

Lincoln Trail Libraries System Demographic and Social Trends (Population shifts, age, gender, education, race, religion, diversity)

LTLS serves a 9 county area in east central Illinois. The 9 counties are primarily agricultural areas, with various 'hubs' of more sizeable communities in some counties. Champaign-Urbana is the largest community center, with a population of more than 100,000. Danville is the next largest single community (25,000) and the Mattoon-Charleston communities together have a combined population of 40,000. The northern area of the system is serviced by the Kankakee-Bourbonnais community, although this is outside the system. The southern area residents utilize Effingham and Terre Haute, IN as their hub (also outside LTLS). Within LTLS, smaller communities dot the landscape and range in size from 300 to 13,000 residents. The total population of the LTLS service area is 433,000 with a geographic area of 6,000 square miles.

The geographic center of the LTLS area, Champaign-Urbana, is home to the University of Illinois (enrollment of 50,000+ students). Charleston is home to Eastern Illinois University (13,000+ students). There are other communities (Danville, Mattoon, Champaign) with community colleges – 3 lie in the LTLS service area, making education another major economic factor. Besides agriculture and education, major businesses include manufacturing, finance, research/development, health care, government, and service organizations. This diverse economy is generally able to weather recessions, although the last recession affected the area, which counties reaching from 10-15% unemployment rates. These rates are now improving and have dropped to 7-10% ranges.

This 9-county table shows population and other data from the 2000 Census. General trends in population include population moving to larger communities and population moving away from smaller communities, an increase in the amount of ethnic diversity, an aging population in smaller communities while younger populations move to larger communities. A commuter culture has also developed in the last ten years – workers commute 30-50 miles per day to find work in the largest communities while commuting home to small communities and pockets of development outside of towns. Gender is equally divided in almost all counties; education levels are fairly high (and are highest in two counties with larger academic institutions). Religious data is not easy to obtain, although all major religions are represented in the largest communities.

LTLS Service Area – County Data based on 2000 Census

County	Population	Age	Gender	Education	Race	Diversity	Median Income in \$
Clark	17,008 Trend is stable	39.2	Equal	80% HS or higher	99.5% white	.5% AfAm, Hisp, Asian, nonwhite	36,697
Champaign	192,463 Trend is up 9%	28	Equal	92% HS or higher	77% white	23% AfAm, Asian, Hispanic, Other	44,765
Coles	52,259 Trend is down 2%	30.6	48% male; 52% female	90% HS or higher	94% white	6% AfAm, Asian, Hisp, Other	35,307
Douglas	19,922 Trend is down 4%	37.4	Equal	79% HS or higher	97% white	3%AfAm, Hispanic, Other	39,439
Edgar	19,704 Trend is down 6%	39.3	Equal	81% HS or higher	97% white	3% AfAm, Hispanic, Other	35,203
Ford	14,241 Trend is stable	39.4	Equal	86% HS or higher	98% white	2% AfAmer, Hisp, Asian nonwhite	38,000
Iroquois	30,239 Trend is stable	42.5	49% male, 51% female	86% HS or higher	99% white	1% AfAm, Hisp, Asian, nonwhite	47,406
Piatt	16,365 Trend is up 6%	39.6	49% male, 51% female	88% HS or higher	99% white	1% AfAm, Hisp, Asian, nonwhite	45,752
Vermilion	81,163 Trend is down 5%	38.2	49% male, 51% female	85% HS or higher	84% white	16% AfAm, Hisp, Asian, nonwhite	40,218

Cultural Trends (Arts, Museums, life-style, customs, changing values)

The influence of education means that there is a thriving influence from art and museums in the area. The LTLS area includes 20 museums and numerous art institutions such as theaters, art galleries, performance venues, and musical organizations. Art seems to be enjoying a resurgence in the area although the recession has impacted some organizations. Sports continue to be popular, both at local and academic institution levels.

Political and Legislative Factors (Policy, laws, ideology, regulatory)

Political views range from ultra-conservative to liberal. Based on 2004 election, the northern area of LTLS is Republican, the middle counties are Democrat, and the southern counties are a mix.

