



Transportation

Jefferson County is located in the heart of Southern Illinois at the junction of Interstates 57 and 64. Mt. Vernon is located one hour east of St. Louis, MO and one hour west of Evansville, IN. It is ninety minutes north of Paducah, KY and two hours south of Champaign, IL.

Latitude 38.417N, Longitude -88.093, Elevation 512 feet.

Travel Distances to Major Cities	
City	Distance in miles
Chicago, IL	274
Bloomington, IL	200
Peoria, IL	210
Evansville, IN	90
Indianapolis, IN	215
Kansas City, MO	340
St. Louis, MO	75
Lexington, KY	280
Louisville, KY	200
Memphis, TN	230
Nashville, TN	235

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Airport
The Mt. Vernon Airport has a 6500 foot main runway, fixed base operation, terminal building and storage hangers. Charter and private aviation services are provided, as well as refueling. The facility offers Shell 100 and Jet A fuels and pilot lounge with weight and exercise room, shower and snooze rooms, wireless internet in the airport terminal, complimentary refreshments, courtesy shuttle, as well as overnight hangar reservations.

Motor Freight
Trucking companies include UPS Freight, FedEx Freight, Overnite Transportation Co., and Direct Motor Freight.

Major Highways
Interstate 57 runs North and South and is local
Interstate 64 runs East and West and is local
Interstate 70 runs East and West and is 65 miles North via Interstate 57
Interstate 24 runs North and South and is 51 miles South via Interstate 57
State Route 37 runs North and South and is local



Important Contacts

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Jefferson County
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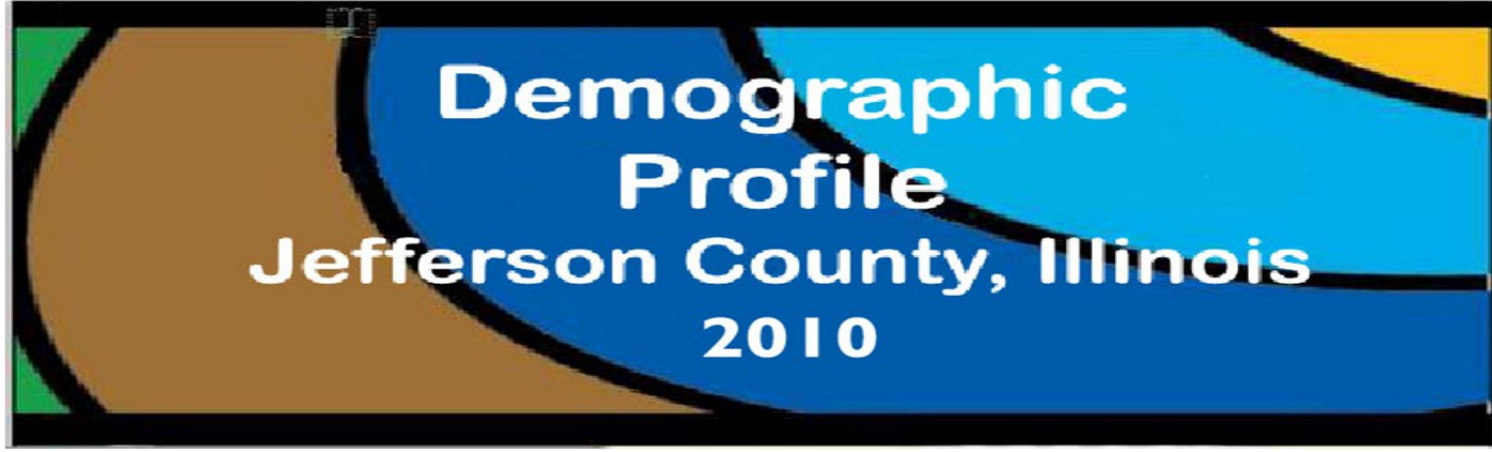
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The Jefferson County Development Corporation exists to lead, coordinate, develop, and implement strategies to enhance economic development through business retention, expansion, and attraction. The Jefferson County Development Corporation will create a climate for economic growth and enhanced quality of life.



