

Demographic and Economic Profiles

Population Characteristics

The City of Oglesby population grew from 1940 to its peak of 4,215 in 1960. The population declined from 1960 until it increased again from 1990 to a population of 3,647 in 2000.

Oglesby maintains an aged population with a higher percentage of its population over 65 than LaSalle County as a whole.

Table 1 – City of Oglesby - Population

	Oglesby	+/- % Change	LaSalle County	+/- % Change	Illinois	+/- % Change
1940	3,938	--	97,801	--	7,897,241	--
1950	3,922	-0.41%	100,610	2.87%	8,712,176	10.32%
1960	4,215	7.47%	110,800	10.13%	10,081,158	15.71%
1970	4,175	0.95%	111,409	0.55%	11,110,285	10.21%
1980	3,979	-4.69%	112,033	0.56%	11,427,409	2.85%
1990	3,619	-9.05%	106,913	-4.57%	11,430,602	0.03%
2000	3,647	0.77%	111,509	4.30%	12,419,293	8.65%

Source: 1940 – 2000 U.S. Census

Chart 1 – Oglesby Population Comparison: 1940-2000

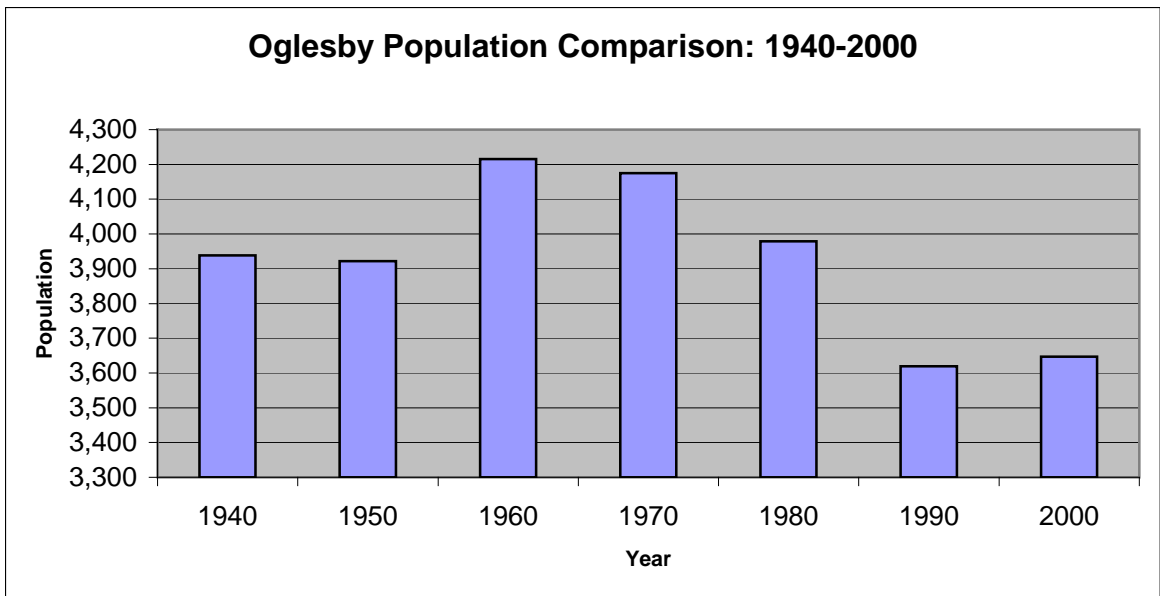


Table 2 – Oglesby Population by Age Group

Village of Oglesby Population by Age Group				
Age Range	1990		2000	
	Total Persons	% of Total	Total Persons	% of Total
Under 5	219	6.05%	212	5.81%
5-14	435	12.02%	490	13.44%
15-24	419	11.58%	391	10.72%
25-34	557	15.39%	454	12.45%
35-44	419	11.58%	573	15.71%
45-54	372	10.28%	412	11.30%
55-64	376	10.39%	342	9.38%
65-74	445	12.30%	349	9.57%
75-84	307	8.48%	315	8.64%
Above 84	70	1.93%	109	2.99%
Total Population	3,619	100.00%	3,647	100.00%
Median Age	39.5		40.2	