Technological innovations

The primary drivers for technological innovations are the academic institutions that either provide innovation directly or provide incubation space for innovators. The National Center for Supercomputing Applications is currently constructing what will be one of the world's largest known computer storage facilities – Blue Waters. The UI supports a research park for entrepreneurs that currently houses 70 individual agencies. This type of environment encourages creation of numerous businesses in the area because of the support and education entrepreneurs receive from the academic community.

Economic pressures

As with any multi-dimensional economy, any one shift in demand can have an impact on the area. Falling agricultural prices affect the farm sector; increasing educational costs and/or lack of state funding affect the education sector; economic downturns affect the service sector; Wall Street failures affect the financial sector. However, the multi-dimensional economy also means that the general economy continues to be stable. The serious recession of 2008-9 impacted the entire country but the LTLS service area seems to be emerging from this impact.

Membership Issues

LTLS member libraries range from world-class institutions to school districts serving less than 200 students. The main issues facing LTLS members include: elimination of certified school library positions, with replacement by clerks; mergers of state agencies, which reduces the number of special libraries; and reduction of academic departmental libraries as cost-saving endeavor. Several budget-challenged school districts in the past have examined mergers as well but little has developed. Some of the public libraries face declining revenues and budgets. Tax caps have been imposed in two counties – Coles and Champaign - challenging the taxing ability of the non-home rule public libraries in those counties. The public library directors with an MLS degree comprise 31% of the directors (16 out of 52).

LTLS also has an Affiliate Agency member category. Affiliate agencies are those agencies that want to partner with libraries in the area but they do not qualify for delivery or interlibrary loan. Examples include the Piatt County Museum, The Reading Group, WILL, National Council of Teachers of English, and Vermilion County Museum. LTLS

adopted this membership category as a way to involve non-library information providers in collaborative efforts with the library membership.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES (7)	CITY	COUNTY
Danville Area Community College Library	Danville	Vermilion
Eastern Illinois University-Booth Library	Charleston	Coles
Lake Land College Library	Mattoon	Coles
Lakeview College of Nursing Library	Danville	Vermilion
Parkland College Library	Champaign	Champaign
University of Illinois at Chicago, Library of the Health Sciences-Urbana	Urbana	Champaign
University of Illinois Library	Urbana	Champaign
PUBLIC LIBRARIES (52)	CITY	COUNTY
A. Herr Smith & E.E. Smith Loda Township Library	Loda	Iroquois
Allerton Public Library	Monticello	Piatt
Arcola Public Library District	Arcola	Douglas
Arthur Public Library District	Arthur	Douglas
Bement Public Library District	Bement	Piatt
Blue Ridge Township Public Library	Mansfield	Piatt
Camargo Township District Library	Villa Grove	Douglas
Casey Township Library	Casey	Clark
Catlin Public Library District	Catlin	Vermilion
Central Citizens' Library District	Clifton	Iroquois
Champaign Public Library	Champaign	Champaign
Charleston Carnegie Public Library	Charleston	Coles
Chrisman Public Library	Chrisman	Edgar
Cissna Park Community Library District	Cissna Park	Iroquois
Clifton Public Library	Clifton	Iroquois
Danville Public Library	Danville	Vermilion
Elwood Township Carnegie Library	Ridge Farm	Vermilion
Georgetown Public Library	Georgetown	Vermilion
Gilman-Danforth District Library	Gilman	Iroquois
Goose Creek Township Carnegie Library	DeLand	Piatt

Homer Community Library	Homer	Champaign
Hoopeston Public Library District	Hoopeston	Vermilion
Kansas Community Memorial Library	Kansas	Edgar
Mahomet Public Library District	Mahomet	Champaign
Marshall Area Public Library District	Marshall	Clark
Marshall Public Library	Marshall	Clark
Martinsville Public Library District	Martinsville	Clark
Mattoon Public Library	Mattoon	Coles
Melvin Public Library	Melvin	Ford
Milford District Library	Milford	Iroquois
Moyer District Library	Gibson City	Ford
Newman Regional Library District	Newman	Douglas
Oakwood Public Library District	Oakwood	Vermilion
Ogden Rose Public Library	Ogden	Champaign
Onarga Community Public Library District	Onarga	Iroquois
Paris Carnegie Public Library	Paris	Edgar
Paxton Carnegie Library	Paxton	Ford
Philo Public Library District	Philo	Champaign
Piper City Public Library District	Piper City	Ford
Rantoul Public Library	Rantoul	Champaign
Sheldon Public Library District	Sheldon	Iroquois
Sidell District Library	Sidell	Vermilion
Sidney Community Library	Sidney	Champaign
St. Joseph Township Swearingen Memorial Library	St. Joseph	Champaign
Tolono Public Library District	Tolono	Champaign
Tuscola Public Library	Tuscola	Douglas
Urbana Free Library	Urbana	Champaign
Vance Township Library	Fairmount	Vermilion
Watseka Public Library	Watseka	Iroquois
West Union District Library	West Union	Clark
Westville Public Library District	Westville	Vermilion
Willow Branch Township Library	Cisco	Piatt