Population

	City of Mt. Vernon		Jefferson County		State of Illinois	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	16269	100	40045	100	12419293	100
Sex & Age						
Male	7463	45.9	20428	51	6080336	49
Female	8806	54.1	19617	49	6338957	51
19 years and under	4504	27.7	10796	27.1	3605506	29.1
20-24 years	1007	6.2	2416	6	850843	6.9
25-34 years	1950	12	5245	13.1	1811674	14.6
35-44 years	2101	12.9	6129	15.3	1983870	16
45-54 years	2088	12.8	5523	13.8	1626742	13.1
55-59 years	797	4.9	2081	5.2	577747	4.7
60-64 years	677	4.2	1726	4.3	462886	3.7
65 and over	3145	19.3	6130	15.3	1500025	12
Median Age	38.3	(X)	37.6	(X)	34.7	(X)
Race						
White	13706	84.2	35990	89.9	9125471	73.5
Black	2011	12.4	3134	7.8	1876875	15.1
Hispanic	242	1.5	531	1.3	1530262	12.3
Other Race	552	3.5	921	2.3	1416944	11.3
Housing Tenure						
Occupied Housing Units	6988	100	15374	100	4591779	100
Owner-occupied housing units	4209	60.2	11454	74.6	3088884	67.3
Renter-occupied housing units	2779	39.8	3910	25.4	1502895	32.7
Average household size	2.25	(X)	2.44	(X)	2.63	(X)
Average family size	2.92	(X)	2.96	(X)	3.23	(X)
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.35	(X)	2.54	(X)	2.76	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.09	(X)	2.14	(X)	2.37	(X)
Income						
Household Income	28,148	(X)	33,555	(X)	46,590	(X)

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

City of Mt. Vernon	16269
Jefferson County	40046
15 Mile Radius	61805
20 Mile Radius	93457
25 Mile Radius	150006
30 Mile Radius	182664

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Jefferson County is one of 102 counties in Illinois. It's 2006 population of 40,523 is ranked 35th in the state.

State of Illinois population is 12.7 million.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis www.bea.gov March 27, 2007 Pop Est. U.S. Census Bureau 2006

Education & Quality of Life

Schools		
School Type	Number of Schools	Number Enrolled
Public Elementary Schools	18	4699
Public High Schools	4	1939
Private Schools	4	274
Closest University and Community College		
Southern Illinois University Carbondale Carbondale, IL - http://www.siu.edu/		
A modern and comprehensive post-secondary educational institution, Southern Illinois University offers a broad range of academic programs that lead to associate, baccalaureate, masters, specialist, doctoral, and professional degrees. The instructional, research, and service missions of the two constituent institutions reflect the needs of the geographic areas in which they are located. The university also is committed to serving statewide, national, and international needs. This commitment is reflected in educational activities located off the main campuses in communities throughout the state. It is realized also through research and training exchanges and through world wide student exchange programs. Southern Illinois University Carbondale is only one hour from Jefferson County.		
Rend Lake Community College Ina, IL - www.rlc.edu		
Rend Lake College is outstanding in job training services both on and off site. Their technical training department has resources to customize training and education. In addition to the many degree programs offered, Rend Lake College caters to our industry with the industrial related programs they offer, such as OSHA safety training, welding, pneumatics, robotics, electricity, electronics, and mechanics. Most programs can be customized and there may be training grants available. The Rend Lake Campus is minutes from Mt. Vernon in Jefferson County. However, many courses and services are offered in the Mt. Vernon Campus at the Rend Lake Marketplace.		
Eight universities and colleges offering workforce training and degree programs are located within one hour of Mt. Vernon.		
2000 Population Age 25+ by Educational Attainment		
Less than 9th Grade	2,399	8.94 %
Some High School, no diploma	3,783	14.09 %
High School Graduate (or GED)	8,838	32.93 %
Some College, no degree	6,137	22.86 %
Associate Degree	2,016	7.51 %
Bachelor's Degree	2,377	8.86 %
Master's Degree	824	3.07 %
Professional School Degree	329	1.23 %
Source: Claritas Market Place—March 2008		

Temperatures	
Annual maximum average temperature	62
Highest temperature	114 degrees, July 1936
Annual minimum average temperature	43
Lowest temperature	-22 degrees, 1899
Annual average temperature	52.4
Mean number of days clear	104
Mean number of days precipitation	114
Average annual rainfall	42 inches
Mean number of days snow	7
Average annual snowfall (inches)	24
EASI Quality of life index	96

Source: www.developmentalliance.com March 2008

Consumer Expenditures Per Capita (2007) (\$US)	
Annual expenditures	18,628.3
Food expenditures	2,402.5
Food away from home expenditures	1,048.9
Housing expenditures	6,123.1
Furniture expenditures	186.1
Apparel and services expenditures	740.00
Transportation expenditures	3,386.6
Health care expenditures	1,145.6
Health insurance expenditures	588.00
Entertainment expenditures	961.5
Education expenditures	350.8

