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**Water Conservation**  
[Save Water For Our Future website](#) (3/13/2008)

**County Parking Garage Construction**  
The Lake County Court & Administrative Complex parking garage is scheduled for necessary repair work. This work requires complete closure of the structure for a 3 month period beginning April 1. (3/26/2008)

**Going Green**  
Lake County is a leader in environmental sustainability that protects and enhances our community's quality of life, and will continue to do so for future generations. Find out how Lake County residents, County government, and the business community are [Going Green](#). (4/1/2008)

**Lake County property tax bills to be mailed**  
Property tax time is here and that means Lake County property owners will be receiving a bill in the mail by early May. The bills are for 2007 property taxes, which are payable in 2008. Property owners who DO NOT receive a bill by May 16, or those looking for payment options, can obtain this information on the [Treasurer's website](#) or by calling the Treasurer's Office at 847.377.2323. (4/28/2008)

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**Lake County's Long-Term Strategic Plan** (5/8/2008)

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**Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze applications mailed** (5/8/2008)

**2007 Digital Color Aerial Photography of Lake County Available** (2/20/2008)

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**Calendar**

- County Board Meeting 5/13/2008 9:00 AM
- County offices and courts closed for Memorial Day 5/26/2008
- Surplus Municipal Equipment Auction 6/7/2008 10:00 AM

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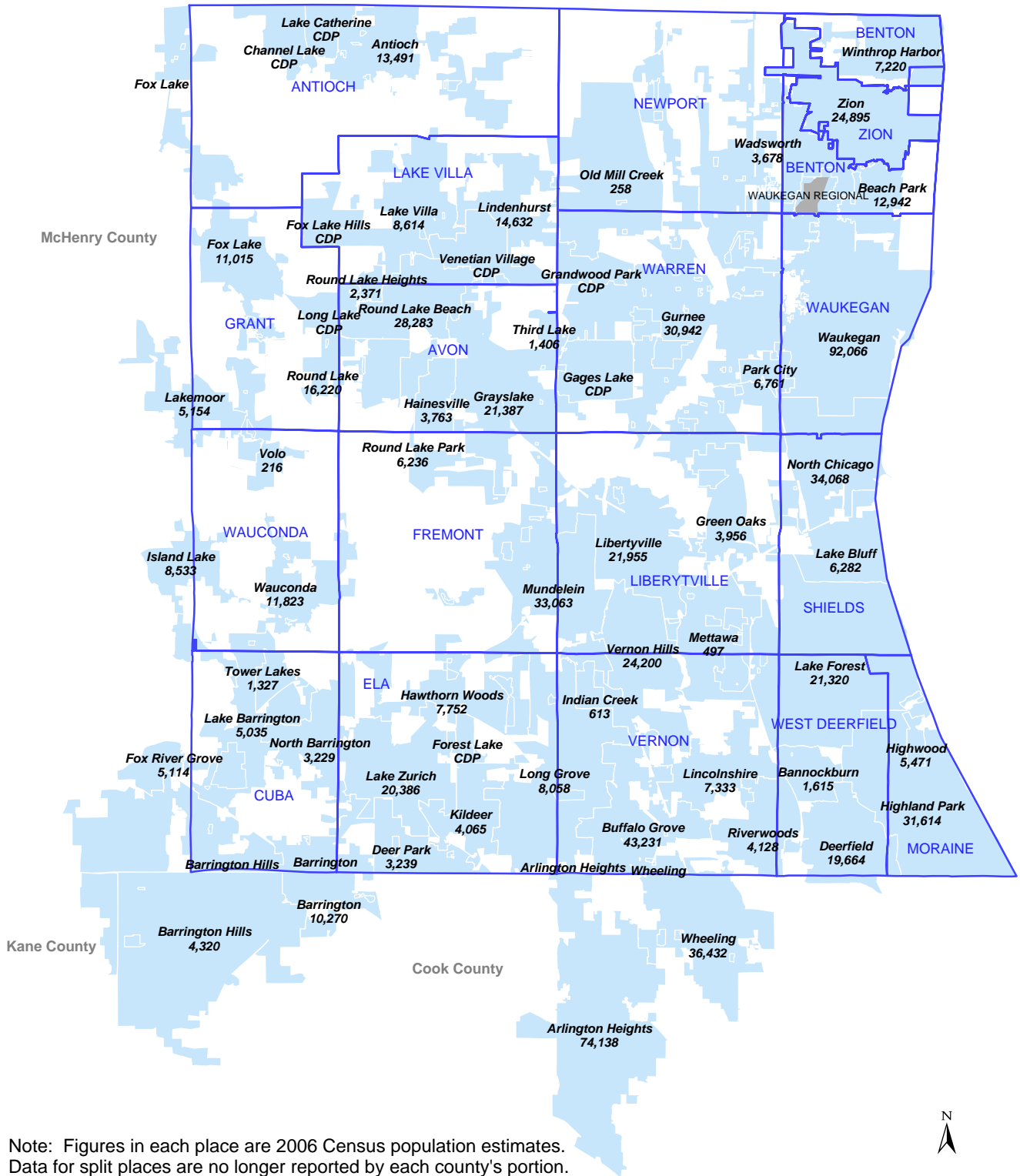
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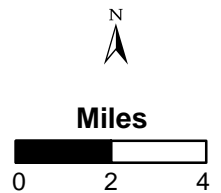


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## Places, Townships, and Airport



Note: Figures in each place are 2006 Census population estimates. Data for split places are no longer reported by each county's portion. Map prepared by the Center for Governmental Studies, NIU-Outreach.