SCHOOL LIBRARIES (42)	CITY	COUNTY
Arcola CUSD #306	Arcola	Douglas
Armstrong Township H.S. District #225	Armstrong	Vermilion
Arthur CUSD #305	Arthur	Douglas
Bement CUSD #5	Bement	Piatt
Bismarck-Henning CUSD #1	Bismarck	Vermilion
Casey-Westfield CUSD C-4	Casey	Clark
Catlin CUSD #5	Catlin	Vermilion
Central CUSD #4	Clifton	Iroquois
Champaign Community Unit 4 Schools	Champaign	Champaign
Charleston CUSD #1	Charleston	Coles
Cissna Park CUSD #6	Cissna Park	Iroquois
CUSD #6 of Edgar County	Chrisman	Edgar
Crestwood CUSD #4	Paris	Edgar
DeLand-Weldon CUSD #57	DeLand	Piatt
Donovan CUSD #3	Donovan	Iroquois
Fisher Unit 1 School District	Fisher	Champaign
Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley CUSD #5	Gibson City	Ford
Heritage CUSD #8	Homer	Champaign
Iroquois County CUSD #9	Watseka	Iroquois
*Iroquois West CUSD #10	Gilman	Iroquois
Jamaica CUSD #12	Sidell	Vermilion
Kansas CUSD #3	Kansas	Edgar
Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3	Mahomet	Champaign
Marshall CUSD #C-2	Marshall	Clark
Martinsville Unit School District #C-3	Martinsville	Clark
Mattoon CUSD #2	Mattoon	Coles
Milford Community Consolidated School District #280	Milford	Iroquois
Monticello CUSD #25	Monticello	Piatt
Oakland CUSD #5	Oakland	Coles
Oakwood CUSD #76	Fithian	Vermilion
Paris Union School District #95	Paris	Edgar
Paxton-Buckley-Loda Unit #10	Paxton	Ford
Rantoul Township High School	Rantoul	Champaign
Shiloh CUSD #1	Hume	Edgar

St. Joseph Community Consolidated School District #169	St. Joseph	Champaign
St. Joseph-Ogden High School District #305	St. Joseph	Champaign
The High School of Saint Thomas More	Champaign	Champaign
Tolono Unit 7 School District	Tolono	Champaign
Tuscola School District #301	Tuscola	Douglas
Urbana School District #116	Urbana	Champaign
Villa Grove CUSD #302	Villa Grove	Douglas
Westville CUSD #2	Westville	Vermilion
SPECIAL LIBRARIES (16)	CITY	COUNTY
Asian Educational Media Service (AEMS)	Urbana	Champaign
Bishop O'Rourke Library at the Institute of Catholic Thought	Champaign	Champaign
Carle Foundation Hospital Library	Urbana	Champaign
Champaign-Ford Regional Office of Education	Rantoul	Champaign
Danville Correctional Center	Danville	Vermilion
Giertz Education Center at Krannert Art Museum	Champaign	Champaign
Illinois Fire Service Institute Library	Champaign	Champaign
Illinois Natural History Survey Library	Champaign	Champaign
Illinois State Geological Survey Library	Champaign	Champaign
Illinois State Water Survey Library	Champaign	Champaign
Illinois Waste Management and Research Center Library	Champaign	Champaign
Provena Covenant Medical Center Library	Urbana	Champaign
Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Library	Danville	Vermilion
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Medical Library	Mattoon	Coles
U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratories Library	Champaign	Champaign
VA Illiana Health Care System Library	Danville	Vermilion