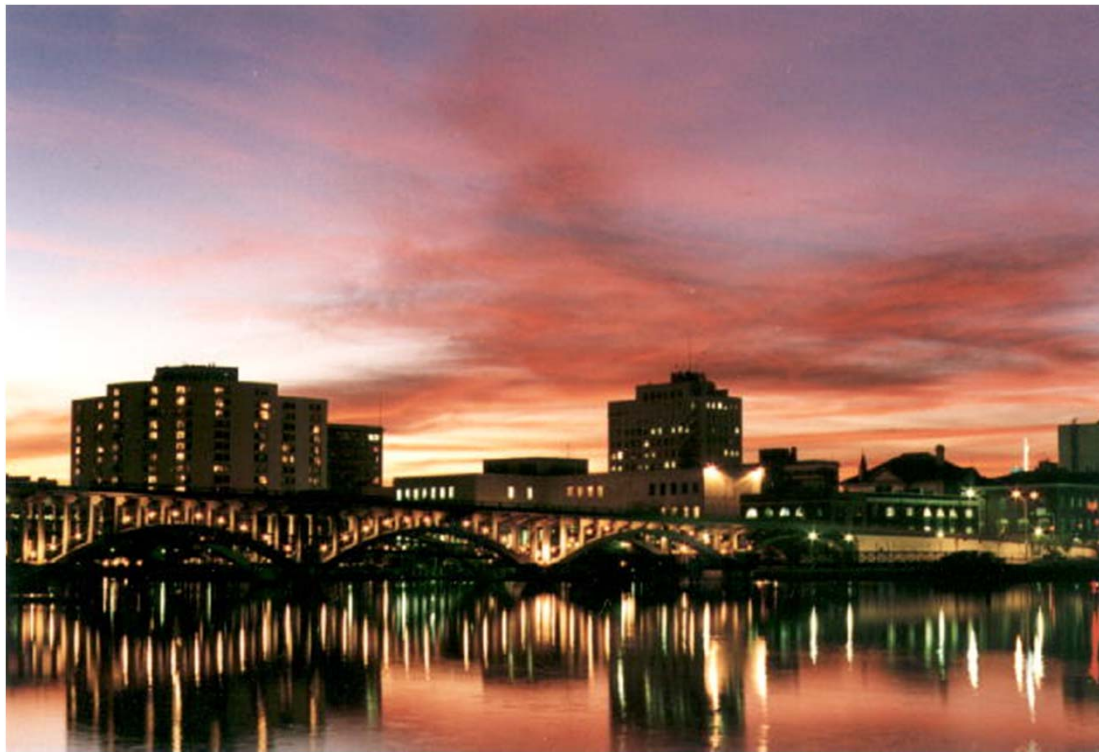


# The Rockford Area: America's Best – Mid-Sized International Region

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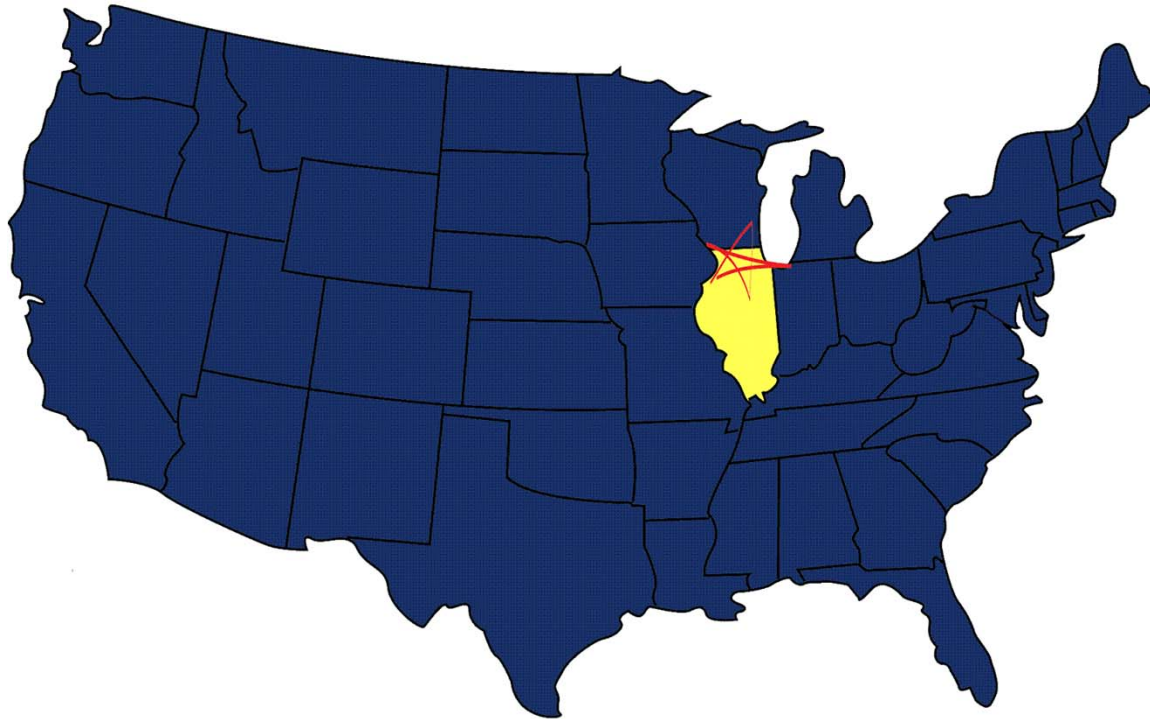


# Well Located with Excellent Access

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## In the World, Illinois has:

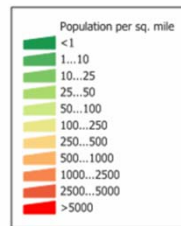
- 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest airport (O'Hare International)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest multi-modal port system



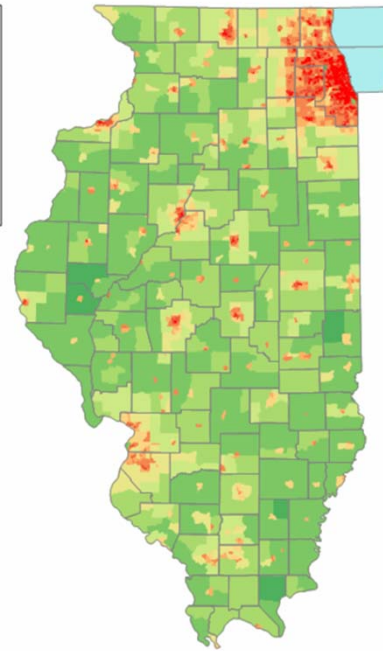
# Well Located with Excellent Access

## In the US, Illinois is:

- 1<sup>st</sup> in interstate & railroad connections
- 4<sup>th</sup> in technology & innovation
- 5<sup>th</sup> largest economy (\$589b)
- 5<sup>th</sup> most populated state



