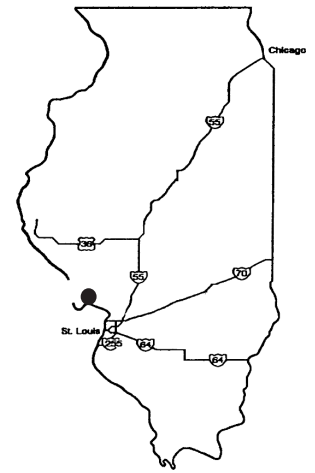


# RIVERBEND REGION Community Profile



Riverbend Region consists of the communities of Alton, Bethalto, East Alton, Elsah, Foster Township, Godfrey, Grafton, Hartford, Roxana, South Roxana and Wood River in Illinois.

## RIVERBEND REGION POPULATION

	Riverbend Region	Madison County	Jersey County	St. Louis Metropolitan
2018 Estimate	75,633	265,019	21,717	2,809,463
2023 Projection	74,214	263,722	21,113	2,830,298
2010 Census	78,697	269,282	22,985	2,892,497
2000 Census	80,976	258,943	21,667	2,772,745
1990 Census	84,341	249,238	20,539	2,580,897

Source: Claritas (estimate & projection), U.S. Census Bureau

## TRAVEL TIME

Distance and travel time for goods in transit to selected major cities:

	Highway Miles	Highway Km.	Days by Rail	Days by Truck
Atlanta	558	898	2	1
Chicago	285	459	1	1
Cleveland	546	879	1	2
Dallas	645	1,038	2	1
Denver	856	1,378	2	2
Detroit	543	874	2	2
Houston	839	1,351	2	2
Indianapolis	209	336	1	1
Kansas City	253	407	1	1
Los Angeles	1,848	2,975	3	4
Memphis	294	473	1	1
Minneapolis	546	879	2	2
New Orleans	695	1,118	2	2
New York City	966	1,555	2	3
St. Louis	20	32	<1	<1
Seattle	2,109	3,395	4	4
Washington D.C.	862	1,388	2	3

## TAX RATES

Sales Tax Rate 6.25% minimum - 9.00% maximum

Property Tax Rates

City/Village	2017	2016	2015	2014
Alton	9.6749	9.4827	9.7193	9.4167
Bethalto	8.3586	8.5288	8.2890	8.4053
East Alton	11.4886	11.4536	11.3192	10.7832
Elsah	7.75621	7.80297	7.63531	7.35125
Foster Township	8.1487	8.0042	8.0913	7.9614
Godfrey	7.7428	7.5215	7.5777	7.4451
Grafton	7.96451	8.01281	7.87220	7.62210
Hartford	8.1678	8.0902	8.0142	7.8042
Roxana	6.6057	6.6631	6.6017	6.5626
South Roxana	8.2919	8.2554	8.0579	7.9707
Wood River	9.0221	8.9618	8.9121	8.7378
Wood River Twp.	6.7049	6.7908	6.7261	6.6394

(Basis of assessment-Real Estate property is assessed at 33.33% of fair market value, and the tax rate is applied to each \$100 of assessed value.)

## LABOR FORCE

end of year totals for Madison, Macoupin & Jersey Counties

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total	117,249	115,554	113,277	113,000
Goods-Producing	17,119	17,911	18,600	18,643
Manufacturing	10,515	11,186	12,022	12,786
Service-Providing	82,341	79,756	76,850	66,802
Government-all	17,789	17,888	17,827	18,035
Labor Force	167,454	169,262	168,007	166,692
Employed	159,650	159,285	157,742	154,826
Unemployed	7,804	9,977	10,265	11,866
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	5.9%	6.2%	7.2%

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

## RIVERBEND INCENTIVES

State & County Loans and Training Programs .....	Yes
State Designated Enterprise Zone .....	Yes (Alton, Bethalto, East Alton, Hartford, Roxana, South Roxana, Wood River)
Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.....	Yes (Alton, Bethalto, E. Alton, Godfrey, Grafton, Hartford, South Roxana, Wood River)
Local Assistance for Commercial Districts.....	Yes * River Bend Facade Loan Program * Alton and Wood River Facade Grant Programs



\*All map information taken from the State of Illinois

## TRANSPORTATION

### HIGHWAYS

Interstates serving St. Louis: I-44, I-55, I-64, I-70, I-170, I-270  
 Highways serving Region: U.S. 67, Illinois Routes 3, 100, 111, 140, 143, 255

### MOTOR CARRIERS

River Bend Area	6
Local Terminals	8

554 motor freight carriers and 148 freight shipping establishments serve the Greater St. Louis Region.

