



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 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	1,196
Chenoa	2,037
Cullom	650
Dwight	4,130
Fairbury	3,711
Flanagan	1,013
Forrest	1,159
Odell	1,042
Pontiac	11,804
Saunemin	376
Streator	12,791

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, 25 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. Pontiac Recreation Center also offers two outdoor splashpads.

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 Thresherman’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, many of which perform at the Eagle Performing Arts & Conference Center in Pontiac. The Vermillion Players has been entertaining audiences for nearly 55 years. There are also several art museums and galleries including Fairbury Echoes, The International Walldog Mural and Sign Art Museum, and Pontiac Community Art Center.

HEALTHCARE: OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center, located in Pontiac, Illinois, is a 42 bed, not for profit, acute care facility, fully accredited by The Joint Commission. OSF HealthCare Saint James serves as the area’s gateway to health care with 24/7 emergency services, inpatient and outpatient surgery, critical care, a Family Birthing Center, multidisciplinary rehabilitation services, sophisticated diagnostic testing, cataract surgery, wellness, occupational health services and more to support residents on their health journey. For further convenience, multiple OSF Medical Group locations and OSF Home Care can provide the care you need where and when you need it. OSF HealthCare Saint James is part of OSF HealthCare. Please visit their website at www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-james for a complete list of programs and services.

TRANSPORTATION

▶ Highway

Livingston County is located approximately 80 miles south of Chicago on Interstate 55. It is also centrally located within 40 miles of Interstates I-39, I-57, I-74 and I-80.

▶ Airway

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

Rail

▶ Livingston County is a strategic freight rail hub possessing the intersections of the following train lines: Burlington Northern Santa Fe & Norfolk Southern; Union Pacific & Norfolk Southern; and Toledo, Peoria, Western & Bloomer Shippers Connecting Rail Road. Also, Livingston County is served by high-speed Amtrak passenger service with depots in Dwight and Pontiac.

EDUCATION IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Public Schools	Website
Cornell Community Consolidated School District 426	cornellgradeschool.org
Dwight Common School District 230	dwight.k12.il.us
Dwight Township High School District 232	dwight.k12.il.us
Flanagan Cornell Unit 74	fc74.org
Odell Community Consolidated School District 435	odellschool.org
Pontiac Community Consolidated School District 429	pontiac429.org
Pontiac Township High School District 90	pontiac90.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
Dwight Baptist Academy	fbcdwight.org
Heartland Headstart Inc.	heartlandheadstart.org
Grace Christian School	gracechristianschool.weebly.com
St. Mary's Catholic School	stmaryspontiac.org
St. Paul School	stpaulodell.weebly.com

LIVINGSTON COUNTY UTILITIES:

Utility	Provider	Contact
Electricity	ComEd	comed.com
Electricity	Ameren Energy	ameren.com
Natural Gas	Nicor Gas	nicorgas.com
Water	Illinois American Water	amwater.com
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	911.gov

Bradley University

Main Campus - Peoria, Illinois

In 2019, Bradley University's enrollment was 4,600 undergraduate and 1,300 graduate students. Bradley University has eight schools, over 185 programs, and more than 340 faculty members.

Heartland Community College

Main Campus - Normal, Illinois

Campus - Pontiac, Illinois

In 2019, HCC's enrollment was 4,974 credit students and 12,614 non-credit students. HCC offers 14 degrees, 31 certificates, and 82 faculty members.

Illinois State University

Main Campus - Normal, Illinois

In 2019, ISU's enrollment was 17,092 undergraduate and 1,375 graduate students. ISU has six schools offering more than 160 fields of study and 1,326 faculty members.

Illinois Wesleyan University

Main Campus - Bloomington, Illinois

In 2019, IWU's enrollment was 1,693 students. Recognized as one of the nation's premier private residential liberal arts universities, IWU offers 50 majors and 158 faculty members.

Joliet Junior College

Main Campus - Joliet, Illinois

In 2019, JJC's enrollment was 4,690 full-time students and 9,628 part-time students. JJC has three campuses and three extension centers offering more than 180 degrees and certificate programs.

Lincoln College

Main Campus - Lincoln, Illinois

In 2019, Lincoln College's enrollment was 968 undergraduate students. Lincoln College offers associate degrees as well as bachelor's degrees with a student/faculty ratio of 14:1.