

## Profile of

# Pike County, Illinois



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### GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION:

Pike County is strategically located in West-Central Illinois, nestled between the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.

Distance to: St. Louis - 95 miles; Springfield - 72 miles; Chicago - 275 miles; Kansas City - 225 miles.

Pike County is fifth in size of the 102 counties in Illinois.

### TRANSPORTATION:

Served by Interstate 72, U.S. 54 and 36, State highways 96, 100, 104, 106 and 107.

Interstate 72 passes through Pike County leading to Quincy, Illinois and Hannibal, Missouri to the west and Springfield, Illinois to the east.

The Pittsfield Penstone Municipal Airport is owned and managed by the City of Pittsfield. It is located one mile north of Pittsfield and has a 4,000 foot asphalt runway. Services: Courtesy car rentals, catering, pickup and delivery, pilots' lounge and 24-hour self-serve fuel using MasterCard or Visa.

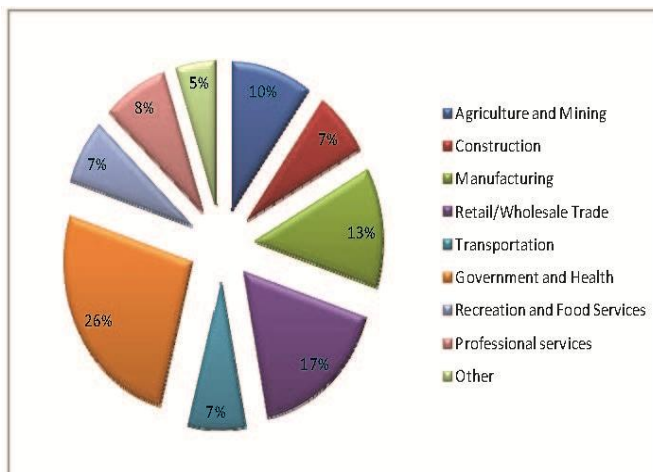
Quincy Regional Airport is 45 miles northwest of Pittsfield and Springfield's Capital airport is 70 miles east. Both offer commercial service to St. Louis and Chicago.

Four interstate and intrastate carriers service the Pike County area.

Rail service is provided by: KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY at Pearl; NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY at Valley City.

Several river terminals line the 65 miles of river bordering Pike County.

### MAJOR INDUSTRIES (by employment):



### GENERAL:

**Hospital** - Illini Community Hospital

**Banks** - Nine with total assets in excess of \$727 million

**Newspapers** - Pike County Express, The Pike Press, The Paper, and the Pleasant Hill Messenger, all weekly; Louisiana Press Journal, twice weekly; Jacksonville Journal Courier, Quincy Herald-Whig, Springfield State Journal Register, St. Louis Post Dispatch, all daily.

**Radio** - WBBA - FM, Pittsfield; NPR WIPA-FM, Pittsfield; WQCY - FM, WGEM - AM/FM, WTAD - AM, Quincy; WJIL - AM/FM, WLDS - AM, Jacksonville; KGRC - AM/FM, Hannibal, MO; WYMG - FM, KPCR - AM/FM, Bowling Green, MO.; KJFM - FM, Louisiana, MO.

**Television** - WGEM, CGEM, KHQA, WTJR, -Quincy; KMOX, KSD, KTVI, -St. Louis, MO.; PBS WSEC/WQEC.

**LODGING** (see [www.pikeil.org](http://www.pikeil.org) for a complete listing) **200 rooms**

**Hotels & Motels** - Six

**Bed & Breakfasts, Guest Houses, Cottages** - Six

**Numerous year-round lodges**

**Campgrounds- 3:** Great River Road Campground, Pleasant Hill; Lake Pittsfield, Pittsfield; Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, Pittsfield.

**HOUSING** - Complete range in both size and price. Attractive sites with beautiful trees, paved streets, zoning. Modest to luxury, rentals at reasonable prices.

### CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

Over sixty-five churches of various denominations.

There are 4 school districts in the county operating seven elementary and junior high schools, and four high schools with a total enrollment of 2,487.

John Wood Community College: Structured as well as Open Learning Center in Pittsfield. Very interested in local economic development and support of technology in new business. Provides more than just classroom services. Will train for new expanding business.

**Other colleges within 75 mile radius:** Quincy University, Quincy; Illinois College and MacMurray College, Jacksonville; Culver Stockton College, Canton, MO; Hannibal-LaGrange University, Hannibal, MO; University of Illinois, Springfield.

**POPULATION:** 2019 Census estimate 15,561  
Climate Temperature - normal average - 30F. Winter; 80F. Summer.  
Average annual rainfall - 38"; snowfall - 18".

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