



GREATER PEORIA
Economic Development Council



GP FAST FACTS

2024

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GREATER PEORIA ETHNICITY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Male	192,597
Female	197,166
Under 5 Years	22,549
10 Years and Over	267,993
65 Years and Over	74,682
White	316,321
Black and African American	41,126
American Indian or Alaska Native	616
Asian, non-Hispanic	12,032
Native Hawaiian, non-Hispanic	91
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	14,106
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	27,603

POPULATION

Greater Peoria	388,774
Peoria County	179,324
Tazewell County	130,605
Woodford County	38,326
Logan County	27,706
Mason County	12,813

LABOR & WORKFORCE

Labor Force - Greater Peoria	188,609
Unemployment Rate	5.42%
Employed	177,975
Unemployed	10,222

Reported March 2024



GREATER PEORIA'S COST OF LIVING INDEX IS 88.6

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Greater Peoria Region	\$63,577
Peoria County	\$58,365
Tazewell County	\$68,657
Woodford County	\$77,200
Logan County	\$60,538
Mason County	\$54,279
Illinois State	\$68,400
National Average	\$65,000

Source: EMSI, January 2023

HOSPITALS

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center

- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Carle Health

- Methodist Hospital
- Pekin Hospital
- Proctor Hospital

Abraham Lincoln Memorial

Carle Eureka Hospital

Hopedale Medical Complex

Mason District Hospital

OSF Saint Francis has the only Level 1 Trauma Center with Life Flight transport in Central Illinois.



CLIMATE (°F)

Average Temperature	52
Average High Temperature	61
Average Low Temperature	42

Source: U.S. Climate Data, March 2024

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL FACILITIES

Illinois CancerCare

Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center

U of I College of Medicine Research Facility



TRANSPORTATION

AIR TRAVEL

General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport
 13 nonstop destinations to Las Vegas, Phoenix/Mesa, Orlando, Punta Gorda, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Chicago, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Dallas, Charlotte, Denver, and Destin.

St. Louis International Airport
 175 miles from Peoria

Central Illinois Regional Airport
 44.5 miles from Peoria with nonstop destinations to Orlando, St. Petersburg, Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, and Minneapolis

O'Hare International Airport
 167 miles from Peoria

Midway Chicago International Airport
 160 miles from Peoria

DISTANCE

WITHIN 300 MILES

Chicago	141
St. Louis	158
Indianapolis	201
Milwaukee	233
Des Moines	264

OVER 300 MILES

Atlanta	685
Dallas	806
New York	901
Denver	914
Las Vegas	1679
Los Angeles	1953

RAIL

Greater Peoria has its own terminal and switching railroad, as well as four regional carriers.

BNSF, Canadian National, Norfolk Southern, Union Pacific, Rail America, Genesee & Wyoming, Iowa Interstate Railroad, Pioneer Railroad, T&P

AUTOMOBILE

Interstates: I-74, I-55, I-39 with linkages to I-55, I-57, I-80, I-88 Bus Lines: CityLink

EDUCATION

Bradley University
Eureka College
Illinois Central College
Methodist College
OSF College of Nursing
UofI College of Medicine
University of Illinois Springfield at Peoria
Midwest Technical Institute
Heartland Community College
Spoon River Community College



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

i3Broadband
SBC Communications Inc.
AT&T
Verizon
Gallatin River
Communications
MTCO
McLeod
USA MCI
T-Mobile
Comcast



ELECTRICITY

Ameren
Cornbelt Energy

NATURAL GAS

Ameren
Village of Morton

WATER

Illinois American Water Co.
Various municipal systems

BROADBAND

i3 Broadband
Heartland Cable
Television
Comcast
Mediacom
Telestar

NEWSPAPER

Courier Newspapers
Lincoln Courier
Mason County Democrat
Metamora Herald
Pantagraph
Peoria Journal Star
Pekin Daily Times
Woodford County Journal

NEWS RADIO

WCBU - Peoria Public Radio
WMBD147.0 - News/talk

TELEVISION

WHOI (ABC)
WMBD (CBS)
WYZZ (FOX)
WEEK (NBC)
WAOE (My Network)
WTVP (Public)





RECREATION

ANNUAL EVENTS

- East Peoria Festival of Lights
- Morton Pumpkin Festival
- Santa Claus Parade
- Central Illinois Auto Show
- Heart of Illinois Fair
- Pekin Marigold Festival
- Steamboat Days
- Peoria Art Guild Fine Arts Fair
- Eureka Lilac Festival
- Peoria City Pride Fest

MAJOR ARTS & SCIENCE

- Peoria Riverfront Museum
- Peoria Area Civic Chorale
- Peoria Symphony Orchestra
- Peoria Ballet

RECREATION

- Peoria Park District
- Peoria Civic Center
- Par-A-Dice Casino
- Wildlife Prairie Park
- Sand Ridge State Park

SHOPPING CENTERS

- The Shoppes at Grand Prairie
- Northwoods Mall
- Metro Centre
- Junction City
- The Levee District
- Pekin Mall

SPORTS

- Peoria Chiefs Baseball
- Peoria Rivermen Hockey
- Steamboat Classic
- Bradley University
- Peoria City Soccer

LIVE THEATRE

- Bradley University
- Corn Stock Theatre
- Eureka College
- Eastlight Theatre
- Lincoln Community Theatre
- Peoria Players Theatre





CONTACT US

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The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council is a non-profit organization that delivers value to Greater Peoria by unifying private, public, and non-profit resources throughout Central Illinois. The organization is governed by a board of directors that includes individuals from both the public and the private sector. It is supported by investment from businesses, organizations, counties, and cities throughout the five counties of Logan, Mason, Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford. Guided by a comprehensive economic development strategy, the GPEDC is committed to advancing the region by supporting business and talent development and attraction.

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