### TRUCK-RAIL INTERMODAL FACILITIES

- Burlington Northern Santa Fe Intermodal
- CSX Intermodal
- Norfolk Southern Intermodal
- Tri-City Port District
- Triple Crown Services
- Union Pacific Intermodal

### WATERWAYS

America's Central Port [www.americascentralport.com](http://www.americascentralport.com)

### AIRPORTS

- St. Louis Regional Airport - Bethalto, IL  
[www.stlouisregional.com](http://www.stlouisregional.com)  
 Charter & Freight service 24/7; longest runway is 8100 feet; acts as a reliever airport for Lambert
- St. Louis Lambert International Airport - St. Louis, MO  
[www.flystl.com](http://www.flystl.com)  
 Charter, International, Passenger & Freight service 24/7

An Amtrak station is located in Alton IL.

### RAILROADS (St. Louis region)

Class I	Local
Burlington Northern Santa Fe	Effingham Railroad
Canadian National Railway	Illinois Western Railway
CSX Transportation	
Kansas City Southern	Switching & Terminal
Norfolk Southern	Central Midland Railway
Union Pacific	Missouri & Valley Park Railroad
	Terminal Railroad

## RIVERBEND HOUSING

### Building Permits-New

2017	\$9,042,166	(53)
2016	\$14,026,030	(76)
2015	\$8,854,667	(50)
2014	\$4,542,519	(30)
2013	\$12,487,866	(77)
2012	\$11,030,197	(66)

Source: building permits from cities

### Median Home Sales Price

	Jersey Co.	Madison Co.	Macoupin Co.
2017	\$102,000	\$127,250	\$79,700
2016	\$102,500	\$125,000	\$76,000
2015	\$120,000	\$125,000	\$77,000
2014	\$104,000	\$116,000	\$73,900
2013	\$100,000	\$114,000	\$67,500
2012	\$98,900	\$116,000	\$75,500

Source: Illinois Association of Realtors®

## UTILITIES/PUBLIC SERVICES

### ELECTRICITY

Ameren	800-232-2477
Southwestern Electric Cooperative	800-637-8667

### NATURAL GAS

Ameren	800-232-2477
Independent Suppliers	

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Business Carriers

AT&T	800-222-0400
Charter/Spectrum	888-692-8635
Sage Telecom	866-870-7482
Trinsic powered by Matrix	866-728-7490
Windstream	877-340-2600

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City of ALTON cityofaltonil.com	Mayor Brant Walker 618-463-3500
Village of BETHALTO bethalto.com	Mayor Alan Winslow 618-377-8051
Village of EAST ALTON eastaltonvillage.org	Mayor Joe Silkwood 618-259-7714
Village of ELSAH elsah.org	Mayor Michael Pitchford 618-374-1815
FOSTER Township fostertownshipil.com	Supervisor Eugene Gvillo Jr. 618-259-0726
Village of GODFREY godfreyil.org	Mayor Mike McCormick 618-466-3324
City of GRAFTON enjoygrafton.com	Mayor Rick Eberlin 618-786-3344
Village of HARTFORD hartfordillinois.net	Mayor James Hickerson 618-251-2681
Village of ROXANA roxana-il.org	Mayor Marty Reynolds 618-254-4709
Village of SOUTH ROXANA	Mayor Barbara Overton 618-254-2086
City of WOOD RIVER woodriver.org	Mayor Cheryl Maguire 618-251-3100
WOOD RIVER Township toi.org/woodrivertownship	Supervisor Mike Babcock 618-259-2366
MADISON COUNTY co.madison.il.us	Kurt Prenzler, Board Chairman 618-692-6200

## RIVERBEND RETAIL SALES

2017	\$1,195,346,680
2016	\$1,184,574,837
2015	\$1,190,612,181
2014	\$1,178,712,287
2013	\$1,147,265,980
2012	\$1,194,201,290
2011	\$1,244,746,723

Source: Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs

## AMENITIES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE RIVERBEND REGION

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks .....	13
Credit Unions .....	12

