

Carbondale Community Profile

Carbondale is the trade, tourism and educational center of Southern Illinois. Center of area transportation with; Bus, Rail and Air. Bordered by a national forest, a national wildlife refuge, a state park, and home of Southern Illinois University, the community serves as the host and focal point for many of the region's business & recreation activities.

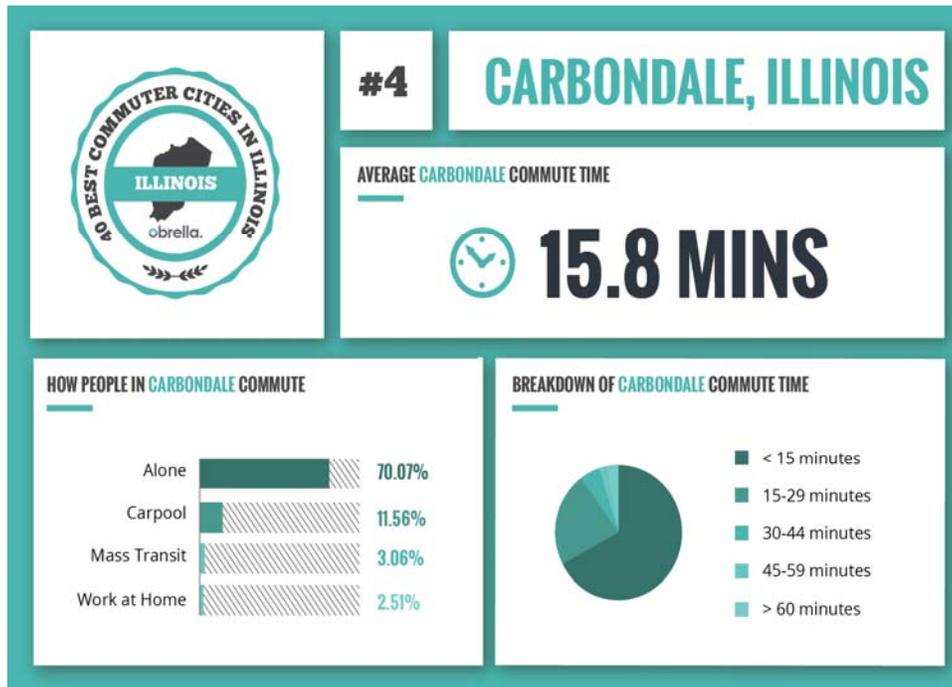
*Platted November 27, 1852
 Incorporated August 23, 1873
 Council / Manager form of government
 Home Rule municipality
 Area in square miles 17.70
 Number of full time equivalent employees 267.76*

POPULATION

	City	County	State
1970	22,816	55,008	11,110,285
1980	26,414	61,522	11,428,518
1990	27,033	61,067	11,430,602
2000	20,681	59,612	12,419,293
2010	25,902	60,218	12,830,632
2014*	25,298	59,677	12,880,580

DIVERSITY STATISTICS

	City of Carbondale	State of Illinois
Caucasian	62.4%	71.5%
Black/African American	25.6%	14.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4%	0.3%
Asian/Asian American	5.7%	4.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	5.8%	9.1%



HIGHWAY MILEAGE

Carbondale to:

- Atlanta - 447
- Chicago-331
- Cincinnati-332
- Dallas-648
- Detroit-551
- Denver-972
- Indianapolis-264
- Kansas City-356
- Los Angeles-1,919
- Memphis-213
- Milwaukee-423
- Minneapolis-662
- Nashville-200
- New Orleans-608
- New York-1,007
- Orlando - 884
- Seattle-2,200
- Savannah - 694
- St. Louis-103
- Washington DC – 820

The Carbondale Office of Economic and Regional Development assist small businesses with their growth. Last year alone, the office helped 57 businesses launch or expand, provided 43 training seminars, and admitted two new high-tech tenants to its Small Business Incubator program. Local cutting-edge businesses are part of what make Carbondale great. And their workers are probably going to be happy to know they make it to work nearly 40 percent faster than most Americans.