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Population Density 2007  
1,636.2 persons  
per square mile

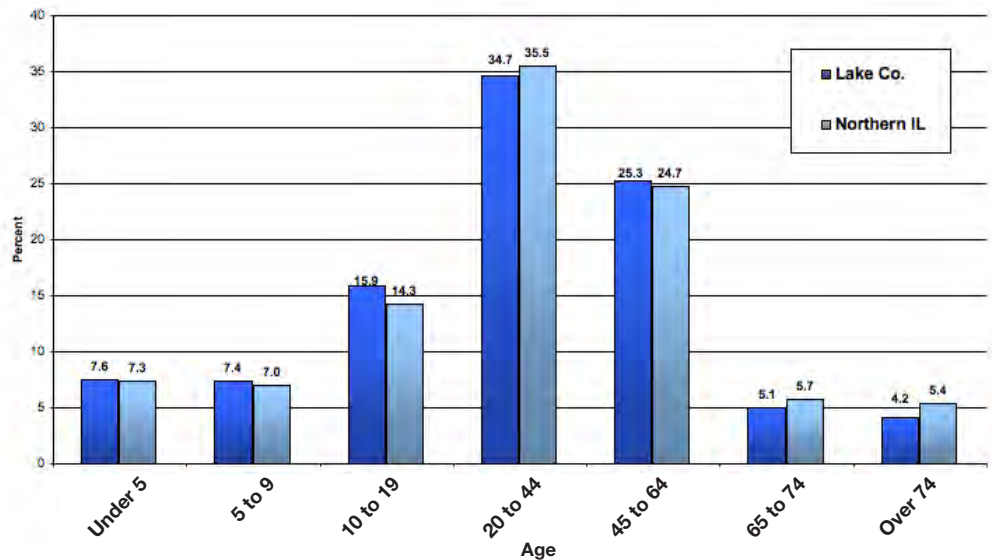
Median Age of  
County Population:  
34.63

Figure 25A Population Trends and Projections

	Total 1990	Total 2000	Total 2007 (est.)	Total 2020 (proj.)
<b>Lake Co. Population</b>	516,418	644,356	732,362	961,420
Percent of N. Illinois	6.2%	7.0%	7.6%	9.0%

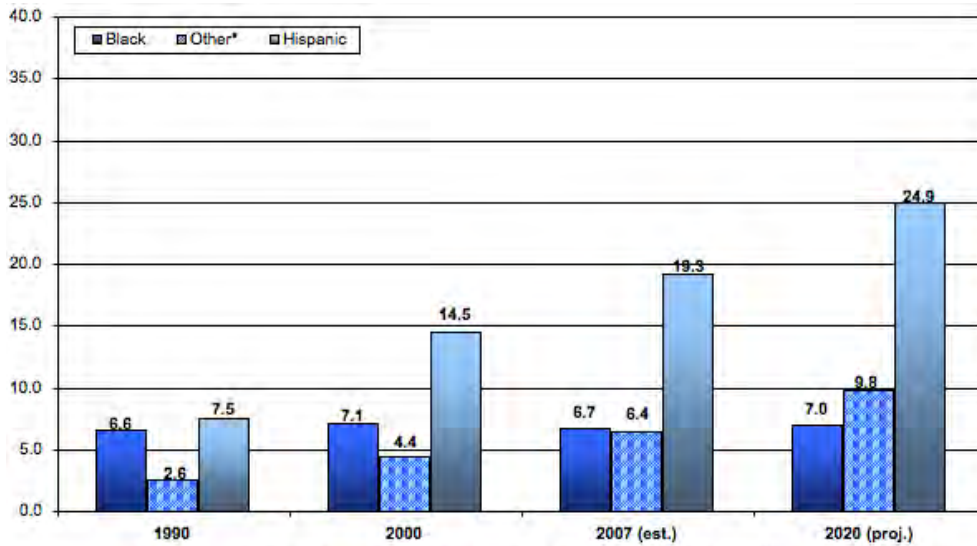
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Woods & Poole 2007  
Note: 1990, and 2000 are actual census counts. Census 2007 estimate = 713,076.  
2007 is a Woods & Poole estimate; 2020 is a Woods & Poole projection.

Figure 25B Age Distribution in 2007 by Percent of Population



Source: Woods & Poole, 2007  
Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to computer rounding.

Figure 25C County Minority Population by Percent



Sources: 1990, 2000 Census; Woods & Poole, 2007  
 \*Other is Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian.

