

Community Data Profile: Village of Godfrey, Illinois

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Introduction

This report provides a data-driven overview of the Village of Godfrey, Illinois, to support ongoing regional planning and collaboration with the City of Alton and other community stakeholders. The goal is to highlight local strengths, identify community needs and guide strategic discussions on shared opportunities and challenges across the region.

People and Housing	Godfrey	State-IL	Nation-US
Population Estimate	17,743	12,812,508	331,526,933
HS. Diploma or More (% of Adults 25+)	96.4%	90.6%	89.8%
BS or More (% Adults 25+)	33.4%	38.3%	36.2%
Households	7,596	5,071,288	131,332,360
Total Housing Units	8,115	5,470,727	145,333,462
Occupied	7,596	5,071,288	131,332,360
Vacant	519	399,439	14,001,102
Employment and Income			
Labor Force ⁵	9,506	6,665,114	173,038,795
Unemployment Rate ¹	3.5%	4.7%	4.3%
Median Household Income ³	92,746	80,306	77,719
Median Family Income ⁴	112,507	101,886	96,401
Poverty Rate ²	6.7%	11.6%	12.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work (min) ⁶	26.1	28.1	26.8
Community Characteristics			
Population	17,743	12,812,508	331,526,933
Poverty Rate	6.7%	11.6%	12.5%
Median Age (Overall)	49.9	39.5	39.2
Median Age (Males)	47.9	38.5	38.1
Median Age (Females)	51.8	40.6	40.3
% Without Healthcare Coverage ⁷	2.2%	6.2%	7.9%
% Without Access to Broadband ⁸	8.3%	8.2%	7.8%
Race			
White	88.9%	60.7%	60.5%

Black or AA	5.1%	13.3%	12.1%
American Indian / Alaska Native	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%
Asian	1.4%	6.0%	6.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
Other	1.1%	8.1%	7.4%
2+ Races	5.1%	11.1%	12.8%
Hispanic/Latino	1.5%	19.0%	19.4%

Health Outcomes

Arthritis	34.4%	24.5%	26.3%
Asthma	10.2%	9.5%	10.3%
High Blood Pressure	37.7%	33.5%	34.0%
Cancer	10.4%	7.5%	8.4%
Coronary Heart Disease	8.4%	7.9%	8.5%
Diabetes	12.5%	12.2%	11.5%
Depression	20.3%	18.1%	22.0%
Obesity ⁹	34.6%	36.0%	34.3%
Fair/Poor Health Prevalence ¹⁰	16.6%		12.4%
Poor Mental Health Prevalence	15.3%	13.7%	15.4%
Poor Physical Health Prevalence	13.0%	11.7%	12.6%

Health Risk Behaviors

Binge Drinking	17.5%	18.7%	16.7%
Physical Inactivity ¹¹	23.5%	21.4%	24.2%
Short Sleep Time ¹²	34.7%	36.0%	35.5%

Glossary of Terms

Unemployment Rate¹	The percentage of people who are looking for a job but don't have one.
Poverty Rate²	The percentage of people whose income is too low to afford basic needs like food and housing.
Median Household Income³	The middle income for all households.
Median Family Income⁴	The middle income for families (people related by blood or marriage).
Labor Force⁵	People who are working or looking for work in that area (age 16+).
Mean Travel Time to Work⁶	The average number of minutes people take to get to work.
% Without Healthcare Coverage⁷	The percentage of people who don't have any form of health insurance.
% Without Access to Broadband⁸	The percentage of homes without reliable, high-speed internet.
Obesity⁹	A condition where a person has too much body fat, which may affect their health.
Fair/Poor Health Prevalence¹⁰	The percent of people who rate their health as "fair" or "poor."
Physical Inactivity¹¹	The percentage of adults who don't do any exercise outside of work.
Short Sleep Time¹²	The percentage of adults who sleep fewer than 7 hours each night.

Key Findings

Based on this initial assessment, the following are the highlights of the community strengths and areas for consideration:

Education & Income Strengths

96.4% of adults have at least a high school diploma (vs. IL: 90.6%, Alton: 90.8%)

Median household income is \$92,746 which is significantly higher than Alton (\$53,005), IL (\$80,306), and U.S. (\$77,719)

Low Unemployment & Poverty

Unemployment: 3.5% (lower than state/national/Alton rates)

Poverty: 6.7%: much lower than Alton (24.5%), IL (11.6%)

Aging Population

Median age: 49.9 (Alton: 38.4, IL: 39.5): may signal future healthcare and housing challenges

Female median age: 51.8

Health Concerns Despite Wealth

Higher prevalence of arthritis (34.4%), cancer (10.4%), and high blood pressure (37.7%)

Fair/Poor Health: 16.6% (higher than IL average of 12.4%)

Broadband access: 8.3% without reliable internet; nearly on par with IL and U.S

Conclusion

Village of Godfrey is a highly educated, relatively affluent and economically stable community. However, its aging population and persistent chronic health conditions suggest a need for targeted health services, age-friendly infrastructure and community wellness programs.

Sources

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