

Alton, Illinois

Alton, IL Madison County

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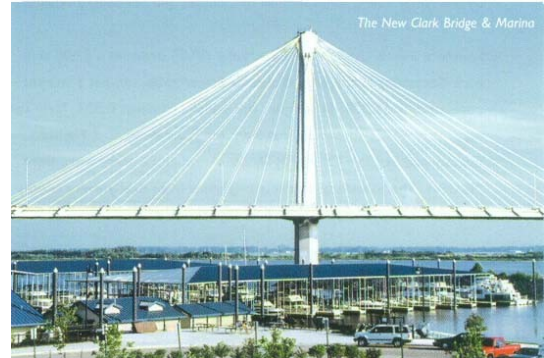
Alton is the largest city of the Riverbend Region, with a population of approximately 28,000. Alton is 30 minutes from downtown St. Louis and 20 minutes from Lambert St. Louis International Airport.

Alton's total area is 16.61 square miles.

Business Climate

The Riverbend region is a highly-diversified group of communities serving the manufacturing industry as well as the office and service industry. Tourism is also a major economic engine.

Lewis and Clark Community College, the fastest growing community college in Illinois, is located in Godfrey and Edwardsville with Southern Illinois University Edwardsville only 15 minutes from the Riverbend.



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Demographic Information

Population

Population:	2015
Labor Market Population:	26,581
Data Source: US Census, The Nielsen Company	266,205

Households

	2010	2015	2020
Total Number of Households:	13,266	11,297	10,910
Average Household Size:	2.36	2.31	0
Median Household Income:	\$36,272.00	\$37,119.00	\$0.00
Data Source: The Nielsen Company			

Educational Attainment: Population - Age 25 Plus

	2015
Associate Degree:	10 %
Bachelor's Degree:	13 %
Graduate or Professional Degree:	7 %

Metro Area Distances

City	Driving Distance (miles)	Flight Time	Days by Truck	Days by Rail
Atlanta, Georgia	558	1:48	1	2
Chicago, Illinois	285	:55	1	1
Cleveland, Ohio	546	1:45	2	1
Dallas, Texas	645	1:45	1	2
Denver, Colorado	856	2:04	2	2
Detroit, Michigan	543	1:50	2	2
Indianapolis, Indiana	209	:55	1	1
Kansas City, Missouri	253	1:05	1	1
Los Angeles, California	1848	3:45	4	3
Memphis, Tennessee	294	1:01	1	1

Labor Force Characteristics

The labor force for the Riverbend region consists of Madison, Macoupin and Jersey counties in Illinois.

In 2014, the combined labor force for Madison County, Jersey County, and Macoupin County was 166,692. The combined number of employed persons was 154,826 while the combined number of unemployed persons was 11,866. The combined unemployment rate was 7.2%.

--In 2014, the labor force for Madison County was 132,323. The number of employed persons was 122,984 while the number of unemployed persons was 9,339. The unemployment rate was 7.1%.

--In 2014, the labor force for Macoupin County was 23,283. The number of employed persons was 21,550 while the number of unemployed persons was 1,733. The unemployment rate was 7.4%.

--In 2014, the labor force for Jersey County was 11,086. The number of employed persons was 10,292 while the number of unemployed persons was 794. The unemployment rate was 7.2%.

Leading Employers

	Product or Service	Employees
Alton Community Unit School District #11	Elementary and Secondary Education	827
Alton Memorial Hospital	Healthcare	904
Alton Steel Inc.	Steel	335
American Water CSC & American Water Resources	Water Service	480
Argosy Casino	riverboat casino, gaming	350
Challenge Unlimited	Educational, Vocational, Employment and Independent Living Support Services	880
City of Alton	Government	235
Cope Plastics Inc.	Distributor and Fabricator of Quality Plastics	226
Olin Brass - division of Global Brass and Copper, Inc.	Mfg. and Dist. of Copper	1106
Olin Corporation	Mfg. of Chlor Alkali Products and Winchester Ammunition	1818

General Comments

The top employers in the Riverbend region are Alton Community Unit School District #11, Alton Memorial Hospital, American Water, Argosy Casino, Challenge Unlimited, Global Brass and Copper, Inc., Lewis and Clark Community College, Olin Corporation, Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery, and OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center.

