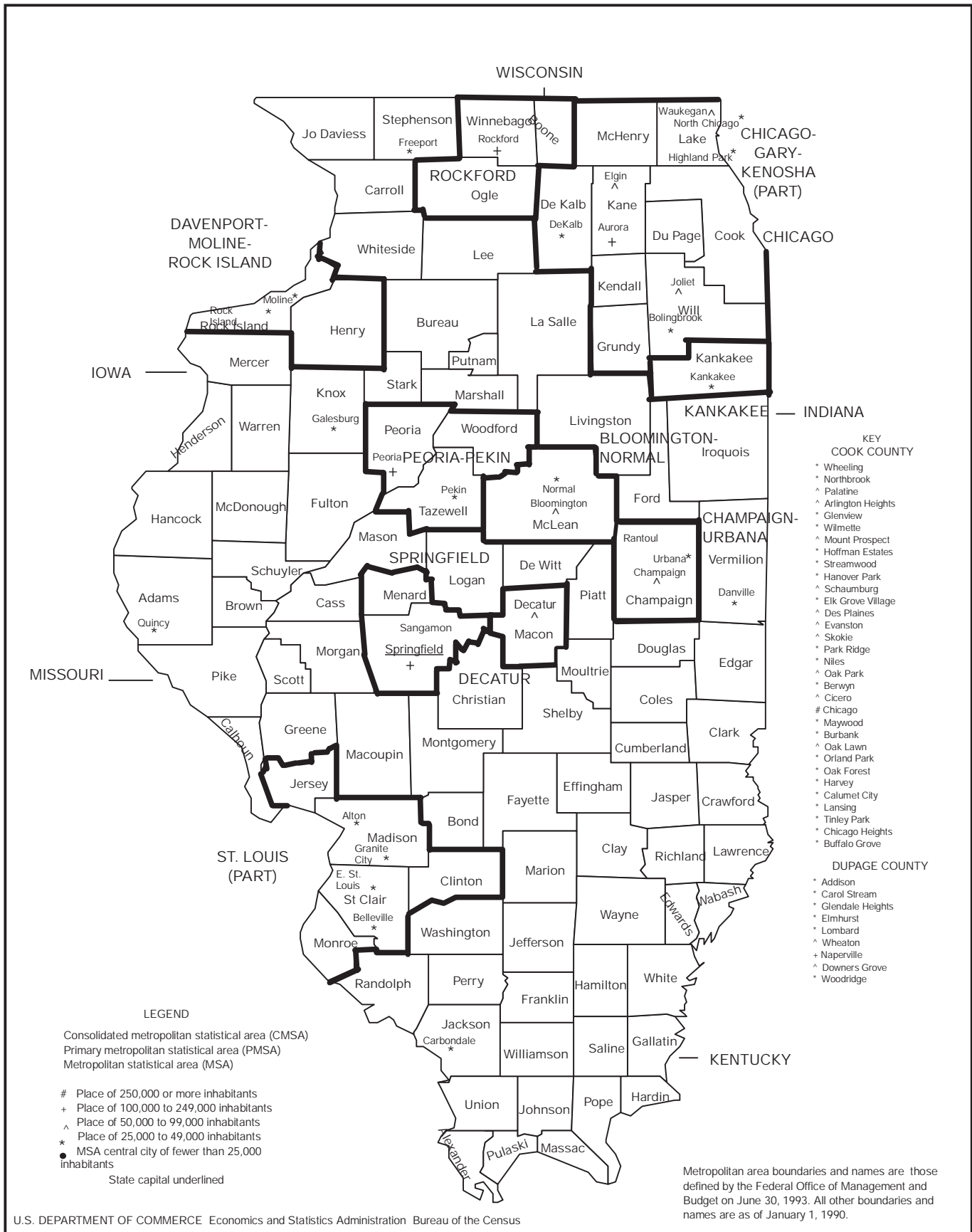


**SECTION V -  
METROPOLITAN  
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# METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS



## 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.

### 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 84.3 percent of the state population. The total MSA index crimes account for 91.0 percent of the Illinois Crime Index.

• Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1998/1997

#### 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
1998	10,129,445	5,446.5	551,697	964	5,270	29,706	56,859	86,273	316,970	52,582	3,073
1997	10,067,672	5,698.5	573,709	1,063	5,738	32,947	58,145	92,882	324,567	55,044	3,323
% Change	+0.6	-4.4	-3.8	-9.3	-8.2	-9.8	-2.2	-7.1	-2.3	-4.5	-7.5

### 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 39.7 percent of the state's population and 47.1 percent of the MSAs' population. The large municipalities account for 61.0 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 67.0 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1998/1997

#### 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
1998	4,774,143	7,743.2	369,673	830	3,524	26,669	45,671	58,706	192,528	39,698	2,047
1997	4,754,616	8,072.7	383,827	922	3,884	29,492	45,994	64,161	195,259	41,837	2,278
% Change	+0.4	-4.1	-3.7	-10.0	-9.3	-9.6	-0.7	-8.5	-1.4	-5.1	-10.1

## 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 33.1 percent of the state's population and 39.2 percent of the MSAs' population. Small municipalities account for 25.4 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 28.0 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1998/1997

#### 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
1998	3,973,223	3,882.7	154,267	98	1,348	2,775	8,495	21,019	108,508	11,211	813
1997	3,929,503	4,097.9	161,026	113	1,407	3,179	9,521	21,794	112,737	11,471	804
% Change	+1.1	-5.3	-4.2	-13.3	-4.2	-12.7	-10.8	-3.6	-3.8	-2.3	+1.1

### 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 11.5 percent of the state's population and 13.6 percent of the MSAs' population. They account for 4.6 percent of the Illinois index crimes and 5.0 percent of the total MSA index crimes.

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1998/1997

#### 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
1998	1,382,079	2,008.4	27,757	36	398	262	2,693	6,548	15,934	1,673	213
1997	1,383,553	2,085.6	28,856	28	447	276	2,630	6,927	16,571	1,736	241
% Change	-0.1	-3.7	-3.8	+28.6	-11.0	-5.1	+2.4	-5.5	-3.8	-3.6	-11.6

### 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 7.4 percent of the state's population. They account for 2.2 percent of the Illinois index crimes.

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1998/1997

#### 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
1998	887,325	1,495.8	13,273	19	255	41	1,481	3,756	7,087	514	120
1997	886,390	1,600.4	14,186	22	303	43	1,858	4,128	7,198	529	105
% Change	+0.1	-6.5	-6.4	-13.6	-15.8	-4.7	-20.3	-9.0	-1.5	-2.8	+14.3

### 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 8.3 percent of the state's population. Other cities account for 6.8 percent of the Illinois index crimes.

### Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate Comparison 1998/1997

#### 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
1998	995,565	4,163.6	41,451	25	631	431	4,094	7,365	27,374	1,330	201
1997	996,204	4,320.3	43,039	29	602	444	4,189	7,798	28,427	1,319	231
% Change	-0.1	-3.6	-3.7	-13.8	+4.8	-2.9	-2.3	-5.6	-3.7	+0.8	-13.0