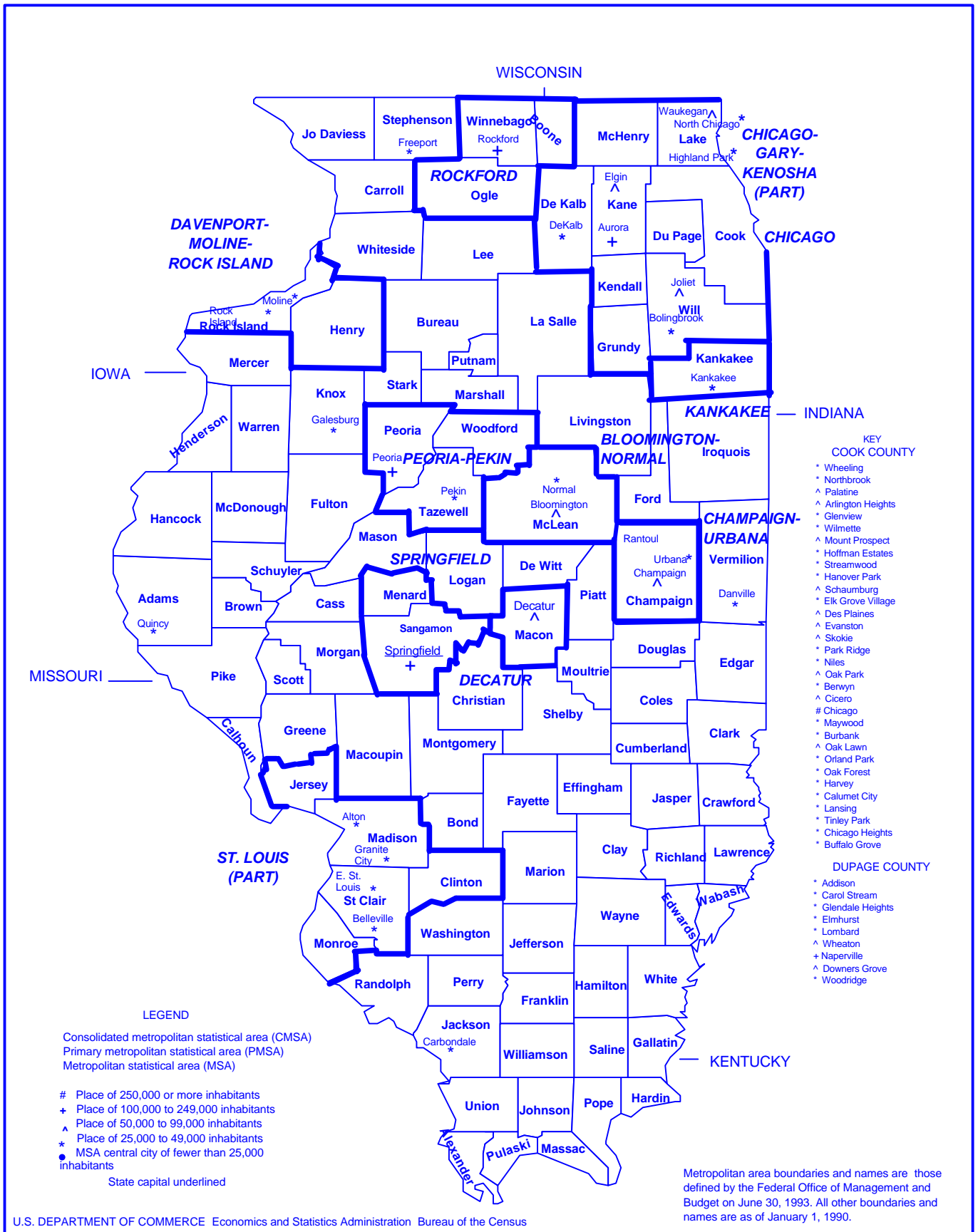


**SECTION V -
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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS



Metropolitan Statistical Areas

An area qualifies for recognition as an MSA in one of two ways: (1) if it includes a city of at least 50,000 population, or (2) if it includes an urbanized area of at least 50,000 population with a total metropolitan population of at least 100,000. In addition to the county containing the main city or urbanized area, an MSA may include additional counties having strong economic and social ties to the central county. • Two of the MSAs overlap with Iowa and Missouri. Areas outside of Illinois that are included in an MSA are not represented in the statistics presented here. In some cases, the percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

MSA Summary

The MSA summary includes MSA Large Municipalities, MSA Small Municipalities and Rural Areas Inside MSAs. The inhabitants of the large and small municipalities and rural areas that comprise the state's MSAs account for 83.1 percent of the state population. The total MSA index crimes account for 90.2 percent of the Illinois Crime Index.

• Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1997/1996

Total MSAs

	Population	Crime Rate per 100,000	Total Crime Index	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault & Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1997	9,923,451	5,694.0	565,043	1,045	5,601	32,669	57,748	91,007	319,725	53,972	3,276
1996	9,907,411	5,835.9	578,183	1,123	5,742	34,709	59,581	92,887	324,919	55,785	3,437
% Change	+0.2	-2.4	-2.3	-6.9	-2.5	-5.9	-3.1	-2.0	-1.6	-3.2	-4.7

MSA Large Municipalities Summary

These municipalities are cities or “twin municipalities” within an MSA that have more than 50,000 people and exhibit characteristics of a major metropolitan center.

The inhabitants of the large municipalities represent 39.8 percent of the state’s population and 47.8 percent of the MSAs’ population. The large municipalities account for 60.6 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 67.2 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1997/1996

Large Municipalities in MSAs

	Population	Crime Rate per 100,000	Total Crime Index	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault & Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1997	4,747,695	7,992.3	379,449	909	3,817	29,242	45,706	62,936	193,687	40,893	2,259
1996	4,738,967	8,149.4	386,196	962	4,019	31,230	47,544	64,250	194,303	41,540	2,348
% Change	+0.2	-1.9	-1.7	-5.5	-5.0	-6.4	-3.9	-2.0	-0.3	-1.6	-3.8

MSA Small Municipalities Summary

Small municipalities are suburban areas within an MSA with a population of 50,000 or less.

The inhabitants of small municipalities represent 32.2 percent of the state’s population and 38.7 percent of the MSAs’ population. Small municipalities account for 25.1 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 27.9 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1997/1996

Small Municipalities in MSAs

	Population	Crime Rate per 100,000	Total Crime Index	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault & Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1997	3,839,316	4,101.5	157,471	111	1,344	3,156	9,437	21,317	109,954	11,370	782
1996	3,818,239	4,250.4	162,292	126	1,212	3,129	9,775	21,174	113,738	12,326	812
% Change	+0.6	-3.5	-3.0	-11.9	+10.9	+0.9	-3.5	+0.7	-3.3	-7.8	-3.7

Rural Areas Inside MSAs (Sheriffs' Offices)

The rural areas in this section are comprised of the unincorporated population of the counties that are in MSAs. For I-UCR purposes, these rural areas are comprised of the sheriff's jurisdiction within an MSA.

The inhabitants of the rural areas within an MSA represent 11.2 percent of the state's population and 13.5 percent of the MSAs' population. They account for 4.5 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 5.0 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1997/1996

Rural Areas Inside MSAs

	Population	Crime Rate per 100,000	Total Crime Index	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault & Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1997	1,336,440	2,104.3	28,123	25	440	271	2,605	6,754	16,084	1,709	235
1996	1,350,205	2,199.3	29,695	35	511	350	2,262	7,463	16,878	1,919	277
% Change	-1.0	-4.3	-5.3	-28.6	-13.9	-22.6	+15.2	-9.5	-4.7	-10.9	-15.2

Rural Areas Outside MSAs (Sheriffs' Offices)

The rural areas in this section are comprised of the unincorporated population of the counties outside the MSAs. For I-UCR purposes, these rural areas are comprised of the sheriff's jurisdiction outside the MSA.

The inhabitants of the rural areas outside MSAs represent 7.8 percent of the state's population. They account for 2.4 percent of the Illinois index crimes.

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1997/1996

Rural Areas Outside MSAs

	Population	Crime Rate per 100,000	Total Crime Index	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault & Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1997	936,707	1,593.7	14,928	22	310	47	1,883	4,313	7,687	557	109
1996	939,590	1,665.9	15,653	20	334	45	1,917	4,428	8,190	554	165
% Change	-0.3	-4.3	-4.6	+10.0	-7.2	+4.4	-1.8	-2.6	-6.1	+0.5	-33.9

Other Cities Summary

Other cities are urban places outside the MSAs. For I-UCR purposes, these are cities and towns outside the MSAs and surrounded by rural areas that are not under the jurisdiction of the county sheriffs' offices.

The inhabitants of other cities account for 9.0 percent of the state's population. Other cities account for 7.4 percent of the Illinois index crimes.

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1997/1996

Other Cities

	Population	Crime Rate per 100,000	Total Crime Index	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault & Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1997	1,078,913	4,293.6	46,324	29	667	465	4,313	8,230	30,971	1,398	251
1996	1,076,091	4,595.3	49,450	27	670	548	4,740	8,915	32,750	1,541	259
% Change	+0.3	-6.6	-6.3	+7.4	-0.4	-15.1	-9.0	-7.7	-5.4	-9.3	-3.1