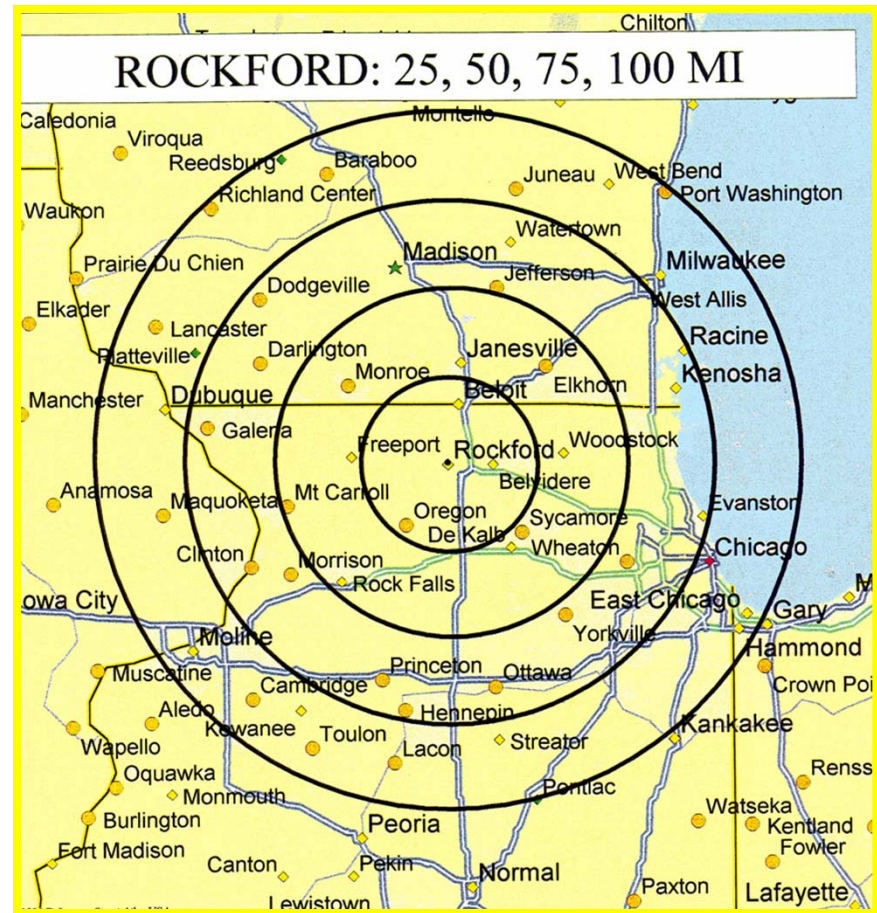
Source: U. S. Census Bureau  
Census 2000 Summary File 1  
population by census tract.



# Rockford is part of the Chicago Market

Our strategic location provides access to:

- Over 800,000 people within a 30-40 minute commute, and is the fastest growing MSA in Illinois
- O'Hare International Airport within 60 minutes
- Over 13 million people within a two hours driving radius
- Approximately 80% of US households within a 24 hour truck drive
- Chicago's downtown CBD within 90 minutes



# Rockford's Target Industries

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Industries that best fit Rockford's strengths and services:

- Aerospace Manufacturing and R&D
- Automotive Manufacturing and R&D
- Rail Manufacturing and R&D
- Industrial Machinery Manufacturing and R&D
- Logistics and Distribution
- Back Office Operations
- Metals Manufacturing and R&D
- Food Processing
- Chemicals & Plastics Manufacturing
- Health Care Related Service

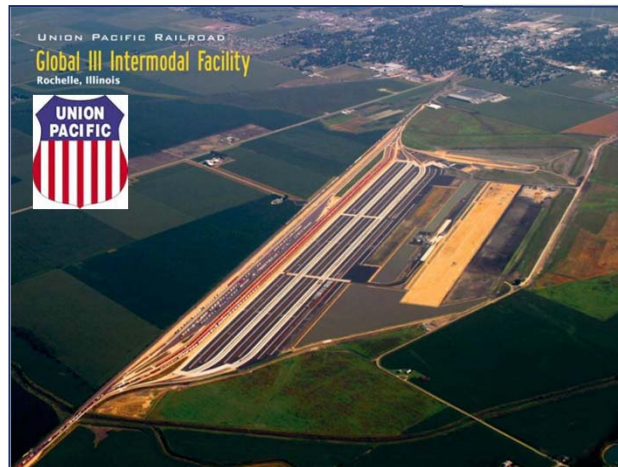




# Growing Available In-Land Port

## Integration of Air Cargo, Truck, & Rail Service:

- 21<sup>st</sup> largest air cargo airport in the U.S.
- Access to 4 interstates
- 4 of 7 class-one railroads
- 60+ motor freight carriers
- 2 of the largest air cargo aggregators
- UP's Global III Intermodal Facility
- WATCO's multi-product transload facility



