



The Livingston County area possesses quintessential small town charm while eloquently providing its residents award winning educational opportunities, first class healthcare, Midwest family values and unique amenities given our close proximity to Chicago. For Livingston County, living in America’s Heartland means farm to fork dining opportunities with meals prepared by acclaimed Michelin rated chefs who regularly visit our local farmsteads which supply their fare. Historic Route 66 comes alive in the Livingston County area towns of Chenoa, Dwight, Odell, and Pontiac with over 50,000 visitors flocking to experience one of our four museums flanking Pontiac’s historic town square. Livingston County area residents warmly welcome and encourage you to experience the best of the Midwest with us!

## REGIONAL POPULATION

From small villages to cities, the Livingston County area has a variety of excellent places to live. Below are some of our communities.

Municipality	Population
Chatsworth	1,175
Chenoa	1,794
Cullom	541
Dwight	4,151
Fairbury	3,689
Flanagan	1,082
Forrest	1,194
Odell	1,019
Pontiac	11,688
Saunemin	414
Streator	13,422

## QUALITY OF LIFE

**ATTRACTIONS:** Livingston County is home to six museums and a number of other exhibits and displays. Most with free admission!

**PUBLIC PARKS & POOLS:** Throughout Livingston County 24 city parks can be found. Indoor swimming facilities include the Flanagan Memorial Pool, Pontiac Elks Lodge, and the Pontiac Recreation Center. Outdoor pool facilities are located in: Chatsworth, Chenoa, Dwight, Fairbury, and Odell.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Livingston County is home to a number of annual events throughout the year including: Harvest Days, Dwight; Heritage Days, Chatsworth & Pontiac; the Illinois Basset Waddle, Dwight; The Red Carpet Corridor Festivals, Dwight, Odell & Pontiac; and the Threshermen’s Reunion, a bluegrass festival, Pontiac; to name just a few.

**VIBRANT ART COMMUNITY:** Livingston County enjoys an active arts scene with local artists and performing arts groups. Included is the Vermillion Players which celebrated its 50th season in 2014! There are also several art museums and galleries including Fairbury Echoes, The International Walldog Mural and Sign Art Museum, and Livingston County Art Center.

**HEALTHCARE:** OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center is located in Pontiac, Illinois, and is a state-of-the-art, 42-bed replacement health care facility, which was completed in 2002. This facility is also a member of The Mayo Clinic Care Network which provides OSF physicians the ability to quickly collaborate with Mayo specialists when they believe it will be helpful.

## TRANSPORTATION

### ▶ Highway

Livingston County is located approximately 75 miles South of Chicago on Interstate 55. It is also centrally located approximately 30 minutes from Interstates I-39, I-57, I-74 and I-80.

### ▶ Airway

Livingston County is served by the Pontiac Municipal Airport which possesses a 5,000 foot runway and jet fuel service station. Additionally, the Central Illinois Regional Airport (CIRA) is located in Bloomington, approximately 40 miles away. Moreover, Livingston County is located approximately 90 miles from O’Hare International Airport and 80 miles from Midway International Airport.

### ▶ Rail

Livingston County is served by high-speed Amtrak Passenger service with stops in Dwight and Pontiac.

## EDUCATION IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Public Schools	Website
Dwight Township High School District 232	dwight.k12.il.us
Flanagan Cornell Unit 74	fc74.org
Pontiac Township High School District 90	pontiac90.org
Prairie Central High School District 8	prairiecentral.org
Cornell Community Consolidated School District 426	cornellgradeschool.org
Dwight Common School District 230	dwight.k12.il.us
Odell Community Consolidated School District 435	odellschool.org
Pontiac Community Consolidated School District 429	pontiac429.org
Prairie Central Community Unit School District 8	prairiecentral.org
Rooks Creek Community Consolidated School District 425	rooks creek.k12.il.us
Saunemin Community Consolidated School District 438	saunemin.org
Tri-Point Community Unit School District 6-J	tripointschools.org
Woodland Community Unit School District 5	woodland5.org

Private Schools	Website
Pontiac Christian School	pontiacchristian.org
St. Mary's Catholic School	stmaryspontiac.org
St. Paul School	stpaulodell.weebly.com
Grace Christian School	gracechristianschool.weebly.com
Heartland Headstart Inc.	heartlandheadstart.org
Dwight Baptist Academy	fbcdwight.org

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY UTILITIES:

Utility	Provider	Contact
Electricity	ComEd	comed.com
Electricity	Ameren Energy	ameren.com
Natural Gas	Nicor Gas	nicorgas.com
Water	Various Municipal Sources	
Waste Water	Various Municipal Sources	
Waste Services	Republic Services, Inc.	republicservices.com
Internet/Telephone	Frontier	frontier.com
Internet/Telephone	Mediacom	mediacomcable.com
Internet/Telephone	AT&T	att.com
Internet	CIRBN	cirbn.org
911 System	Countywide	

### Heartland Community College

*Main Campus - Normal, Illinois*

Heartland Community College (HCC) was established in 1990 and classes were first offered in the fall of 1991. Since then, enrollment has grown to over 10,000 credit students and 20,000 non-credit students. HCC offers associate and transfer degrees and certifications in 58 different areas. HCC also has a campus in Pontiac, Illinois.

### Illinois State University

*Main Campus - Normal, Illinois*

Founded in 1857, Illinois State University (ISU) was the first public university in Illinois. With a 2012 enrollment of 20,502 and faculty numbering 1,394, ISU has six colleges and 35 academic departments offering more than 160 fields of study.

### Illinois Wesleyan University

*Main Campus - Bloomington, Illinois*

A private university founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) has a student enrollment of 2,000 undergraduates. Recognized as one of the nation's premiere private residential liberal arts universities, IWU offers 39 majors and three pre-professional programs with 184 faculty members.

### Joliet Junior College

*Main Campus - Joliet, Illinois*

Founded in 1901, Joliet Junior College (JJC) was the nation's first public community college. With student enrollment over 15,000 and faculty numbering 743, JJC has 3 campuses and 3 extension centers offering 197 degree and certificate programs in over 50 areas of study.

### Lincoln College

*Main Campus - Lincoln, Illinois*

Lincoln College's Normal campus, a private residential college, offers academic and vocational programs to 500 students. Accredited by the North Central Association, Lincoln offers associate degrees as well as bachelor's degrees in business management and liberal arts with a student/faculty ratio of 15:1.