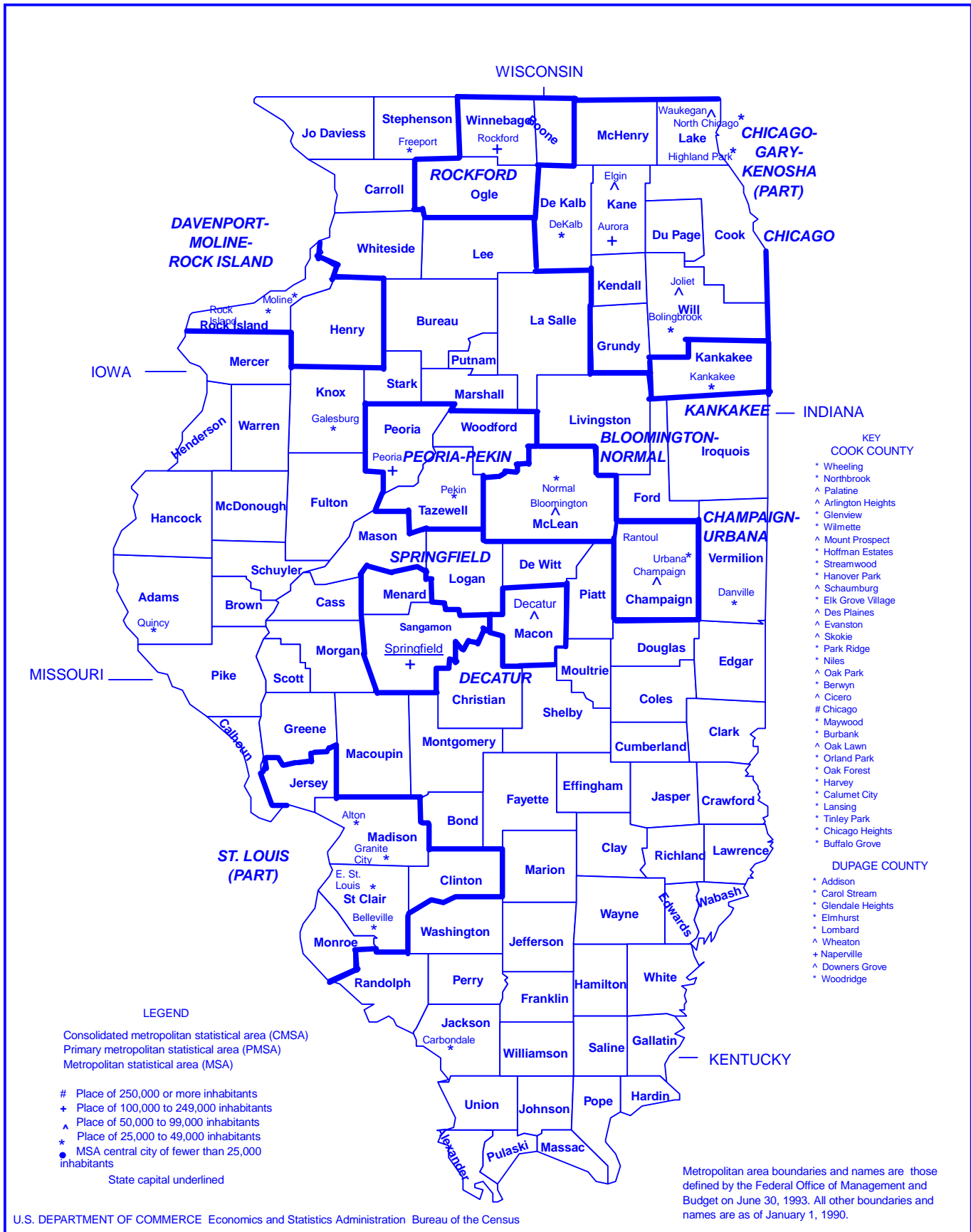


**SECTION V -  
METROPOLITAN  
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# METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS



## 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. MSAs are defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

### 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 84.6 percent of the state population. The total MSA index crimes account for 90.6 percent of the Illinois Crime Index.

• Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1999/1998 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
1999	10,240,988	4,958.0	507,746	893	5,188	26,212	52,073	75,948	293,588	50,872	2,972
1998	10,239,815	5,403.2	553,274	969	5,285	29,758	57,222	86,660	317,665	52,656	3,059
% Change	+0.0	-8.2	-8.2	-7.8	-1.8	-11.9	-9.0	-12.4	-7.6	-3.4	-2.8

### 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 40.1 percent of the state's population and 47.4 percent of the MSAs' population. The large municipalities account for 60.2 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 66.5 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1999/1998 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
1999	4,857,457	6,946.7	337,433	770	3,462	23,547	41,590	50,214	177,177	38,635	2,038
1998	4,857,457	7,633.4	370,789	835	3,538	26,722	45,663	59,028	193,193	39,771	2,039
% Change	+0.0	-9.0	-9.0	-7.8	-2.1	-11.9	-8.9	-14.9	-8.3	-2.9	-0.0

## 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 32.6 percent of the state's population and 38.6 percent of the MSAs' population. Small municipalities account for 25.5 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 28.1 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1999/1998 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
1999	3,949,167	3,614.3	142,735	93	1,293	2,375	8,145	19,183	100,507	10,418	721
1998	3,948,468	3,883.2	153,326	97	1,325	2,744	8,762	20,878	107,600	11,123	797
% Change	+0.0	-6.9	-6.9	-4.1	-2.4	-13.4	-7.0	-8.1	-6.6	-6.3	-9.5

## 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 11.4 percent of the state's population and 13.5 percent of the MSAs' population. They account for 4.6 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 5.1 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1999/1998 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
1999	1,379,602	1,888.4	26,053	29	421	260	2,238	6,378	14,803	1,725	199
1998	1,379,602	2,013.0	27,771	36	400	262	2,698	6,554	15,935	1,673	213
% Change	+0.0	-6.1	-6.1	-19.4	+5.8	-0.8	-16.9	-2.6	-7.1	+3.1	-6.6

**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 7.2 percent of the state's population. They account for 2.2 percent of the Illinois index crimes.

**Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1999/1998  
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
1999	876,829	1,432.9	12,564	18	288	40	1,474	3,456	6,687	483	118
1998	876,829	1,516.7	13,299	20	255	40	1,475	3,758	7,114	517	120
% Change	+0.0	-5.5	-5.5	-10.0	+12.9	+0.0	-0.1	-8.0	-6.0	-6.6	-1.7

**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 8.2 percent of the state's population. Other cities account for 7.2 percent of the Illinois index crimes.

**Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1999/1998  
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
1999	994,194	4,046.1	40,226	26	586	392	3,680	6,986	27,147	1,206	203
1998	993,250	4,180.0	41,518	28	634	431	4,127	7,374	27,391	1,331	202
% Change	+0.1	-3.2	-3.1	-7.1	-7.6	-9.0	-10.8	-5.3	-0.9	-9.4	+0.5

