

## Will County Suburban Market Area

The Will County Suburban market area consists of the following primary community areas:

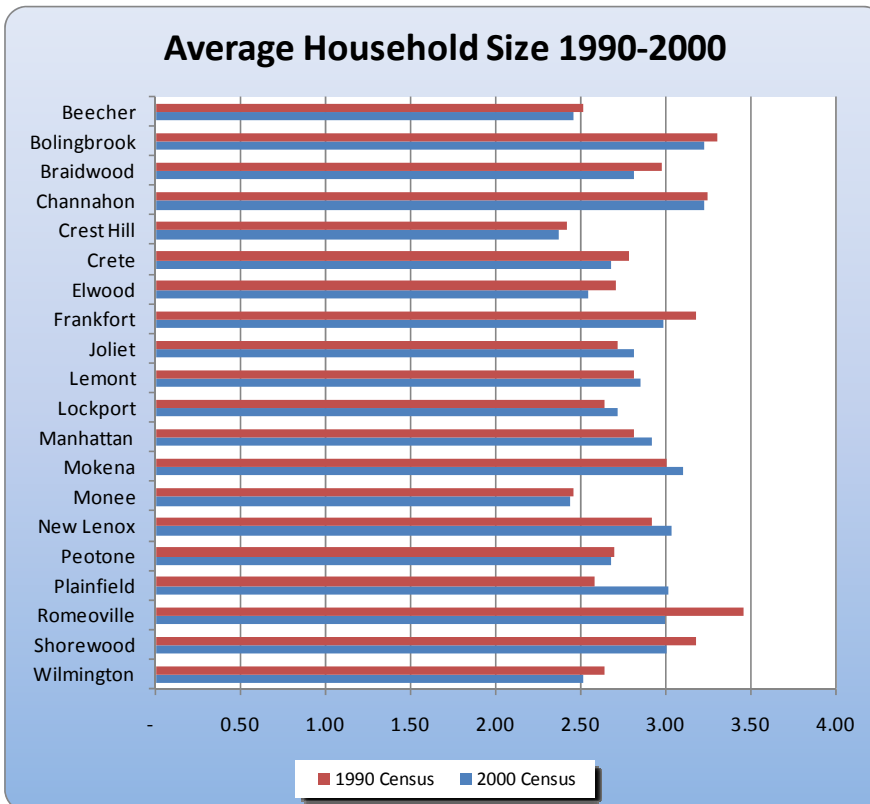
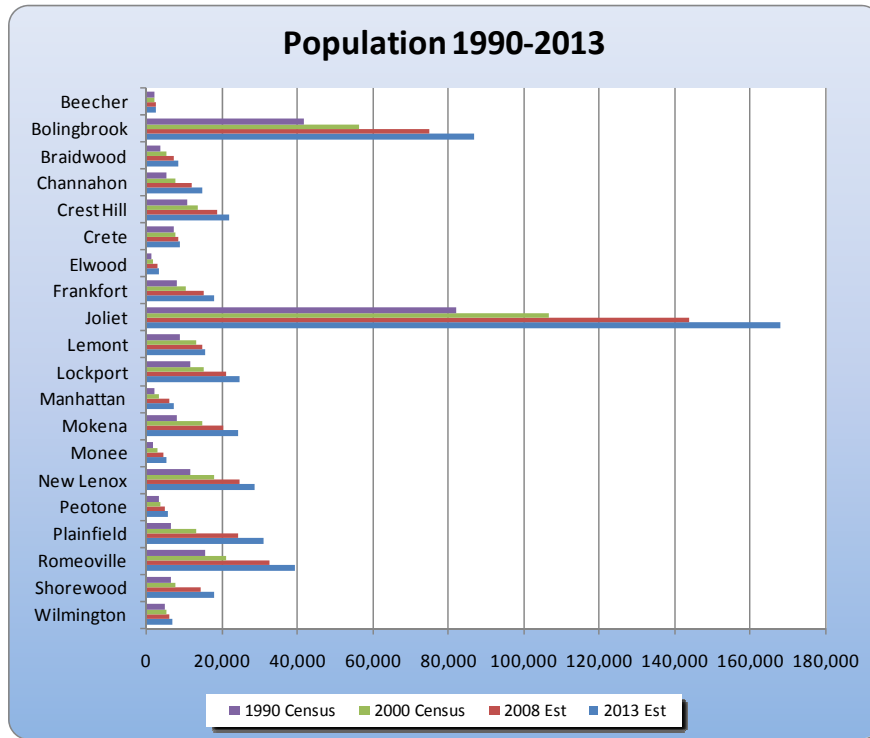
Beecher	Bolingbrook	Braidwood	Channahon
Crest Hill	Crete	Elwood	Frankfort
Joliet	Lockport	Manhattan	Mokena
Monee	New Lenox	Peotone	Plainfield
Romeoville	Shorewood	Wilmington	

