

Welcome to **Market Facts 2010**, the 13th edition of the annual publication designed to provide a wide array of local economic development information for northern Illinois counties. The Center for Governmental Studies is proud to present these data for civic leaders, policy makers, community leaders, business people, researchers, libraries and the media for the 22 counties across Northern Illinois. We provide these data to help both public and private decision makers have easy access to a wide range of social and economic data sets that describe the many patterns of development at work in our region.

There are tables and charts to describe the demographic and economic characteristics of our counties, from Cook County, second largest population in the nation, on the shores of Lake Michigan, to Whiteside County, in the extreme northwest corner of Illinois on the Mississippi River with barely 20,000 in population. The area is varied in its terrain, its people, and its business activities, and we try to provide the background information people need to grow and develop or redevelop their communities.

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