

UNION IL

History In The Making

General Information

County – McHenry

POPULATION	1990	2000
City	542	576
Adjoining Townships (Including City)	11,952	14,803
County	183,241	260,077

Number of Households 220

Union's proximity to the I-90 corridor provides easy access to and from the Chicago, Rockford and Madison markets. The community's many museums attract large numbers of visitors to the area each year.



Economic Development Amenities

Municipal Services

Local Government	President/ Trustees/ Village Board		
Comprehensive Plan	Yes		
Subdivision Ordinance w/ Design Standards	Yes		
Emergency 911 System	Yes		
Municipal Zoning	Yes		
County Zoning	Yes		
Rescue Squad	Yes		

Fire Insurance Class 5 In City 6 Outside

	Full Time	Part Time	Volunteer
Fire Department	1	0	27
Police Department	0	6	0

Commercial Services

General Waste Disposal	Yes		
Special Waste Disposal	Yes		
Radio Stations	2 in County		
TV Channels	64 (Chicago, Rockford, Madison)		
Cable	Yes		
Newspapers	2 Daily 2 Weekly		
Banks	1 Assets \$300,000,000		

Additional Economic Amenities

Competitive Communities Initiatives	
McHenry County Loan Fund	
Industrial Parks	1

Climate

Avg. Winter Temp	23.00 F	-5.00 C
Avg. Summer Temp	74.00 F	23.33 C
Avg. Annual Rainfall	34.00 In	86.36 Cm
Avg. Annual Snowfall	32.00 In	81.28 Cm

Transportation

MotorCarrier

Highways Serving Community 1 Federal 2 State
 Interstates Serving Community Northwest Tollway I-90
 Nearest Interchange Distance 8 mi 13 km

Motor Freight Terminals 1
 Local Carriers 2
 Interstate Carriers 1
 Intrastate Carriers 1
 Package Delivery Service Yes

Air

Nearest Commercial Airport Chicago O'Hare Intl Airport
 Distance 45 mi 72 km
 Commercial Airlines 40 Flights per day 2,500

Nearest Public Airport Lake in the Hills Airport
 Distance 18 mi 28 km

Type of Surface Concrete
 Longest Runway 3,000 ft 900 m
 Runway Lighted Yes
 Fuel Available Yes
 Charter Service Available Yes
 Pvt Storage Available Yes
 Pvt Maintenance Available Yes

Railroad(s)

Service provided by Union Pacific
 Piggyback Service - Local No
 Distance to nearest 60 mi 96 km
 Container Service - Local No

Travel Time (distance and travel time for goods in transit to selected major cities)

City	Highway Miles	Highway Km.	Days by Rail	Days by Truck
Atlanta	790	1,264	1	2
Chicago	60	96	1	1
Cleveland	403	645	1	1
Dallas	936	1,498	1	2
Denver	960	1,536	2	2
Detroit	330	528	1	1
Kansas City	440	704	1	1
Los Angeles	2,035	3,256	3	4
Memphis	544	870	1	1
Minneapolis	400	640	1	1
New Orleans	944	1,510	1	2
New York	900	1,440	1	2
St. Louis	288	461	1	1
Seattle	2,000	3,200	3	4

Utilities

Water

Water Supplier	Municipal	
Water Source	Well	
	Gallons/Day	Liters/Day
Storage Capacity	375,000	1,425,000
Treatment Capacity	375,000	1,425,000
Average Daily Demand	90,000	342,000
Peak Daily Demand	110,000	418,000
Excess Capacity	265,000	1,007,000

Waste Water Treatment

Process Septic Systems

Natural Gas - Electricity - Telecommunications

Gas Supplier	NiCor
Electric Supplier	ComEd
Digital Switching	Yes
Fiber Optics	Yes
Long Distances Carriers	AT&T, MCI, Others
Cable Provider	T.V. Max

Union is home to a wealth of cultural and recreational attractions, including the Illinois Railway Museum, Donley's Wild West Town and the McHenry County Historical Society. Hundreds of thousands of visitors are drawn to these attractions each year.

The village's central location between Chicago and Rockford provides a wealth of shopping and cultural opportunities for residents. The I-90/Route 20 tollway exist is only minutes from Union's door.

