

# Carbondale Community Profile

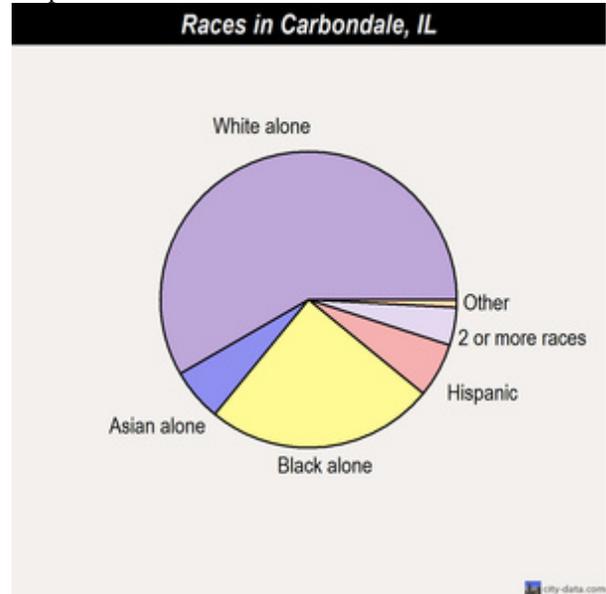
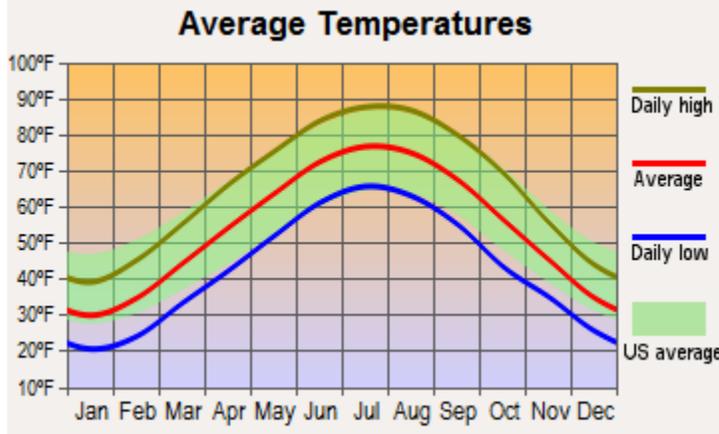
*Carbondale is the trade, tourism and educational center of Southern Illinois. Center of area transportation with; Bus, Rail and Air. Bordered by a national forest, a national wildlife refuge, a state park, and home of Southern Illinois University, the community serves as the host and focal point for 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 262.30**

**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
2015*	26,399	59,362	12,859,995

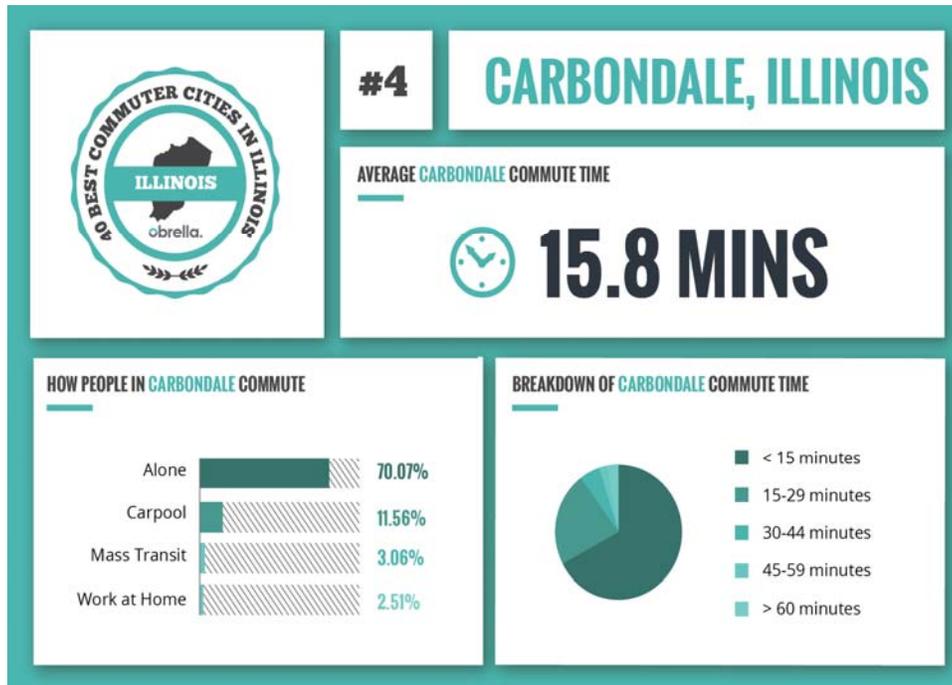
	City of Carbondale	State of Illinois
Caucasian	62.4%	71.5%
Black/African American	25.6%	14.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4%	0.3%
Asian/Asian American	5.7%	4.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%	0%
Hispanic or Latino	5.8%	9.1%



**The Jackson County-Murphysboro-Carbondale Enterprise Zone (EZ)** was a driving force for economic development during FY 2016, The enterprise zone ISSUED certificates for 19 projects with a total construction value of \$17,446,199.

**The Carbondale Small Business Development Center** at SIU Last year (2015) advised 529 clients, provided 5,229 hours of consulting, held 31 business management training sessions, Instructed 629 training session attendees, Helped 23 entrepreneurs create new businesses, Assisted 10 business expand, Helped create 110 jobs and retain 257 jobs, Assisted businesses export products outside of the US, increasing sales by \$23,413,303, Leveraged \$1,249,700 in owner investment to \$170,000 of stock investment and \$2,567,000 in loans.