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EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Grades</i>
Carbondale District #95 Comprised of:				
Middle School		--	396	6-8
Lewis School		--	306	4-5
Thomas Elementary School		--	301	2-3
Parrish Elementary School		--	<u>494</u>	pre K, K-1
Total for District #95	105		1,497	
CCHS Carbondale High School Dist.#165	1	73	1,066	9 -12
Outlying Districts Which Feed into CCHS:				
Unity Point Grade School	1	48	680	K-8
Giant City Grade School	1	16	265	K-8
Desoto Grade School	1	15	264	K-8
Private/Religious Schools				
Brehm Preparatory School (for the learning, speech and language impairments)	1	200	100	(ages 11-22)
Trinity Parochial School	1	N/A	107	K-12
Carbondale New School (Private)	1	18	72	K-8
Collegiate Level:				
John A. Logan Community College	1	98	6,108	2yr. /Continuing Ed)
Southern Illinois University- Carbondale	1	1,445	17,989	BA/MA/PHD
Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (SICCM)				
(Comprised of (7) Southern Illinois Colleges-John A. Logan, Kaskaskia. Rend Lake, Shawnee Community, Southeastern Illinois and SIU (Carbondale & Edwardsville), offering Five (5) Technology Programs)				
	1	11	125	2Yr/Licensed Certificate

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is a public research university that includes 11 colleges and offers 101 bachelor degree programs, 74 master programs and 32 doctoral/medicine/law programs. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies SIUC as a Research University: High Research Activity. The National Science Foundation ranks SIUC #101 among public universities in the U.S. for total research and development expenditures, and #142 among all U.S. universities. This places SIUC among the top 4 percent of U.S. higher education institutions for research.

SIU-C offers nationally ranked programs including:

- #1 Automotive
- #6 College of Education and Human Services Rehabilitation Counseling Training Program
- One of the top military friendly universities
- #47 MFA rankings for "Poets and Writers"
- One of the Top 301 business schools by Princeton Review
- Best Colleges designation by the Princeton Review
- #110 for Research & Development expenditures at public universities and colleges

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Being a great place to live also means being a great place to work. A thriving economy helps the tax base (so there's more money for city improvements) and helps a city attract and retain talent. The economy in Carbondale is led by Southern Illinois University and followed by the Physicians industry, which accounts for the percentage of the jobs in the area. Other top employment sectors include Construction, Supermarkets and Other Grocery, Corporate, Subsidiary and Regional Managing Offices.

MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS	Product/Service	Employees
Southern Illinois University	Higher Education/Research	6,961
SIH Medical Group	Medical	3,015
Memorial Hospital of Carbondale	Medical	1,116
E.T. Simmonds	Concrete/Construction	689
H-Group	Medical Rehab	541
Neuro Restorative	Head Injury Rehabilitation	510
SIH System Offices	Medical/Business	501
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Retail /Food	400
Illinois Department of Transportation	Highway Regional Office	290
Carbondale School Employees (K-12)	Education/Service	275
City of Carbondale	Local Municipality	272
Center for Medical Arts	Medical Clinic	243
University Mall (Corporate & Tenants)	Retail / Food	230
Brehm Preparatory School	Education – Special Needs	200
Schnucks	Grocery	188
Com-pac Inc.	Medical/Specialty Plastic Bags MFG.	180
Kroger	Grocery	172
Lowe's of Carbondale	Retail	168
Southern Illinoisan	Regional Newspaper Publishing	140
U.S. Postal Service	Government	63

RETAIL SHOPPING

- University Mall, an enclosed shopping center (677,000 sq. ft.) with anchors: J.C. Penny, Macy's, Bed Bath and Beyond and AMC Theaters an 8 Screen Complex
- Murdale Shopping Center (87,600 sq. ft.) with anchors: Neighborhood Food Co-op and Tru-Value
- University Place, an open-air center (250,000 square feet) with anchors: Dick's Sporting Goods, Best Buy, Petco, AMC Theatre an 8 Screen Complex, TJ Maxx, Party City,
- Eastgate Shopping Center with anchors: Ashley Furniture
- Central Business district
- West Park Plaza, (55,332sq.ft.) with anchors of Gold's Gym and Sherwin Williams Paint

EATING ESTABLISHMENTS

Carbondale has a diverse selection of dining options ranging from Upscale to fast food. There are a wide variety of ethnic foods available.

