

AREA DATA

Location:	Kankakee County, Illinois
Population:	113,449 + -
Distance to Major Cities:	Chicago, Illinois-50 Miles Detroit, Michigan-315 Miles Indianapolis, Indiana-225 Miles
Housing:	Residential development in the area ranges in age from new construction to over 100 years. Additional housing is provided by apartments, low-income development, and elderly housing.
Health care:	The Riverside Medical Center and Provena Hospital serve Health care needs in the Kankakee County area.
Education:	There are public schools as well as a number of parochial and private schools serving grades kindergarten through 12 in Kankakee County. Higher education is provided by Kankakee Community College and Olivet Nazarene University.
Recreational Facilities:	The Kankakee River and nearby Kankakee State Park offer a variety of water related activities. There are over 610 acres of parkland in the Kankakee Valley Park District. Ten golf courses are located in Kankakee County and the local park district offers softball, basketball, swimming and other recreational programs.
Labor Market:	While the area is rural in character, employment is available in a variety of retail and industrial areas.
Industry:	Ample land for development and direct access to Interstate 57 has attracted a number of Fortune 500 companies to the area. Some of the largest employers in the area include Kmart, Sears, Aventis Bering, Armstrong World Industries, Inc., Crown Cork and Seal, and GNB, Inc. Recent activity in commercial and industrial development has spurred positive growth.
Utilities:	Electricity and gas are provided by Commonwealth Edison and Northern Illinois Gas. Water is provided by the Consumers Illinois Water Company. Community services such as police, fire and trash removal are provided by the City of Kankakee. Sewer and sanitation is also processed through the city.
Transportation:	Interstate 57 is accessible along the east side of the city. This expressway provides access to the Chicago area and Interstate 80-94 to the north. State Routes 17,45,50,52,102,and 115 provide access to nearby communities. Local air travel is provided by the Kankakee Airport. Regional air transportation is facilitated by Midway Airport, while international service is provided through O'Hare International Airport, both located in Chicago.

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