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Employment in the City of DeKalb and DeKalb County

DeKalb County's eastern border is approximately 50 miles from Lake Michigan; its western border 60 miles from Iowa and its northern border 25 miles from Wisconsin. Being so close to Chicago ties DeKalb County to that metropolitan area geographically and economically. The County population is over 90,000 and growing. The largest city, DeKalb, has a population in excess of 45,000. The county seat and second largest town, Sycamore, has a population of 12,000. Other towns in DeKalb County with populations exceeding 1,000 are Cortland, Genoa, Hinckley, Kirkland, Sandwich, Shabbona, Somonauk, and Waterman.

Approximate average household income in the city of DeKalb:	\$50,700
Approximate average sale price of a single family home in the city of DeKalb:	\$135,000
<u>Education level for the DeKalb's labor force over age 25:</u>	
Percentage with a High School degree:	33.2%
Percentage with some College:	25.6%
Percentage with a Four Year College degree:	0.9%

DeKalb public schools: Six elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. Sycamore public schools: Four elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school.

Major Employers in DeKalb & Sycamore

Northern Illinois University	Ideal Industries	Driv-Lok
Kishwaukee College	Alloyd Company	Johnson Controls
Kishwaukee Community Hospital	Nestle Distribution Company	City of DeKalb & City of Sycamore
DeKalb & Sycamore School Districts	3M Corporation	Commonwealth Edison
Sycamore Containers	Daily Chronicle	Sycamore Systems
Monsanto Corporation	Exel Logistics	Nehring Electrical Works
Engineered Storage Products	Auto Meter Products	Panduit Corp
DeKalb Clinic	G.E. Motors & Electrical Systems	Seymour of Sycamore
National Bank & Trust of Sycamore	Kindred Hospital	Northern FS
Castle Bank Group	DeKalb County Government	D.B. Hess Company
Wal-Mart, Target, Jewel, Farm & Fleet, Borders, J C Penney, TJ Maxx, Menards, Lowe's, Kohls, Elder Beerman, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, and dozens of banks, restaurants, hotels, insurance companies, real estate agencies, etc.		

Employment Information and Resources

Northern Illinois University Human Resources Services 1515 W. Lincoln Highway 815-753-6000 www.hr.niu.edu	Illinois Employment & Training Center 1701 E. Lincoln Highway 815-756-4893 www.ides.state.il.us/ietc/dekalb
DeKalb Chamber of Commerce 164. E. Lincoln Highway 815-756-6306 www.dekalb.org	Sycamore Chamber of Commerce 112 Somonauk Rd. 815-895-3456 www.sycamorechamber.com
Kishwaukee College 21193 Malta Road Malta, IL 815-825-2086 www.kishwaukeecollege.edu	For a complete list of DeKalb County Industrial and Non-Industrial Employers: DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation www.dcedc.org