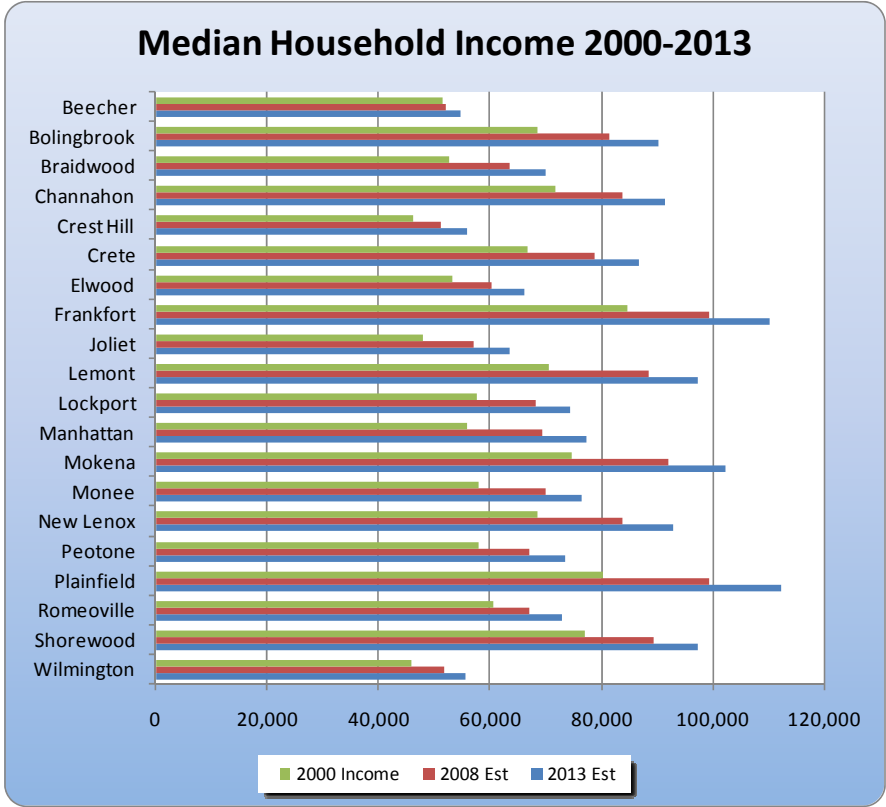
In broad terms, the market area consists of those suburbs that are south of the Cook County, west of the Indiana state line, east of I-55 and north of Kankakee. There are several interstates in the area making accessibility throughout the area good.



*Market Area Map*

## Demographics





**Major Employers**

<b><i>Will County Major Employers</i></b>		
Employers	City	Number of Employees
Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center	Joliet	2,600
Will County Government	Joliet	1,666
Valley View School Dist. 365U	Romeoville	1,580
Caterpillar Inc.	Joliet	1,525
Silver Cross Hospital	Joliet	1,500
Illinois Dept. of Corrections - Stateville	Joliet	1,400
Argosy's Empress Casino Hotel Joliet	Joliet	1,116
Harrah's Joliet Casino	Joliet	1,110
City of Joliet	Joliet	950
Quantum Foods, Inc	Bolingbrook	950
VJ Mattson Company	Mokena	800
Federal Signal Corporation	University Park	800
Joliet Public School District 86	Joliet	800
Meijers Stores	Bolingbrook	800

### **Institutional Uses**

Silver Cross Hospital and Provena St. Joseph Hospital serve the area with numerous other facilities surrounding the county. Joliet Junior College as well as Lewis University and the University of St. Francis provide post-high school education opportunities for a number of area residents.

### **Recreation**

There are several golf courses in the area including Balmoral Woods Country Club and Heritage Bluffs with a number of facilities within a short drive. There are numerous neighborhood parks and forest preserves scattered throughout the area including Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area.

### **Transportation**

The dominant transportation features for the Will County Market Area are Interstates I-80, I-55, and I-57 providing excellent access throughout the region. Metra provides access to downtown Chicago with stops in Lockport, Joliet, New Lenox, and Mokena. It also runs south to University Park.

### **Conclusions**

Western Will County has seen significant growth in housing due to demand for affordable homes while eastern Will County is much less active due to inferior access to employment centers. The 2007 opening of the extension of I-355 from I-55 to I-80 has provided much needed relief to major arteries in the region. The significant amount of remaining farmland will continue to provide growth opportunities. The long-term outlook for the market area remains stable.

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