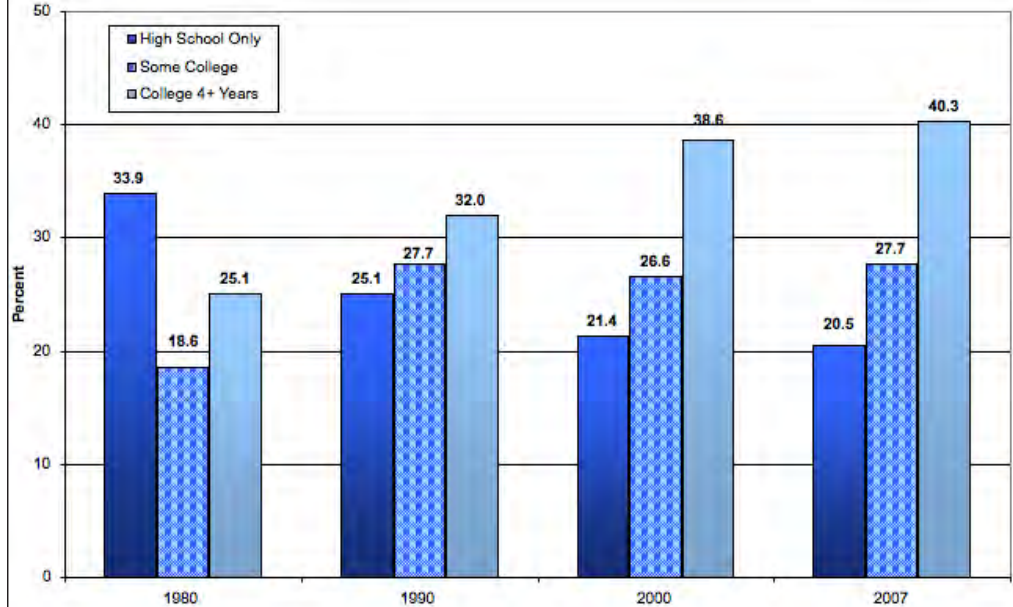
Figure 25D Household Trends and Projections

	1990	2000	2007 (est.)	2020 (proj.)
<b>Number of Households</b>	173,966	216,297	251,891	338,293
Percent of Northern Illinois	5.8%	6.5%	7.1%	8.4%
Lake Co.: Persons per Household	2.85	2.88	2.83	2.79
Northern Illinois: Persons per Household	2.67	2.62	2.57	2.50

Sources: 1990, 2000 Census; Woods & Poole, 2007

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**Figure 25E Highest Educational Attainment: Percent of Persons Age 25 and Over**



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Easy Analytic Software, Inc., 2007  
See Figure 3 in the Regional Section for comparisons.

**Figure 25F General School Enrollment Information for Lake County**

K-12 Districts	6
Elementary Districts	29
High School Districts	10
Special Education and Other Cooperative Districts	2
<b>Public School Student Enrollment 2007-2008</b>	<b>141,060</b>
Largest District Enrollment	17,121
Smallest District Enrollment	160
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Number of Non-Public Schools*	60
<b>Non-Public School Enrollment 2006-2007</b>	<b>12,907</b>
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Total 2006 Equalized Assessed Valuation Per Student	\$195,336
Estimated Average Property Tax Rate per \$100 in Assessment Year '06	\$6.61

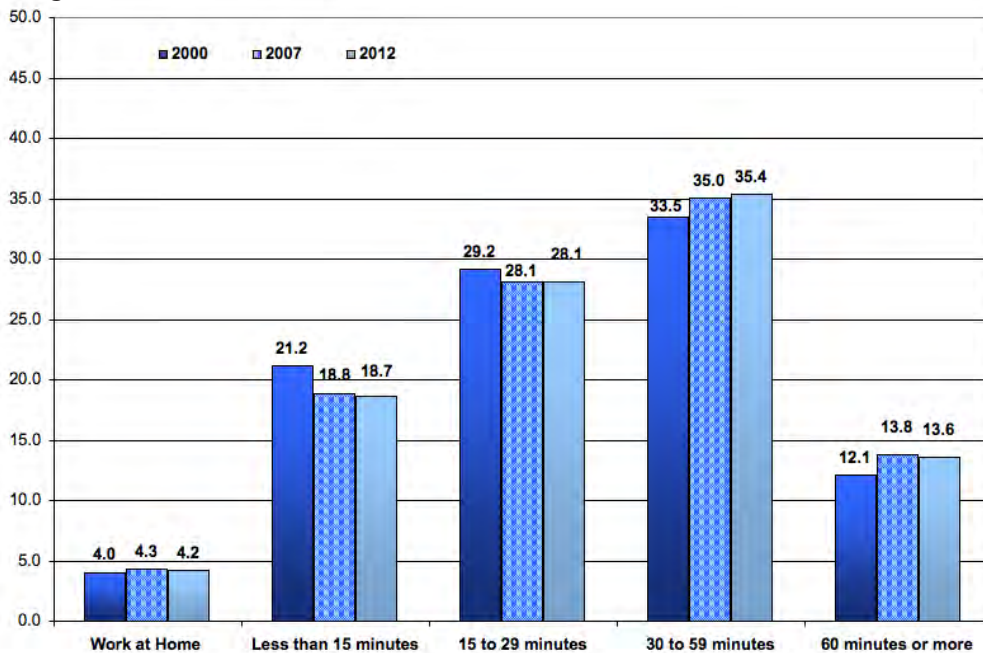
Sources: IL State Board of Education Fall Housing Reports 2007-08; 2006 PTAX-250; CGS  
Note: Data reflect all types of districts and have differing grade levels included.  
Special Education/Other Cooperatives are not included in the range of largest to smallest.  
\*These data reflect only those schools reporting data 2006-2007.

Figure 25G Labor Force Participation Characteristics

	1990	2000	2007
Total in Civilian Labor Force	267,826	324,353	363,435
% of persons 16 and over	69.1	68.4	69.0
% of persons 65 and over	18.7	18.8	16.2
% of women in labor force	62.2	61.1	62.4
% of labor force that is female	44.6	44.8	43.2
% self-employed	5.9	5.3	4.6
% white collar	67.7	70.1	65.6

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000; Easy Analytic Software, Inc., 2007;  
 Longitudinal Employer - Household Dynamics, 2007  
 Note: For residents 16 years old and over by place of residence.