### HEALTH CARE

Hospitals .....	3
Number of Beds .....	409
Assisted Living/Senior Communities.....	11
Doctors.....	450
Dentists.....	45
Podiatrists .....	8
Chiropractors.....	25
Optometrists .....	10

### CONVENTION/LODGING FACILITIES

Motels/Hotels .....	19
Number of Rooms .....	600+
Capacity of Largest Banquet Room .....	600
Bed & Breakfasts, Guest Houses, Cabins .....	29
Camping Facilities.....	2

### RECREATION FACILITIES

Restaurants.....	150+
Gaming Facilities .....	6
Marina Slips.....	685
Public Golf Courses.....	5
Public Swimming Pools .....	4
Amusement/Aquatic Parks.....	3
Bowling Alleys .....	2
Libraries .....	7
Health/Fitness Facilities .....	13
Cultural Festivals .....	7
Museums.....	9
Community Parks.....	44
Stables.....	5
Music - Symphony.....	2
Municipal Band .....	2
Theater, Live .....	2
Theater, Movie .....	1
Public Ice Arena.....	1

### CHILD CARES

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### SHOPPING FACILITIES

Regional Mall.....	1
Specialty (Antique/Craft) Malls.....	10+
Strip Malls .....	20+

### RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Protestant Churches.....	150+
Catholic Churches .....	6

### COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Machine Shops.....	11
Tool & Die Shops.....	2
Local Newspapers.....	2
Regional Newspapers.....	3
Local Radio.....	2
Regional Radio.....	AM-27; FM-28

## MAJOR INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN THE RIVERBEND REGION

Status	Project	City	Estimated Cost (\$ millions)
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### COMMERCIAL INVESTMENTS

C	Multi-Modal Transportation Center	Alton	25.0
B	Wood River Police Department	Wood River	6.8
B	West Star Aviation - new hangar	Bethalto	5.0
B	Senior Services Plus - wellness center	Alton	4.5
B	Giant City Properties	Alton	2.5

### EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENTS

B	Lewis and Clark Comm. College (Erickson)	Godfrey	4.9
B	Lewis and Clark Comm. College (Weber)	Godfrey	4.2
C	Roxana Comm. Unit School District	Roxana, S. Rox	4.2
C	Alton Comm. Unit School District	Alton	3.0
B	Marquette Catholic High School	Alton	1.6

### HOUSING INVESTMENTS

C	Cedarhurst Assisted Living	Bethalto	10.0
A	The Community of Sunnybrook	Alton	10.0
C	Belle Manor Apartments	Alton	4.2
B	San Gabriel Memory Care	Godfrey	1.7
C	Trailblazer Commons (second bldg.)	Godfrey	1.2

### INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS

B	Alton Steel	Alton	4.75
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### INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENTS

B	OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center	Alton	15.0
B	OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center	Alton	14.0
C	Alton Memorial Hospital	Alton	8.0
C	OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center	Godfrey	5.0

### TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

A	Corridor 67 project		23.3
C	Illinois Route 3 widening	Grafton	13.8
A	Village of Godfrey: Pierce Lane impr.	Godfrey	5.0
A	Seiler Road widening	Alton/Godfrey	4.0
B	Village of Bethalto Central Street	Bethalto	2.1

### RECREATIONAL INVESTMENTS

B	Kutter Park bicycle trail	W.R. Twp.	0.45
C	Belk Park improvements	Wood River	0.4

### UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

A	Godfrey: Northeast Interceptor	Godfrey	4.0
B	Wood River Levee	region	2.5
B	Illinois American Water	Godfrey	1.6

- (A) Projects Announced
- (B) Projects Under Construction
- (C) Projects Completed

(Source: media articles)

## RIVERBEND EDUCATION

	Alton #11	Bethalto #8	EA/WR #14	Jersey #100	Roxana #1	Illinois
Percent Low Income	57.1	47.5	61.5	42.8	47.1	49.4
Percent Students with IEP*	20.0	14.4	20.3	14.2	14.3	14.5
Percent English Learners**	0.5	0.9	***	***	***	11.7
Percent Homeless	1.5	1.6	5.8	2.8	1.9	2.0
Chronic Absenteeism Rate	21.3	18.8	29.3	28.7	21.0	16.8
Average Class Size (overall)	26.0	22.0	21.0	23.0	21.0	20.0
Postsecondary Enrollment 12 mo.	69.7	73.7	69.3	80.1	70.4	74.8
4-yr. Graduation Rate	79.2	94.1	81.6	83.5	86.9	85.4
Dropout Rate	2.6	0.8	3.7	1.6	2.3	2.1
Attendance Rate	93.0	94.0	91.0	95.0	93.0	94.0
Total District Enrollment	6,315	2,476	572	2,544	1,889	