Source: www.developmentalliance.com - March 2008

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Housing & Utilities

Consumer Price Index-Urban Consumers Mid West Urban Areas				
	2006	2007	2008	2009
Month	CPI	CPI	CPI	CPI
January	190.8	193	201.4	200.8
February	190.7	194.4	201.8	201.4
March	192	196.3	203.7	202.0
April	193	197.4	205.3	202.0
May	193.6	199.1	207.1	203.1
June	194.1	199.2	208.9	205.3
July	194.6	198.9	210	204.8
August	195.1	198.5	219	205.6
September	193.7	199.7	218.7	215.9
October	195	199.4	216.5	205.7
November	196.5	202.97	202.9	205.6
December	195.8	200.2	200.4	205.6
Annual Average	193.7	198.1	207.9	204.06

Utilities	
Electricity	Ameren-Residential-(800) 755-5000 Commercial-(800) 363-6805
	Tri County Electric Cooperative-(618) 244-5151
Natural Gas	Ameren IP-(800) -755-5000
Water	City of Mt. Vernon—(618) 242-5000
Wastewater	City of Mt. Vernon—(618) 242-5000
IT Infrastructure	Charter Communications - (618) 242-5684 Mount Vernon Net - (618) 244-6868 AT&T - (866) 722-9246

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics February 2010

Jefferson County 2008 Housing Sales				Jefferson County 2009 Housing Sales			
2008	Total Sales Per Quarter	Median Price Per Quarter	Average Price Per Quarter	2009	Total Sales Per Quarter	Median Price Per Quarter	Average Price Per Quarter
1st Quarter	75	\$77,500	\$96,422	1st Quarter	51	\$55,000	\$76,888
2nd Quarter	85	\$83,500	\$97,489	2nd Quarter	79	\$83,500	\$89,609
3rd Quarter	98	\$70,000	\$84,471	3rd Quarter	81	\$84,200	\$90,046
4th Quarter	74	\$77,500	\$87,819	4th Quarter			
Yearly				Yearly			
Average	83	\$77,125	\$91,550	Average	71	\$74,234	\$85,515

Source: Illinois Association of Realtors - December, 2008

Source: Illinois Association of Realtors— November 2009

Population

Commute Population 15 and 30 miles (each mile represents one minute of travel time)					
Distance	15 miles/15 minutes Total	Percent	30 miles/30 minutes		
			Total	Percent	
Total Population	61805	100	182664	100	
Male	31083	50.3	91365	50	
Female	30722	49.7	91365	50	
Age Distribution	19 and under	16757	26.1	48398	26.5
	20-24	3498	5.7	10761	5.9
	25-29	3635	5.9	10877	6
	30-34	4105	6.6	11568	6.3
	35-39	4586	7.4	13601	7.4
	40-44	4824	7.8	14171	7.8
	45-49	4496	7.3	12809	7
	50-54	4048	6.5	11609	6.4
	55-59	3413	5.5	9709	5.3
	60-64	2809	4.5	8465	4.6
	65 and over	9634	15.6	30696	16.8
Race	White	57440	92.9	171191	93.7
	Black	3210	5.2	8072	4.4
	Native American	124	0.2	397	0.2
	Asian	207	0.3	634	0.3
	Hispanic	656	1.1	1969	1.1
Household Income Distribution	\$17,499 and under	6682	22.9	21135	25.2
	\$20,000-\$27,499	3705	12.7	11332	13.5
	\$30,000-\$37,499	3396	11.6	10406	12.4
	\$40,000-\$47,499	3165	10.2	8462	10.1
	\$50,000-\$74,999	4339	14.8	12553	15
	\$75,000-\$99,999	1613	9.6	4579	9.3
	\$100,000 or more	1052	3.6	2547	3.1

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Labor Force		
Distance	15 miles/minutes	30 miles/minutes
	Total	Total
Population Age 16+	48446	144216
Labor Force	29235	84029
Employed	27531	78697
Unemployed	1668	5242
In Armed Forces	36	90
Not in Labor Force	19211	60187