Figure 25H Travel Time to Work, 2000, 2007, 2012



Source: Easy Analytic Software, Inc., 2007

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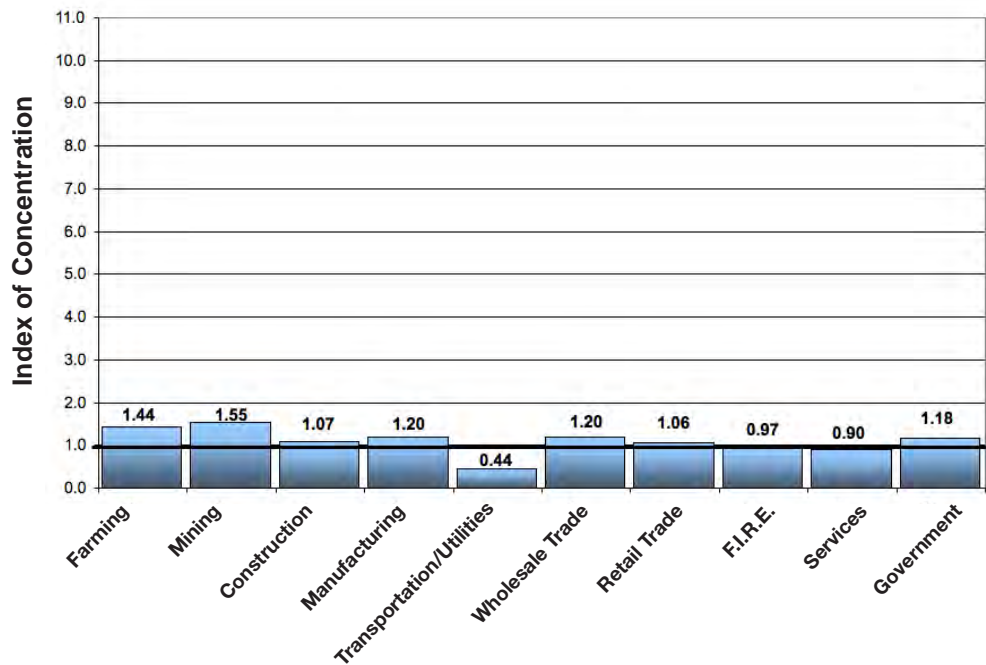
Figure 25I Estimated Distribution of County Employment by Industry (Percent)

	Lake 1990	N IL 1990	Lake 2000	N IL 2000	Lake 2007	N IL 2007
Farming	0.3%	0.6%	0.2%	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%
Ag. Services/Forest & Fishing	1.4	0.6	1.9	0.8	1.6	0.8
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Construction	5.4	4.7	5.2	4.9	5.5	5.1
Manufacturing	16.4	16.2	14.0	13.2	12.2	10.1
Transportation/Utilities	2.5	5.5	2.7	5.8	2.3	5.2
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.6	6.7	5.7	6.4	5.3
Retail Trade	15.7	15.5	15.2	14.7	15.8	14.8
F.I.R.E.	8.1	9.6	9.2	9.7	10.1	10.5
Services	24.9	28.7	29.8	33.8	33.1	36.8
Government	18.9	11.8	15.0	10.9	12.7	10.8
<b>Total no. of jobs</b>	<b>298,894</b>	<b>4,863,719</b>	<b>418,840</b>	<b>5,626,109</b>	<b>469,016</b>	<b>5,840,376</b>

Note: Columns may not add up to 100.0% due to rounding. In some cases, historical data have been re-estimated.

Source: Woods & Poole, 2007  
 Note: Employment measured by "place of work".

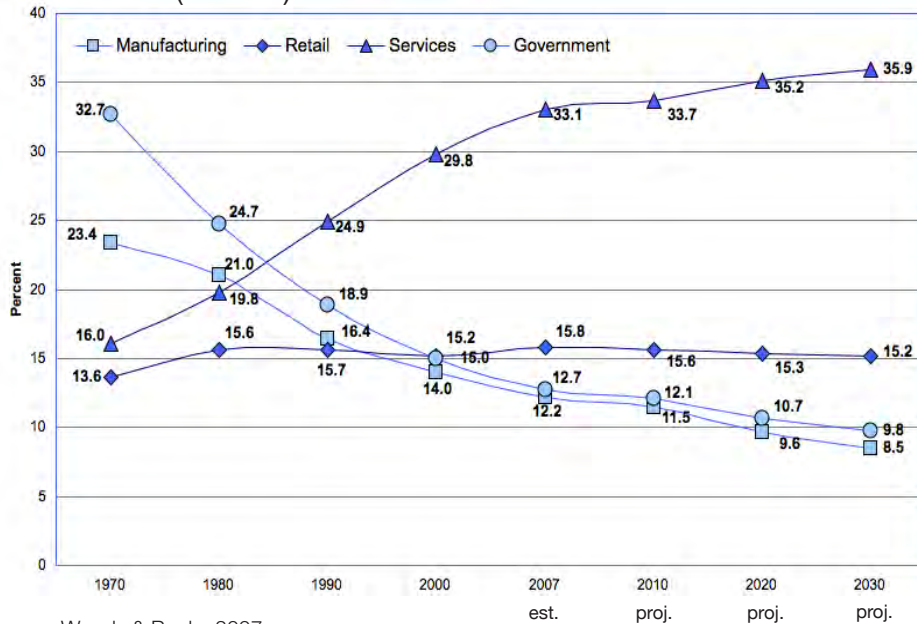
Figure 25J Concentration of County Employment by Industry Sectors, 2007



Note: Values greater than 1.0 indicate a local employment concentration greater than the same sector in the Northern Illinois region.

