.0%
Family Households	5,401	66.3%
- Single-Parent Families	828	10.2%
Non-Family Households	2,743	33.7%
Group Quarters	139	0.7%
Persons per Household	2.44	

Employment

LABOR FORCE STATUS (2000)

Civilian Labor Force	11,014
Number Employed	10,531
Number Unemployed	483
Percent Unemployed	4.4

BY INDUSTRY (2000)

Emp. persons 16 years + ...	10,531	100.0
Agriculture & Mining	23	0.2
Construction	684	6.5
Manufacturing	3,227	30.6
Trans., Comm., Utilities	416	4.0
Wholesale/Retail Trade	1,657	15.7
F.I.R.E*	600	5.7
Services	3,546	33.7
Public Administration	188	1.8

* Finance, Insurance, Real Estate.

AGE STRUCTURE (2000)

Total Population	20,044	100.0%
Under 19 years	5,670	28.3%
20 - 24 years	1,194	6.0%
25 - 44 years	6,756	33.7%
45 - 54 years	2,493	12.4%
55 - 64 years	1,672	8.3%
65 years & over	2,259	11.2%
Median Age	34.6	years

* The Rockford, Illinois Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) consists of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle counties in Illinois.

** Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race.

Major Employers

MAJOR EMPLOYERS WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS

Firm: Siebe Environmental Controls	1,200
Product/Service: Aviation Controls	
Firm: Woodward Governor Co.	1,029
Product/Service: Aircraft Controls	
Firm: Adams Group(Warner LambertDiv.)	700
Product/Service: Chewing Gum	
Firm: Rockford Powertrain	575
Product/Service: Motor Vehicle Transmissions	
Firm: Liebovich Bros., Inc.	280
Product/Service: Fabricated Structural Metals	
Firm: Northern Illinois Metal Finishing	220
Product/Service: Automotive Stampings	
Firm: UDL Laboratories Inc.	200
Product/Service: Management Info.Syst	

BY OCCUPATION (2000)

Emp. persons 16 years + ...	10,531	100.0%
Management/Professional	3,098	29.4%
Service Occupations	1,093	10.4%
Sales & Office	3,007	28.6%
Farming, Fishing, Forestry	15	0.1%
Construction, Mining, Maint.	888	8.4%
Production, Transportation, Material Moving	2,430	23.1%

MEANS OF COMMUTING TO WORK

Drive Alone	86.8%
Carpool	8.9%
Public Transportation	0.6%
Walk, Work at Home	3.1%
Other Means	0.6%
Mean travel time to work	20.5 min.



Housing Characteristics

BY TYPE OF DWELLING (2000)

Total Housing Units	8,452
Occupied Housing Units	8,144
- Percent Owner-Occupied	69.9%
- Percent Renter-Occupied	30.1%
Vacant Housing Units	308
- Percent Vacant	3.6%
Median Home Value	\$88,800
Median Monthly Rent	\$645
Persons per unit	2.44
- Owner-Occupied	2.592
- Renter-Occupied	2.11

BY NO. OF UNITS AT ADDRESS (2000)

Total Housing Units	8,438	100.0%
- One unit	5,916	70.1%
- 2 - 9 units	1,571	18.7%
- 10+ units	404	4.8%
- Mobile Home	537	6.4%

Income Characteristics

BY INCOME GROUP (2000)

Total Households	8,173	100.0%
Under \$15,000	852	10.4%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	1,070	13.1%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	1,089	13.3%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	1,514	18.5%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	2,247	27.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	932	11.4%
\$100,000 and over	469	5.7%
Median Household Income	\$45,238	
Median Family Income	\$52,061	
Income per Capita	\$20,781	



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Community Services

Aldermanic form of local government

Phone Number:.....815.654.5030

Fax Number:.....815.633.2359

Municipal zoning ordinance in effect.

Comprehensive city plan updated: 1997

Total Equalized Assessed Value (1998)
..... \$236,410,556

Number of full-time police officers: 30

Number of firefighters: 65 (volunteer)

Fire insurance class in City: 5

Privately contracted commercial, industrial and multi-family waste pick-up service. Industrial Revenue Bond, and Community Revolving Loan Fund programs available.

Local telephone service provider: Ameritech, GTE
Type of central office switch: digital
Fiber optic lines available.

Data communication services available.
E-911 system? yes

Number of public libraries/branches 1



Tax Structure

PROPERTY TAX

Assessed value is 33.33% of market value.
Basic levy for 2002 taxes payable in 2003 (per \$100 of assessed valuation):

City 0.0000%
County 0.7932%
Schools 5.6958%
Others 2.1744%
TOTAL 8.6634%

RETAIL SALES TAX

State 5.00%
County 0.25%
Municipal 1.00%
TOTAL 6.25%

Utilities

ELECTRICITY

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NATURAL GAS

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CABLE TELEVISION

Insight Communications

WATER

Loves Park Water Department

WASTE WATER TREATMENT

Rock River Water Reclamation District

Transportation

HIGHWAY

Community served by:

- Interstate highways I-90
- State highways 173,251

Intra-city bus service: Loves Park Transit
Inter-city bus service available.

RAIL SERVICE

Carriers serving community:
- Union Pacific R. R.

AIR SERVICE

Greater Rockford Airport
10,200 ft. hard surfaced, lighted runway
Number of commercial carriers 1
Number of flights per day 8
Foreign Trade Zone #176
U.S. Customs Service available

Education

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Persons 25 years + 13,221 .. 100.0%
Less than 9th grade 432 3.3%
9th- 12th grade, no diploma . 1,371 10.4%
High school graduate 4,568 34.6%
Some college, no degree 4,679 34.7%
College Graduate 2,271 17.2%

SCHOOL DISTRICT(2002)

Harlem Consolidated Unit District #122
Enrollment.....7,603
H.S. Graduation Rate..... . 87.3%
District Dropout Rate 3.5%
District core ACT composite score 19.7
Expenditure per pupil..... . \$7,720

Retail Sales

RETAIL SALES BY STORE GROUP

Total Retail Sales (2002): \$257,863,744
- General Merchandise Stores 5.5%
- Food Stores 8.6%
- Eating & Drinking Places 8.9%
- Apparel & Accessories 0.5%
- Furniture and Related 2.6%
- Building Materials/Hardware 3.3%
- Automotive and Related 34.2%
- Drug Stores and other Retail 14.0%
- Agriculture & Extractive 20.5%
- Manufacturing.....1.7%

Number of Retail Establishments: 842

Quality of Life

RECREATION

Number of city parks 6
Rock Cut State Park
Carlson Arctic Ice Arena
Indoor Sports Center
Rockford Speedway
Rock River Access

CULTURAL

Number of Churches 17
- Catholic 1
- Protestant 16
Ethnic festivals
Field of Honor Memorial
Young at Heart Festival

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Source: NIU Center for Governmental Studies; US Census Bureau