\*eligible to receive special education services

\*\*eligible for transitional bilingual programs

\*\*\*either non-reported data for suppressed data due to privacy concerns

(Source: 2018 School Report Cards - Illinois Board of Education)

### AREA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Illinois College - Jacksonville	217-245-3000	ic.edu
Kaskaskia College - Centralia	618-545-3000	kaskaskia.edu
Lewis & Clark Community College - Godfrey & Edwardsville	618-468-7000	lc.edu
Lindenwood University - Belleville	618-239-6000	lindenwood.edu/belleville
McKendree University - Lebanon	618-537-4481	mckendree.edu
Missouri Baptist University - Godfrey	618-468-2621	mobap.edu
Principia College - Elsah	618-374-2131	principiacollege.edu
Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville	800-447-SIUE	siue.edu
Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine - Alton	618-474-7170	siue.edu/dental
Southwestern Illinois College - Belleville, Granite City & Red Bud	618-235-2700	swic.edu
Fontbonne University - St. Louis	800-205-5862	fontbonne.edu
Harris-Stowe State Univ. - St. Louis	314-340-3366	www.hssu.edu
Lindenwood Univ. - St. Charles	636-949-2000	lindenwood.edu
Maryville University - St. Louis	314-529-9300	maryville.edu
Missouri Baptist Univ. - St. Louis	314-434-1115	mobap.edu
Ranken Technical College - St. Louis	866-4-RANKEN	ranken.edu
Saint Louis University - St. Louis	800-758-3678	slu.edu
University of Missouri - St. Louis	314-516-5899	umsl.edu
University of Phoenix - St. Louis	314-298-9755	phoenix.edu
Washington University - St. Louis	314-935-5000	wustl.edu
Webster University - Webster Groves	800-981-9801	webster.edu

### % OF POPULATION WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR HIGHER

Alton.....	29.86%	Grafton .....	27.83%
Bethalto .....	29.78%	Hartford.....	18.32%
East Alton.....	21.51%	Roxana.....	26.14%
Elsah.....	27.58%	South Roxana.....	20.14%
Godfrey .....	37.15%	Wood River.....	28.98%

Source: The Nielsen Company (2016 estimate)

## TOP RIVERBEND AREA EMPLOYERS

### OLIN CORPORATION

East Alton IL 1,424 emps. 1892  
Mfg. of Chlor-Alkali, Ammunition olin.com

### GLOBAL BRASS AND COPPER, INC. dba OLIN BRASS

East Alton IL 920 emps. 2007  
Manufacturer & distributor of copper gbcholdings.com  
olinbrass.com

### ALTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Alton IL 897 emps. 1937  
Hospital Services altonmemorialhospital.org

### PHILLIPS 66 WOOD RIVER REFINERY

Roxana IL 825 emps. 1918  
Petroleum Refining p66.com

### ALTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #11

Alton IL 795 emps.  
Elementary/Secondary Education altonschools.org

### LEWIS AND CLARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Godfrey IL 765 emps. 1970  
two-year higher education institution with multiple campuses, a river research center, Community Education Centers and training centers lc.edu

### OSF HEALTHCARE SAINT ANTHONY'S HEALTH CENTER

Alton IL 760 emps. 1956  
Hospital Services osfhealthcare.org/saint-anthonys

### GRP MECHANICAL COMPANY INC.

Bethalto IL 615 employees grpmech.com  
Mechanical Contractors

### HELP AT HOME LLC

Wood River IL 555 employees  
Home Health Care Service helpathome.com

### WEST STAR AVIATION

East Alton IL 480 employees  
airframe and engine repair and maintenance, complete FBO for St. Louis Regional Airport weststaraviation.com

### AMERICAN WATER

Alton IL 467 employees  
includes divisions of Customer Service Center, American Water Resources and Illinois American Water amwater.com

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION CONTACT

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