Health Facilities

Distance to Nearest Hospital	7 mi	11km
Emergency Medical Treatment	Rescue Squad Serves Area	
Nearest Clinic	4 Miles	

Education Facilities (in community)

Type	Number	Teachers	Enrollment
Elementary/Junior High	2	101	1,422
High School	1	51	688

Latest A.C.T. Composite Score 23.2

The Union area offers easy access to a wealth of advanced educational facilities, including 3 community colleges, one university and one four-year college within 25 miles.

Employment

Major Employers In The Community

Employer	Product/Service	Employees	Year Established
AUBREY MANUFACTURING	Range hoods and Medicine Cabinets	170	1948
D. HILL NURSERY	Landscape Products	100	1855
TECHALLOY CO, INC.	Wires	100	1954
BAG MAKERS, INC.	Paper/Plastic Bags	72	1981
B.J. EXPRESS	Courier	27	1980
CHECKERS II RESTAURANT	Restaurant	21	1991
NEW DIMENSIONS	Hydraulic Manifolds	30	1998

There is no appreciable organized union activity in the area.

Labor Force

Labor Force Summary for McHenry County
(Annual Average for Year 2001)

Total Labor Force	138,554
Unemployed	6,350
Percentage	4.60%
Total Employed	132,204
Manufacturing	30.10%
Non-Manufacturing	68.20%
Agriculture	1.70%

Wage Rates

Wage rates for experienced workers in selected occupations working in McHenry County

Occupation	Entry	Top
Accountant/Auditor	\$ 13.27	\$ 17.78
Assembler-Electronic	\$ 7.66	\$ 9.98
Assembler-Production	\$ 7.12	\$ 9.10
Computer Operator	\$ 10.30	\$ 14.43
Computer Programmer	\$ 16.05	\$ 22.68
Data Entry Operator	\$ 8.05	\$ 10.30
Drill or Punch Press	\$ 7.74	\$ 10.12
Engineer	\$ 18.78	\$ 26.43
Janitor/Porter/Cleaner	\$ 9.76	\$ 9.84
Laborer	\$ 6.76	\$ 10.31
Machinist	\$ 8.71	\$ 14.44
Maintenance Mechanic	\$ 10.65	\$ 14.50
Office Clerk	\$ 8.05	\$ 10.30
Secretary	\$ 8.75	\$ 12.10
Sheet Metal Worker	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.89
Ship-Recving Clerk	\$ 8.59	\$ 10.98
Tool & Die Maker	\$ 14.12	\$ 19.46
Warehouse Worker	\$ 8.19	\$ 10.80
Welder	\$ 9.58	\$ 12.88
Word Processor	\$ 9.80	\$ 11.85

Good access to large metropolitan markets enables Union to draw workers, residents and visitors from a far-reaching area.

Community Facilities

(Available within 10 miles)

Motels/Hotels	40	Protestant Churches	8
Number of Rooms	100	Catholic Churches	1
Restaurants	25	Jewish Synagogues	1
Capacity of Largest Banquet Room	450	Country Clubs	4
Public Golf Courses	6	Health Clubs	1
Public Tennis Courts	2	Public Swimming Pools	1

Union is home to McHenry County Conservation District areas, District park and camping facilities and a wealth of museums and popular tourist attractions, including Donley's Wild West Town, the Illinois Railway Museum and the McHenry County Historical Society Museum.

Union's charm and still-small size has attracted residents and employers alike. Opportunities abound for service-oriented businesses.

Location Services and Other Information

Economic Development Contacts

Economic Development Committee of the Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce	Village President
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Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce Website:
www.marengo-union.com

Tax Structure

The Union area offers favorable tax rates which are considerably lower than in Cook County and surrounding municipalities.

Property tax rates per \$100 assessed valuation. Valuation is 33.3% of real property except in Cook County where commercial property is assessed at 38% and industrial property is assessed at 36%.

Property Tax Rates

Year 2001	Total Property Tax Rates For Two Previous Years	
	1999	2000
City	0.3602%	
County	0.6380%	6.2010%
School	4.7934%	6.2489%
Other(s)	0.9954%	
Total	6.7870%	

Total Sales Tax Rate 6.5%

Utility Tax On

Electricity	0.05%
Natural Gas	0.05%
Telephone	0.05%
Water	0.00%



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