Number of restaurants: 110

AWARDS

Selected as "Best Small City in Illinois," 1990, 1997
 Winner, "Governor's Hometown Award," 1991, 1992, 2009
 Winner, "GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award," since 1986
 Selected as "Tree City USA," since 1981
 All-America City Finalist, 2009
 City Livability Award, 2009
 Finalist, Award for Municipal Excellence, 2009
 Transparency in Government Award, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
 Ameren Progressive City Award, 2012

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FACILITIES

- 8 - Banks
- 5 - Local Radio Stations
- 245 - Cable TV channels
- 1,040 - Seating cap. of Largest Banquet Rooms
- 10 - Hotel/Motels w/100 or less rooms each
- 3 - Taxi Companies
- 2 - Movie Theatres
- 8,198 - Total number of rental units
- 17 - Trailer Parks

DEVELOPMENT SOURCES

City of Carbondale Economic Development
Jackson County Growth Alliance
Southern Illinois Research Business Incubator
Carbondale Chamber of Commerce
Carbondale Main Street
Carbondale Tourism

NEWSPAPERS

- 1 Local Daily Newspaper
- 1 Local Weekly Newspaper
- 1 Daily University Newspaper

LIBRARIES , MUSEUMS and ARTS

- 1 Public Library
- 1 Morris (Southern Illinois University)
- African American Museum
- Science Center
- Siu University Museum
- Stage Company
- McLeod Theatre
- Shryock Auditorium

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- 8 - Public Golf course (within 15 miles)
 - 3 - Public tennis courts
 - 2 - Country Clubs
 - 2 - Recreation Center/Park District
 - 7 - Public parks
 - 1 - State Park (Giant City)
 - 1 - National Forest (Shawnee)
 - 2 - Wildlife Refuge (Crab Orchard, Touch of Nature)
 - 2 - Reservoirs'; Evergreen Terrace (old), Cedar Lake (new)
 - 2 - Public swimming pool
 - 1 - Outdoor Spray Park
 - 1 - Shawnee Wine Trail (12 -Wineries)
- Public access to lakes and rivers for:
Swimming, water skiing, fishing, & boating



Carbondale's Cedar Lake

The **Shawnee National Forest** encompasses more than 270,000 acres in Southern Illinois and is home to outstanding natural areas which offer numerous outdoor experiences. Bordered on the east and west by the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, the Shawnee National Forest flourishes with vegetation, wildlife, and recreational opportunities.

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge's 44,000 acres of land and water contain a wide diversity of flora and fauna. Major habitat types on the refuge include hardwood forest, agricultural land, grazing units, brushland, wetlands, and lakes. The refuge provides significant resting areas for migratory birds utilizing the Mississippi Flyway. Wintering numbers of Canada Geese can peak at 200,000. A total of 700 plant species, 245 bird species, 33 mammal species, 63 fish species, and 44 reptile and amphibian species have been documented on the refuge. The western 24,000 acres of the refuge provide a wide range of recreational opportunities and also include a 4,050-acre wilderness area. The eastern portion, 20,000 acres, is a wildlife sanctuary, and public use is limited.

Southern Illinois University **Student Recreation Center** offers swimming and sports facilities, intramurals, sport clubs, group fitness programs, outdoor equipment rental, and much more for students and members. The Student Recreation Center also has facilities for meetings and events.

The **Carbondale Park District** offers a wide variety of programs to fit the needs of the community. The Park District serves a diverse population with a wide range of interests, our programs and services serve infants, preschoolers, youths, teens, adults and seniors, as well as family interests. The Park District offers special events, instructional lessons, free programs and leisure services.