Sources: Woods & Poole 2007; Northern Illinois University

Figure 25K Historic Distribution of Employment by Industry Sectors (Percent)



Source: Woods & Poole, 2007

Figure 25L Local Economic Vitality

	County Highest Sales Manufacturing Growth Industry <i>Wholesale Trade</i>	Total Business
Business Startup Rate - 2006	6.16%	9.00%
Business Startup Index - '05-07	0.72	0.86
Business Failure Rate - 2006	16.53%	22.43%
Business Retention Index - '05-07	1.24	1.05
Sales Growth Index	0	0.13

Source: Bizminer.com, 2007

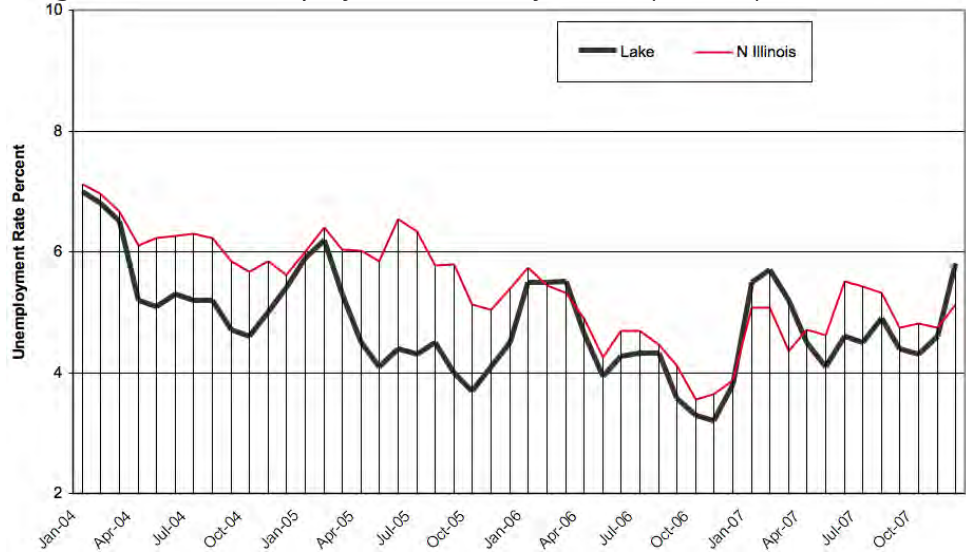
All indices are measured against U.S. Index of 1; higher local indices show more vitality. Startup Activity Rate measures the percentage of firms which began operations over the last year compared to the number of firms doing business in the area for which ages can be identified. The Startup Index is an indicator of an area's ability to generate economic dynamism from new sources. Business Failure Rate measures the number of businesses remaining in operation three years after the initial measurement date and count of local businesses. Areas with high vitality performance - many entrepreneurs, business in-migration, and new branch attraction often have low retention rates; while low growth areas have higher retention rates.

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## State Annual Average

- 1998 - 4.5
- 1999 - 4.3
- 2000 - 4.3
- 2001 - 5.4
- 2002 - 6.5
- 2003 - 6.6
- 2004 - 6.1
- 2005 - 5.7
- 2006 - 4.5
- 2007 - 5.0

Figure 25M Unemployment Rates by Month (Percent)



Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

Figure 25N Employment and Establishments for 2nd Quarter 2007

	Establishments	Employed	Wages (000's)
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,713</b>	<b>342,777</b>	<b>\$204,084</b>
<b>Private Sector (NAICS)</b>	<b>20,367</b>	<b>300,630</b>	<b>4,032,549</b>
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	3,565	70,763	1,305,508
Natural Resources and Mining	59	874	8,272
Construction	2,419	18,284	258,609
Manufacturing	1,087	51,605	1,038,626
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	16,802	229,867	2,727,041
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,183	73,071	944,675
Wholesale Trade (42)	1,596	23,363	490,987
Retail Trade (44,45)	2,159	45,141	395,057
Transportation & Warehousing (48,49)	419	4,089	47,136
Utilities (22)	9	478	11,495
Information	294	4,222	59,624
Financial Activities	1,918	21,374	394,660
Finance & Insurance (52)	1,095	17,451	349,715
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (53)	823	3,923	44,944
Professional and Business Services	4,779	54,747	758,742
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services (54)	3,332	20,279	329,657
Management of Companies & Enterprises (55)	76	8,239	218,698
Administrative & Support & Waste Mngmt. (56)	1,371	26,229	210,387
Educational and Health Services	1,828	34,168	347,930
Educational Services (61)	249	5,712	45,317
Health Care & Social Assistance (62)	1,579	28,456	302,613
Leisure and Hospitality	1,603	32,969	155,949
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (71)	315	9,702	69,034
Accommodation & Food Services (72)	1,288	23,267	86,914
Other Services	1,900	9,042	63,311
Unclassified	297	274	2,150
<b>State &amp; Local Government</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>36,681</b>	<b>441,298</b>
State Government	*	*	*
Local Government	*	*	*
<b>Federal Government</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>5,466</b>	<b>79,996</b>

Source: 'Illinois At Work',  
Illinois Department of  
Employment Security

Includes all employment  
covered by IL Unemployment  
Insurance Act

\*Data not available due to  
suppression for privacy

**Figure 25O Comparison of Equalized Assessed Valuations by Class of Property, 2004, 2005, 2006 (Thousands of Dollars)\***

	Assessment Years			% Change 05-06	2006 Average Tax Rate*
	2004	2005	2006		
Residential	\$18,843,684,12	\$20,757,966,390	\$22,663,655	10.2%	\$6.61
Farm	\$122,983,205	\$130,842,924	\$138,325	6.4%	\$6.82
Commercial	\$3,511,305,285	\$3,653,729,410	\$3,794,844	4.1%	\$7.02
Industrial	\$864,965,359	\$898,569,795	\$945,749	3.9%	\$7.12

Source: County Clerks' Offices PTAX 250  
\*Average tax rate per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation.