Local Government

Type of Government:	Mayor/Council
Comprehensive City Plan:	Yes
Year Plan Completed:	2003
Strategic City Plan:	Yes
Year Plan Completed:	1991
City Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
County Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
Percent of Streets Paved:	99.0

Local Government Services

City Clerk's Office:	Identification/Voter Registration
City Comptroller:	Accounting
City Treasurer:	Pet Permits/Taxes/Business Licenses
Civil Service Office/Personnel:	Personnel/HR
Development & Housing Dept:	Planning, development, building, zoning, housing, economic revitalization
Fire Protection:	Fire Dept
Parks & Recreation Dept:	Parks & Recreation
Police Department:	Police
Public Works Dept.:	Animal control, streets, and sewers
Sewer Maintenance:	Alton Collection System
Treatment Plant:	Sewer Treatment

Utilities

Water

Provider Name:	Illinois American Water
Rated Capacity (mgd):	16
Average Capacity (mgd):	8.291
Peak Demand (mgd):	12.789
Storage Capacity (gallons):	6,240,000

Sewer

Provider Name:	City of Alton
Rated Capacity (mgd):	10.5
Average Daily Demand (mgd):	8
Peak Demand (mgd):	26.25

Electric

Provider Name:	Ameren Illinois
Peak Demand (kW):	4,450,000
Generation Capacity (MW):	0
Customers Served (state):	600,000
Customers Served (system):	2,395,000

Natural Gas

Provider Name:	Ameren Illinois
Pipeline Source:	Mississippi River Transmission
Customers Served (state):	190,000
Customers Served (system):	1,000,000

Telecommunications

Transportation

Interstates and Highways

Locally, U.S. 67, Interstate 255, and Illinois Routes 3, 100, 111, 140 and 143, connect you with the major St. Louis routes of Interstates 44, 55, 64, 70, 270.

Motor Freight

Motor Carriers:	6
Local Terminals:	1

Railroads

The River Bend region is served by Kansas City Southern, Norfolk Southern, and Union Pacific.

Piggyback Ramp Available:	No
Distance to Nearest Piggyback:	25
Intermodal Services Available:	Yes

Airport

St. Louis Regional Airport in Bethalto is 7 miles away. The primary runway's length is 8,100 feet. The crosswind runway's length is 6,500 feet.
www.stlouisregional.com

Lambert St. Louis International Airport is 21 miles away. Longest runway is 11,019 feet and the shortest runway is 7,602 feet.
www.flySTL.com

Waterway

Alton is located on the Mississippi River. Available close-by is America's Central Port, formerly known as the Tri-City Port District. in Granite City, Illinois.

The Mississippi River's Alton Barge Terminal is located in Alton.

Public Transportation Network

Madison County Transit provides bus services, paratransit bus services, bike trails and carpooling services throughout the region. www.mct.org, 618-874-7433

Amtrak has a station in Alton. For more information, please visit www.amtrak.com or call 800-872-7245.

In 2011, the City of Alton and Madison County Transit received a \$13.85 Million TIGER Grant for the construction of infrastructure leading to the new Alton Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Facility at the Robert Wadlow Town Centre.

General Comments

Illinois 255 is open to U.S. 67 in Godfrey.

Taxation Structure

Actual Valuation (2014):	\$310,255,767.00
Bond Indebtedness (2014)	
General Obligation:	\$12,535,000.00
Revenue:	\$4,942,277.00
County:	\$0.00
School:	\$0.00

General Comments:

Number for actual valuation is equalized assessed valuation (Illinois Office of Comptroller)

Quality of Life

Commercial Services

Number of Hotels and Motels:	14
Number of Rooms Available:	676
Number of Conference Centers:	6
Capacity of Largest Conference Center:	450

Education

Elementary and Secondary Education Overview

Alton Comm. Unit School District 11 serves Alton, Godfrey and Foster Township with 9 schools total (7 elementary, 1 middle and 1 high school) and enrollment at 6,263 students. The district's new high school and renovated middle school opened for the start of the 2006-2007 school year. Construction cost was \$57.7 million. Marquette Catholic High School serves the region with 415 students; top ACT score is 22.1. St. Mary's (354 students) and Ss. Peter and Paul (115 students) offer private options.

Higher Education Overview

Lewis and Clark Community College is located in nearby Godfrey.

Six major universities/colleges are located within a 30-mile radius including Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and Principia College in Elsah.

Health Facilities and Personnel

Number of Hospitals:	2
Total Number of Beds:	500
Number of Outpatient Clinics:	4
Number of Medical Doctors:	100
Number of Dentists:	70
Number of Registered Nurses:	1,754
Number of Practical Nurses:	435