# Chicago's Third International Airport

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## Modern Facility

- 24/7 FAA Air Traffic Control Tower
- Hard-surface runways
  - 10,000 ft (Primary)
  - 8,200 ft (Secondary)
- Cat III/II Instrument Landing System
  - allows landing in zero visibility conditions
- International Arrival Gate
- U.S. Customs Port of Entry
- De-icing fluid retention and processing facility on-site



*RFD is the 21<sup>st</sup> largest air cargo airport in the U.S., moving more cargo than than BOS, SEA, PHX, and PDX!*



# The Chicago Rockford International Airport

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## Capabilities

- Independent airspace from O'Hare, Midway, Chicago/Gary, Mitchell Field (Milwaukee)
- Accommodates largest aircraft flying
  - Airbus 380
  - Antonov 225
- Non-stop service to Europe, Africa, Asia, Middle East and South America

## Services

- Foreign Trade Zone Benefits (FTZ #176)
- 24/7 customs and federal inspections
- Multiple FBO's means a full spectrum of aviation related services
- USDA inspections
- 6,600 acres in the Global Trade Park
  - 3,000+ acres of airport land for development
  - 200+ airside acres
  - 2000+ acres for industrial and commercial projects



# Leading Air Cargo Services

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## UPS

- 3rd largest global hub
- 2nd largest US air hub
- 2-shift next day air service
- Multiple daily flights
- Six expansions since 1994 – 570,000 sq ft
  - \$25m invested to increase throughput (2007)
  - \$7.5m added heavy freight (2006)



## DB Schenker

- Began service at RFD in 2000
- 25,000 sq ft regional sort facility
- Multiple daily flights



# The Chicago Rockford International Airport

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## Cost Efficient

- Free, No Cost Aircraft Parking
- Landing fees 55% less expensive than O'Hare
- Centralized purchasing of fuel
- Limited toll road costs for ground transportation
- Less fuel burnt
  - Uncongested airspace means no stack time
  - Approximate 15 minutes from commit to land to cut engines
  - No congestion on roads
- Onsite Centralized Examination Station (CES), same day CES service available, one to two days faster than Chicago

FTZ Fact - If a company imports over \$1 million dollars of inventory annually, there is a very high likelihood that they could save a substantial amount of money. Some Rockford Area companies are realizing **savings in excess of \$250,000 annually** by beginning to utilize **FTZ benefits**.



# Chicago Rockford International Air Cargo Center



# Available Air Cargo Center on Runway

## Full Build-Out:

- 400,000 sf
- 30 acres
- 14 - 747 size spaces



## Phase One:

- Building Size: 72,000 SF
- Clear Height: 28 feet
- Aircraft Parking: To Suit
- Electrical: 1200 Amps, 480/277 Volts
- Parking: 100 Cars - Expandable
- Trailer Parking: Available
- Drive-In Doors: 4 - grade level, 16' x 20'
- Exterior Truck Docks: 20, fully equipped
- Occupancy: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (2009)



# Rockford has a Superior Quality of Life

## More than 7,000 parkland acres

- 185 public parks
- 21 public golf courses
- 6 country clubs
- 9 public libraries
- 10 museums
- 12 art galleries
- 1 symphony orchestra
- 4 community theatres
- 2 indoor ice arenas
- 2 water parks
- 4<sup>th</sup> lowest cost of living in the Midwest



*Rockford is home to the Rockford IceHogs AHL hockey team, official farm team for the Chicago Blackhawks.*



# Global Focus

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- FTZ #176
- 9 Sister Cities
- USEAC office
- Immigration Services
- International Gate at Airport
- Top 4% in ethnic diversity in Illinois
- Export growth of 52% from 2005-2008
- Illinois SBDC International Trade Center
- 35+ languages spoken in Rockford Area schools
- Hosted 7 international trade delegations in 2010
- Participated in 3 international trade missions in 2010
- Immigration through Investment EB-5 Visa Regional Center
- 100+ companies from 20+ countries invest in the Rockford Area



*We welcome you to join this growing international region!*



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