**Figure 25P Residential Housing Information**

	1990	2000	2007
Housing Units	183,283	225,919	263,809
% Vacant Units	5.1%	4.3%	3.9%
Median Housing Value	\$136,700	\$198,200	\$299,236
Median Sale Price of			
Single Family Homes	\$103,300	\$171,000	\$282,250
Occupied Rental Units	44,930	47,996	53,094
Median Rent	\$487	\$669	\$1,040

Sources: 1990, 2000 Census of Population and Housing;  
Easy Analytic Software, 2007; Illinois Association of Realtors, 2007  
Note: Price is 3rd quarter median sale price.

**Figure 25Q Residential Migration Patterns**

	1990	2000
<b>Persons 5 yrs and older</b>	<b>472,508</b>	<b>591,519</b>
Residing in same house as 5 yrs ago	47.3%	52.2%
Lived in a different house in the U.S.	50.4%	44.0%
Same State	36.7%	34.0%
Residing in different house, same county	22.5%	22.1%
Residing in a different county	14.2%	11.9%
Different State	13.7%	10.0%
Lived Abroad	2.2%	3.8%
% Foreign Born of Total Population	8.1%	14.8%

Source: 1990, 2000 Census

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Foreign Owned  
Agricultural Land

2002 - 5 parcels  
343 acres

Number of Farms  
in Lake County

1987 - 448  
1992 - 375  
1997 - 335  
2002 - 387

Average Illinois  
Price Per Bushel

2005 est. for 2004  
Corn \$2.08  
Soybeans \$5.76

2006 est. for 2005  
Corn \$3.35  
Soybeans \$6.40

2008 est. for 2007  
Corn \$4.05  
Soybeans \$11.00

Figure 25R Land in Farms, 1997 and 2002

	1997	% of Total Land	2002	% of Total Land
Lake Co. (acres)	52,528	17.4	38,860	12.9
Northern Illinois (acres)	5,832,569		5,616,194	

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2002 Census of Agriculture

Figure 25S Harvested Cropland, Total Market Value of Crops Sold, 1992, 1997 and 2002

	1997	% of Region Total	2002	% of Region Total
Lake Co. Harvested Cropland (acres)	38,864	0.8	29,816	0.6
Northern Illinois Harvested Cropland (acres)	4,936,291		4,851,468	
Lake Co. Market Value of Products Sold (\$1,000)	32,402	1.4	28,259	1.4
Northern Illinois Market Value of Products Sold (\$1,000)	2,311,234		2,089,310	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002 Census of Agriculture  
Note: Region now includes 22 Northern Illinois counties.

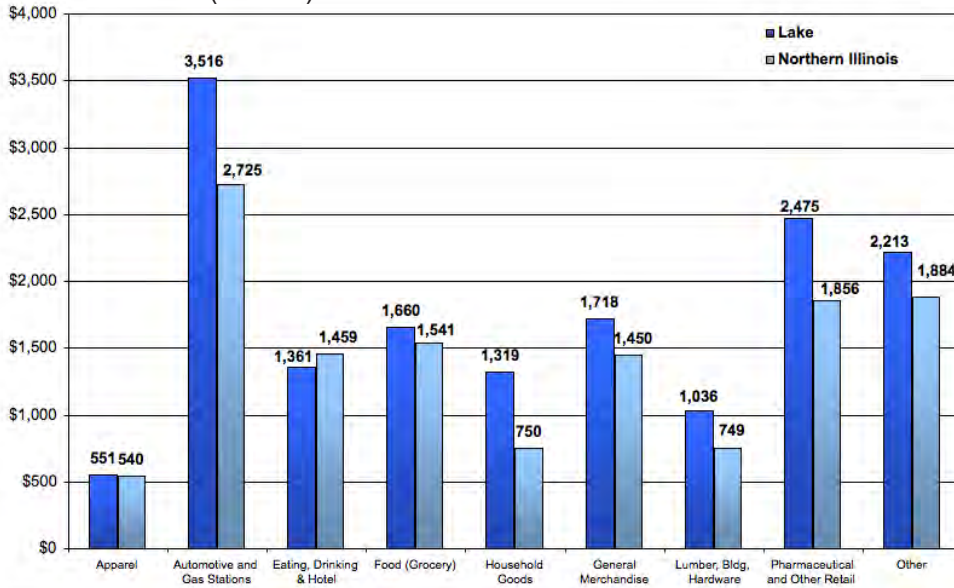
Figure 25T Major Crop Production

	2005	2006	2007
<b>Corn</b>			
Production (bushels)	999,600	938,400	1,454,400
Yield (bushels/acre)	84	136	144
% of Northern Total	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Soybeans</b>			
Production (bushels)	287,100	457,800	271,400
Yield (bushels/acre)	29	42	46
% of Northern Total	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%