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Employment by Occupation				
Distance	15 miles/minutes		30 miles/minutes	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Accommodation/Food Services	1471	5	4307	5.1
Admin/Supp/Waste Mgmt Services	611	2.1	1515	1.8
Ag/Forestry/Fishing	801	2.7	2454	2.9
Arts/Entertainment/Recording	157	0.5	587	0.7
Construction	1618	5.5	4410	5.3
Education Services	2398	8.2	6560	7.8
Finance/Insurance	811	2.8	2392	2.8
Health Care/Social Services	3686	12.6	10937	13
Information	570	2	1483	1.8
Manufacturing	4710	16.1	15498	18.5
Mgmt of Companies/Enterprises	18	0.1	20	0
Mining	404	1.4	1165	1.4
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1295	4.4	3837	4.6
Public Administration	1166	4	3893	4.6
Real Estate/Rental/Leasing	252	0.9	652	0.8
Retail Trade	4109	14.1	10167	12.1
Prof/Scientific/Tech Services	950	3.3	1873	2.2
Transportation/Warehousing	1428	4.9	4052	4.8
Utilities	216	0.7	650	0.8
Wholesale Trade	860	2.9	2247	2.7

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

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Labor

The labor force in Mount Vernon is drawn primarily from eight counties: Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton, Marion, Perry, Washington, Wayne, and Williamson.

Major Employers	# Employees	Type of Industry
Continental Tire N.A. Inc	2300	Auto/Truck Tires
Walgreens Distribution Center	1600	Regional Distribution
Good Samaritan Regional Health Center	950	Hospital
Crossroads Community Hospital	312	Hospital
Mt. Vernon Township High School	172	School
District #80	268	Elementary Schools
National Railway	174	Manufacturing
City of Mt. Vernon	180	Municipality
NAPA Distribution Center	90	Distribution
Physicians Filing Service	85	Medical Reimbursement

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Class of Worker	City of Mt. Vernon		Jefferson County	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Employed civilian population 16 and over	7055	100	17592	100
Private for-profit wage and salary workers	5058	71.7	12525	71.2
Employees of own corporation	212	3	482	2.7
Private not-for-profit wage and salary workers	489	6.9	1320	7.5
Local government workers	451	6.4	1026	5.8
State government workers	385	5.5	871	5
Federal government workers	113	1.6	284	1.6
Self-employed workers	538	7.6	1483	8.4
Unpaid family workers	21	0.3	83	0.5

December 2009 Unemployment Rates				
County Areas	Labor Force	Employed	Un-Employed	Unemployment Rate
Jefferson County	20,051	17,850	2,201	11.0%
Franklin County	17,410	14,953	2,457	14.1%
Hamilton County	3,960	3,577	383	9.7%
Marion County	18,201	15,857	2,344	12.9%
Perry County	9,082	7,918	1,166	12.8%
Wayne County	7,978	7,180	818	10.3%
Washington County	8,134	7,450	684	8.4%
Williamson County	34,751	31,280	3,471	10.0%
Totals	119,567	106,065	13,524	11.15%

Unemployment Rates		
County	December 2009	December 2008
Jefferson	11.0%	6.6%
Franklin	14.1%	9.8%
Hamilton	9.7%	7.3%
Marion	12.9%	8.8%
Perry	12.8%	10.2%
Wayne	10.3%	6.7%
Washington	8.4%	6.4%
Williamson	10.0%	7.3%
Average	11.15%	7.89%

This represents the employment rate Prepared by IDES - JFebruary 2010 Release

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security— December, 2009

Taxes & Income

Tax Structure	
Taxing Body Tax Rate	Percentage
City of Mt. Vernon	1.2517
Jefferson County	0.6394
Mt. Vernon Township High School	1.8056
Mt. Vernon District #80 Schools	2.619
Local Utility Tax	
Electricity	None
Telephone	2.00
Natural Gas	None
Water	None
Retail Sales Tax	
State of Illinois	6.25
City of Mt. Vernon Home Rule	1.00
Jefferson County	0.25
Jefferson County	0.25
Total Sales Tax within Incorporated Mt. Vernon	7.75
Total Sales Tax outside Incorporated Mt. Vernon	6.75

Source: Jefferson County Supervisor of Assessors

Per Capita Personal Income	
Jefferson County	\$27,288*
State of Illinois	\$38,409
United States	\$36,714

*2006 Increase of 4.8% from 2005-2006

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
www.bea.gov—2006—Updated August 2008

State of Illinois Taxes	
Corporate Income Tax	Based on reported federal income, the rate is 7.3% based on a 4.8% income tax and 2.5% replacement tax.
Property Tax	State property tax is assessed at 33.3% of assessed valuation.

Source: State of Illinois

Per Capita Personal Income Ranking for Jefferson County	
55th in state	74% of national average

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis—www.bea.gov (2006)