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## 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

## Health Care

**Memorial Hospital of Carbondale** - Memorial Hospital of Carbondale is the flagship hospital for SIH and regional referral center for the 16 county southern Illinois region. Memorial paves the way to bring big city medicine home. Physicians in nearly 40 different specialties practice here, bringing expertise and new procedures, but successfully tailoring them to the particular needs of a rural setting.

- 140-bed tertiary care hospital
- Southern Illinois' largest and most spacious birthing center with Level II Plus Special Care Nursery
- Only dedicated pediatric unit in the region
- The core hospital for SIH's comprehensive, regional heart program, Prairie Heart Institute.
- High level surgical capabilities including daVinci technology
- Affiliated with SIU School of Medicine through its Family Practice Residency Program
- Neuroscience program including neurosurgery and the region's only Primary Stroke Center
- Accredited by the Commission on Cancer for comprehensive cancer treatment

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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		--	403	6-8
Lewis School		--	289	4-5
Thomas Elementary School		--	309	2-3
Parrish Elementary School		--	<u>503</u>	pre K, K-1
Total for District #95	105		1,504	
CCHS Carbondale High School Dist.#165	1	73	1,031	9 -12
Outlying Districts Which Feed into CCHS:				
Unity Point Grade School	1	48	711	K-8
Giant City Grade School	1	16	254	K-8
Desoto Grade School	1	15	264	K-8
Private/Religious Schools				
Brehm Preparatory School	1	200	102	(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	7,431	2yr. Full time
			6,483	Continuing Ed)
Southern Illinois University- Carbondale	1	1,445	17,292	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.

<i><b>MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS</b></i>	<i><b>Product/Service</b></i>	<i><b>Employees</b></i>
Southern Illinois University	Higher Education/Research	4,895
SIH Medical Group	Medical	3,005
Memorial Hospital of Carbondale	Medical	1,101
E.T. Simmonds	Concrete/Construction	703
H-Group	Medical Rehab	540
Neuro Restorative	Head Injury Rehabilitation	510
SIH System Offices	Medical/Business	495
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Retail /Food	393
Illinois Department of Transportation	Highway Regional Office	295
Carbondale School Employees (K-12)	Education/Service	275
City of Carbondale	Local Municipality	262
Center for Medical Arts	Medical Clinic	245
University Mall (Corporate & Tenants)	Retail / Food	231
Brehm Preparatory School	Education – Special Needs	204
Schnucks	Grocery	188
Com-pac Inc.	Medical/Specialty Plastic Bags MFG.	180
Kroger	Grocery	168
Lowe's of Carbondale	Retail	167
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  
9 - Hotel/Motels w/100 or less rooms each  
3 - Taxi Companies  
2 - Movie Theatres  
8,349 - 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

## Transportation

### Rail Service – Freight

Canadian National – New Orleans, Memphis Chicago, Canada

Carbondale has a train car maintenance facility and the distance to the nearest piggyback service is 10 miles  
Frequency of Switching: As Needed

### Rail Service – Passenger

Amtrak City of New Orleans - Chicago, Champaign, Carbondale, Memphis, New Orleans  
Amtrak Illini - Chicago, Champaign, Carbondale  
Amtrak Saluki - Chicago, Champaign, Carbondale

### Air Service

#### Southern Illinois Airport

Type of runway: hard surface  
Length of runway: 6,500 feet  
Unicom radio: 122.95  
Instrument landing system, VOR, Non-directional beacon

#### Williamson County Airport

Located 10 miles east of Carbondale at Illinois Route 13 & Illinois Route 148

## 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 – Siu-C Touch of Nature Environmental & Research Center  
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 – Outdoor Splash Park  
1 - Shawnee Wine Trail (12 -Wineries)  
Public access to lakes and rivers for:  
Swimming, water skiing, fishing, & boating

## 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

### Motor Carrier

Greyhound Bus Lines  
West Bus Service (Charters)  
Distance to nearest interstate interchange: 12 miles  
Number of local terminals: 2  
Number of carriers: 6  
(Includes intra and interstate carriers)

### Highways

Highways Serving Community:  
- U.S. Route 51 and Illinois Route 13  
Interstates Serving Community:  
- I-57, I-24, I-64  
Nearest Interchange: 12 miles / 19 km

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**Carbondale's Cedar Lake** was constructed for the purpose of supplying tap water to the residents of Carbondale. In addition, the lake serves fishing, swimming and active recreation purposes



*Carbondale was named by Outdoor Life magazine as one of the top 200 towns for sportsmen and is home to one of Southern Illinois' most beautiful recreational facilities --- Cedar Lake.*

Carbondale is proud to border The **Shawnee National Forest** which 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.

In the summer of 1995, the owners of the first three wineries in Southern Illinois, recognized that their wineries had untapped tourism potential. With this in mind and a lot of work the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail was born. It was the first wine trail in the state of Illinois. 2015 is the 20th Anniversary of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail! The Shawnee Hills Wine Trail continues to expand and is becoming more difficult to travel the whole trail in one day. Many Bed & Breakfasts have popped up in the area and most are booked solid throughout the year. The Shawnee Hills Wine Trail looks forward to increasing growth and success in the years to come, and is especially proud of the new American Viticultural Area (AVA) designation. This is a very exciting time for wine in the Shawnee Hills of Southern Illinois.

**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.

**Touch of Nature Environmental Center** is Southern Illinois University's outdoor education and recreation center serving SIU, the region and the nation as an outdoor laboratory for experiential learning, a field site for research, and a provider of therapeutic recreation, environmental education, adventure education, personal and interpersonal growth experiences and facilities services.

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.