Source: Illinois Department of Agriculture, 2008

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Figure 25U Per Capita Retail Sales by Retail Stores in County, 2007 (Dollars)



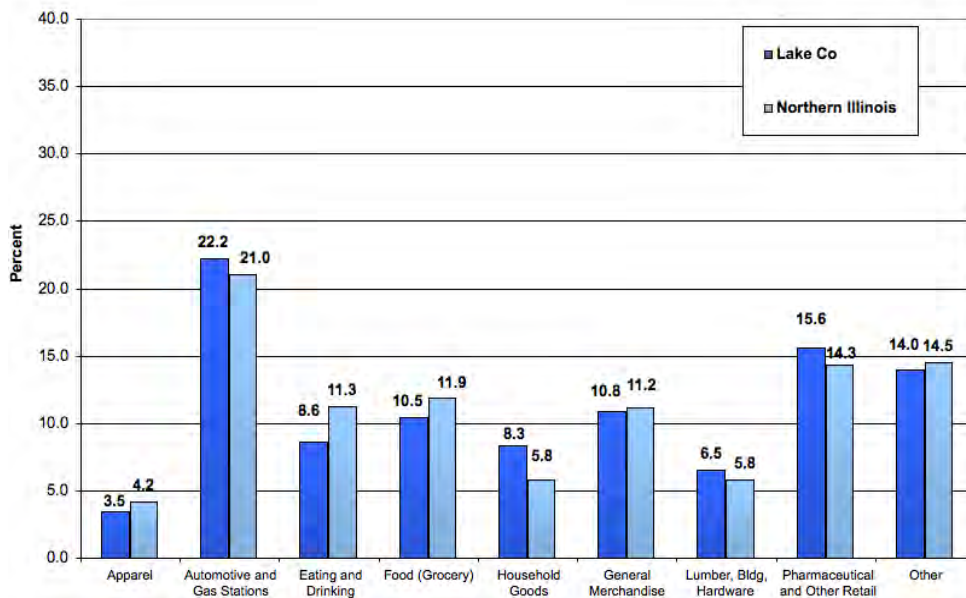
Sources: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2008; 2007 Census Estimates (2008)

Per Capita Retail Sales Totals

Lake County  
\$15,848

N Illinois Region  
\$12,956

Figure 25V Distribution of Sales by Retail Stores in County, 2007 (Percent)



Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2008

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Note: In some cases, historical data have been re-estimated.

Figure 25W Per Capita Income, 1990, 2000, and 2007 (estimated), Current Dollars

	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2007 (est.)</b>	<b>Annualized % Change 2000-2007</b>
Lake Co.	\$ 29,271	\$ 46,203	\$ 54,010	2.3%
N. Illinois	\$ 19,226	\$ 29,237	\$ 35,856	3.0%
Illinois	\$ 20,824	\$ 32,185	\$ 39,807	3.1%
		<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
2007 Wealth Index		151.40	107.37	100.00

Source: Woods & Poole, 2007

Figure 25X Household Income

	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2007</b>
Households w/Money Income	173,887	216,484	248,097
Less than \$25,000	22.0%	14.0%	13.2%
\$25,000-50,000	32.4%	21.5%	20.5%
\$50,001-100,000	31.9%	35.4%	34.9%
More than \$100,000	13.7%	29.1%	31.4%
Median Household Income	\$46,047	\$66,973	\$70,368

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Easy Analytic Software, Inc., 2007

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Figure 25Y County Amenities

**Leisure and Recreation**

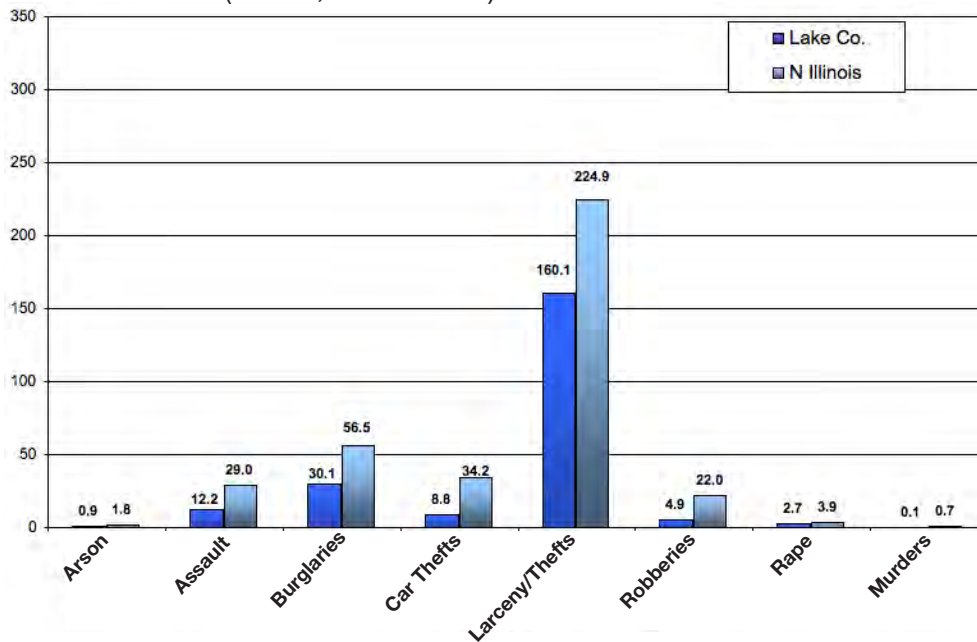
Museums	7
Forest Preserves/Conservation/Natural Areas	50
Golf Courses	37
State Parks	6

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Note: All counts are estimates. Data changes as new facilities come on line.

