

**SECTION III -
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL
AREAS**

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

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 Illinois' 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 89.1 percent of the Illinois Crime Index.

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 2001/2000 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
2001	10,509,559	4,445.5	467,204	949 (9.0)	4,761 (45.3)	24,444 (232.6)	44,553 (423.9)	68,452 (651.3)	274,179 (2,608.9)	47,244 (449.5)	2,622 (24.9)
2000	10,509,559	4,603.6	483,823	863 (8.2)	4,797 (45.6)	25,269 (240.4)	45,591 (433.8)	71,539 (680.7)	284,184 (2,704.1)	48,894 (465.2)	2,686 (25.6)
% Change	+0.0	-3.4	-3.4	+10.0 (+9.8)	-0.8 (-0.7)	-3.3 (-3.2)	-2.3 (-2.3)	-4.3 (-4.3)	-3.5 (-3.5)	-3.4 (-3.4)	-2.4 (-2.7)

*Rate per 100,000 is in parenthesis

MSA Large Municipalities Summary

Large municipalities within an MSA 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 47.0 percent of the MSAs' population. The large municipalities account for 55.2 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 62.0 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 2001/2000 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
2001	4,937,671	5,863.5	289,521	760 (15.4)	2,891 (58.5)	21,075 (426.8)	31,179 (631.5)	41,640 (843.3)	156,255 (3,164.5)	34,134 (691.3)	1,587 (32.1)
2000	4,924,347	6,236.4	307,104	720 (14.6)	2,897 (58.8)	22,133 (449.5)	32,310 (656.1)	45,051 (914.9)	166,334 (3,377.8)	36,022 (731.5)	1,637 (33.2)
% Change	+0.3	-6.0	-5.7	+5.6 (+5.5)	-0.2 (-0.5)	-4.8 (-5.1)	-3.5 (-3.7)	-7.6 (-7.8)	-6.1 (-6.3)	-5.2 (-5.5)	-3.1 (-3.3)

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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 35.0 percent of the state's population and 41.3 percent of the MSAs' population. Small municipalities account for 29.4 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 33.0 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 2001/2000 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
2001	4,339,965	3,549.8	154,058	163 (3.8)	1,483 (34.2)	3,100 (71.4)	11,917 (274.6)	21,389 (492.8)	103,568 (2,386.4)	11,573 (266.7)	865 (19.9)
2000	4,339,620	3,520.7	152,785	118 (2.7)	1,497 (34.5)	2,879 (66.3)	11,711 (269.9)	21,081 (485.8)	103,497 (2,384.9)	11,161 (257.2)	841 (19.4)
% Change	+0.0	+0.8	+0.9	+38.1 (+40.7)	-0.9 (-0.9)	+7.7 (+7.7)	+1.8 (+1.7)	+1.5 (+1.4)	+0.1 (+0.1)	+3.7 (+3.7)	+2.9 (+2.6)

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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 9.9 percent of the state's population and 11.7 percent of the MSAs' population. They account for 4.5 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 5.1 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 2001/2000 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
2001	1,231,923	1,917.7	23,625	26 (2.1)	387 (31.4)	269 (21.8)	1,457 (118.3)	5,423 (440.2)	14,356 (1,165.3)	1,537 (124.8)	170 (13.8)
2000	1,245,592	1,921.5	23,934	25 (2.0)	403 (32.4)	257 (20.6)	1,570 (126.0)	5,407 (434.1)	14,353 (1,152.3)	1,711 (137.4)	208 (16.7)
% Change	-1.1	-0.2	-1.3	+4.0 (+5.0)	-4.0 (-3.1)	+4.7 (+5.8)	-7.2 (-6.1)	+0.3 (+1.4)	+0.0 (+1.1)	-10.2 (-9.2)	-18.3 (-17.4)

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Areas Outside MSAs

The areas in this section are comprised of cities, towns, and the unincorporated population of the counties outside the MSAs. For I-UCR purposes, these areas are comprised of the cities, towns, and sheriff’s offices jurisdiction outside the MSAs.

The inhabitants of these areas outside MSAs represent 14.4 percent of the state’s population. They account for 10.2 percent of the Illinois index crimes.

**Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 2001/2000
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
2001	1,782,462	3,001.5	53,500	37 (2.1)	836 (46.9)	431 (24.2)	5,154 (289.2)	10,042 (563.4)	34,789 (1,951.7)	1,896 (106.4)	315 (17.7)
2000	1,782,462	2,962.4	52,804	34 (1.9)	858 (48.1)	365 (20.5)	5,127 (287.6)	10,018 (562.0)	34,437 (1,932.0)	1,716 (96.3)	249 (14.0)
% Change	+0.0	+1.3	+1.3	+8.8 (+10.5)	-2.6 (-2.5)	+18.1 (+18.0)	+0.5 (+0.6)	+0.2 (+0.2)	+1.0 (+1.0)	+10.5 (+10.5)	+26.5 (+26.4)

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