Figure 25Z Criminal Offenses Reported in Lake County, 2007  
(Per 10,000 Persons)



Sources: Illinois State Police, 2007; US Census 2006 Population Estimate

Total Reported Index Crimes for 2006: 15,681

Total Reported Index Crimes for 2005: 15,223

Total Reported Index Crimes for 2004: 15,667

Total Reported Index Crimes for 2003: 15,943

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**Figure 25AA State Revenue Collections and Expenditures in Lake County**

<b>Revenues Collected (millions of dollars)</b>	
State Sales and Use Taxes (2007)	\$669.0
Individual Income Taxes (est. FY 2001)	638.9
State Motor Fuel Tax (est. FY 2001)	83.9
Local Property Tax (2006)	1,802.5
<b>State Expenditures (millions of dollars)</b>	
Education (1999-2000)	\$207.8
Public Aid (FY 2006)	218.2
State Payroll (2007)	74.7
<b>Number of State Employees (2007)</b>	<b>1,547</b>

Sources: Illinois Legislative Research Unit, Illinois County Data Book, 2002; State of Illinois Office of the Comptroller, 2007; County Clerk's Office - PTAX 250

Average Daily Miles  
Travelled 2007  
15,747,091

Change 2006-2007  
-0.7%

**Figure 25AB Proposed New State Expenditures for Highway Improvements in FY2008\***

<b>Lake County</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Per Mile</b>
State Roads	\$ 27,645,000	\$ 77,724
Local Roads	\$ 8,856,000	\$ 3,755
<b>Total Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 36,501,000</b>	<b>\$ 13,449</b>
<b>N IL Total Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 892,761,000</b>	<b>\$ 19,335</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Transportation, Proposed Improvements for Illinois Highways FY 2008.  
\*This is in addition to ongoing projects from previously funded improvement programs. These funds do not include local funds used for highway improvements.

**Figure 25AC Banking Resources in the County 2007\***

	<b>Lake County</b>	<b>N Illinois</b>	<b>Illinois</b>
<b>Commercial Banks</b>	40	556	629
Offices	227	2,932	4,430
Deposits	\$16,964,000	\$255,899,000	\$306,649,000
<b>Savings Institutions</b>	7	104	100
Offices	19	413	520
Deposits	\$1,371,000	\$18,611,000	\$32,113,000
Offices per 10,000 Population	3.4	3.5	3.2
<b>Total Deposits/County Population</b>	<b>\$25,713</b>	<b>\$28,655</b>	<b>\$26,780</b>
Share of N/Illinois Deposits	6.7%	81.0%	
Deposit to Earnings Ratio	\$25,808	\$1,164	\$1,087
Deposit to Income Ratio	\$81	\$90	\$86

Source: FDIC Data Website 2008; US Census Population Estimates 2006  
\*Data are for federally chartered banks only, dollars are in thousands.

**Figure 25AD IRS Tax Returns Filed\* by Migrating Lake County Residents 2003-2006**

<b>Three Year Total (2003-2006)</b>	<b>Migrating Into County</b>	<b>Migrating Out of County</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
Total Movement	48,048	50,207	-2,159
Domestic Migration	46,685	49,091	-2,406
Same State	29,337	22,054	7,283
Different State	17,348	27,037	-9,689
Foreign Migration	1,363	1,116	247
	<b>Migrating Into County</b>	<b>Migrating Out of County</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
<b>Three Year Average (2003-2006)</b>			
Estimated Median Reported Income	\$66,943	\$68,610	-\$1,667
Aggregate Reported Income (\$000)	\$1,072,012	\$1,148,408	-\$76,396

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, County Migration Flows 2007  
 \*This count is roughly equivalent to the number of households moving in and out of the county.

**Figure 25AE Trade Area Analysis of Retail Sales, 2006**

<b>Merchandise Group</b>	<b>Potential Purchases by County Residents</b>	<b>Sales Reported by County Merchants</b>	<b>Surplus or Leakage</b>	<b>Ratio of County Per Capita Sales to State Per Capita Sales</b>
General Merch.	\$14,971,058	\$11,840,646	-\$3,130,412	108.1%
Food	\$14,171,009	\$11,724,935	-\$2,446,073	113.0%
Eating/Drinking	\$12,805,037	\$9,307,042	-\$3,497,995	99.3%
Apparel	\$4,302,602	\$3,894,255	-\$408,347	123.7%
Home Furnishings	\$6,800,846	\$8,691,810	\$1,890,965	174.6%
Building Merch.	\$7,753,362	\$8,156,715	\$403,354	143.7%
Filling Stations	\$26,958,464	\$25,780,202	-\$1,178,261	130.6%
Pharmaceutics	\$16,534,342	\$16,939,164	\$404,822	140.0%
Agriculture	\$15,377,630	\$11,718,408	-\$3,659,222	104.1%
Manufacturing	\$3,207,897	\$3,295,187	\$87,291	140.3%
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>\$122,882,246</b>	<b>\$111,348,365</b>	<b>-\$11,533,881</b>	<b>123.7%</b>

Sources: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2005, Kind of Business Report; U.S. Census Bureau County Business Patterns.  
 Note: Potential Sales is derived from the county population times the state average per capita spending in each category times the ratio of county per capita income to state per capita income.