Source: 1990 & 2000 U.S. Census

Chart 2 – Population Percentage by Age Group, Oglesby

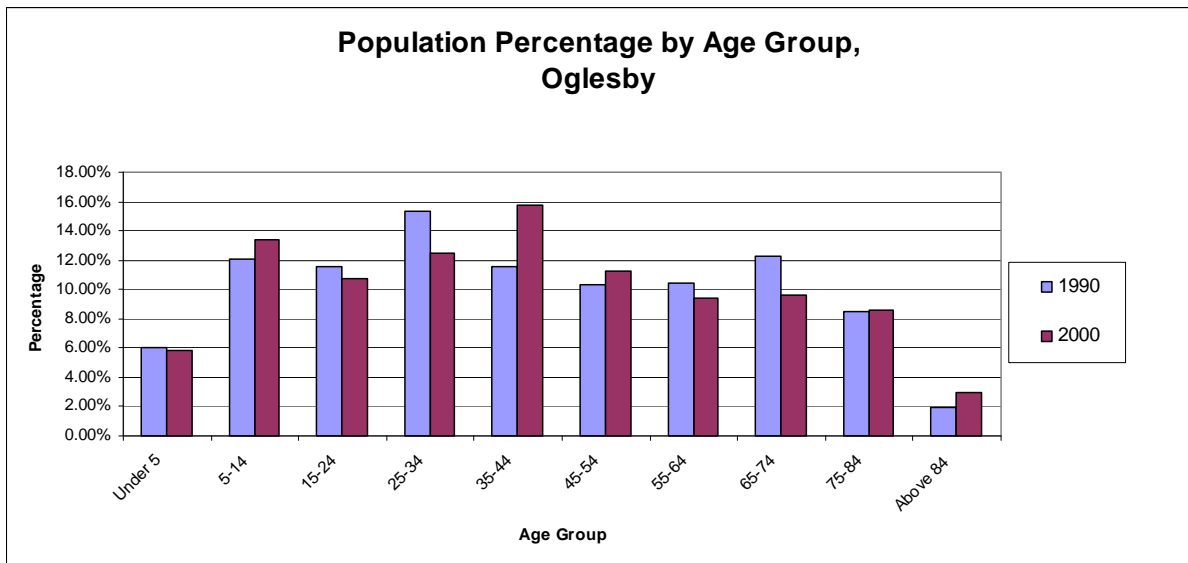
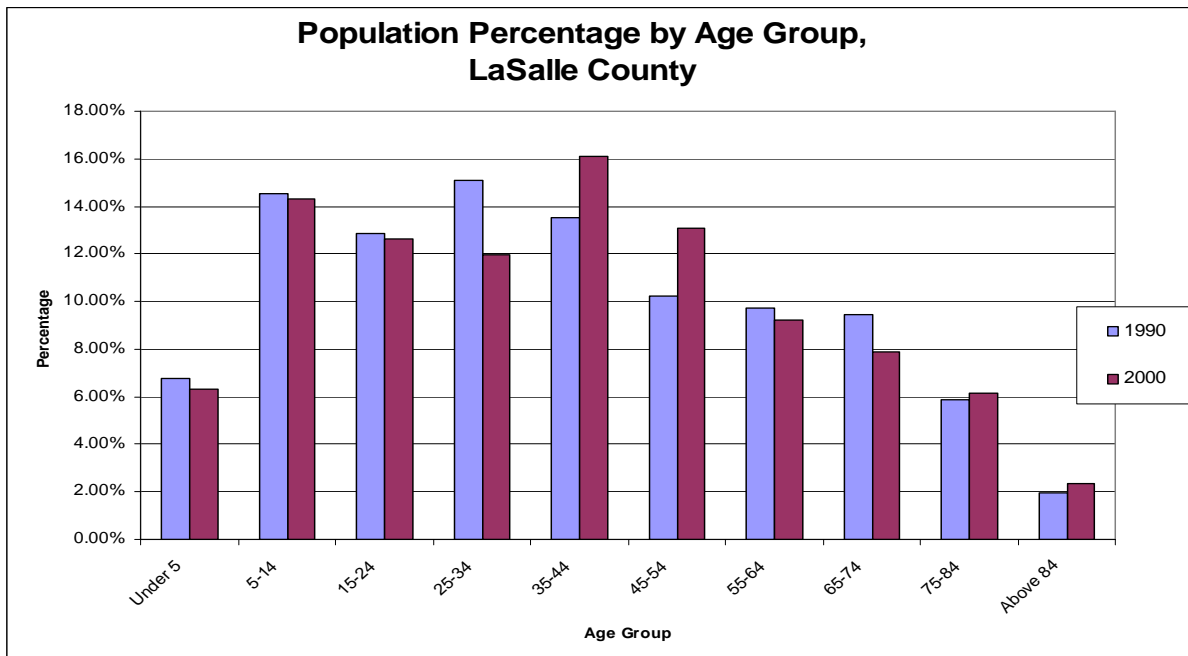


Table 3 – LaSalle County Population by Age Group

LaSalle County Population by Age Group				
Age Range	1990		2000	
	Total Persons	% of Total	Total Persons	% of Total
Under 5	7,245	6.78%	7,033	6.31%
5-14	15,559	14.55%	15,961	14.31%
15-24	13,772	12.88%	14,079	12.63%
25-34	16,117	15.07%	13,319	11.94%
35-44	14,441	13.51%	17,945	16.09%
45-54	10,936	10.23%	14,607	13.10%
55-64	10,390	9.72%	10,273	9.21%
65-74	10,094	9.44%	8,811	7.90%
75-84	6,249	5.84%	6,857	6.15%
Above 84	2,110	1.97%	2,624	2.35%
Total Population	106,913	100.00%	111,509	100.00%
Median Age	32.4		38.1	

Source: 1990 & 2000 U.S. Census

Chart 3 – Population Percentage by Age Group, LaSalle County



Population Projections

The State of Illinois predicts a slightly increasing population of LaSalle County through 2030. According to the State, the median age would increase slightly from 37.9 to 38.1 years of age. These estimates are expected to be very conservative and a little lower than what is anticipated based on past and future building trends.

Table 4 – Population Projections

	LaSalle County	% Change	Illinois	% Change
2010	118,385	--	13,279,091	--
2015	124,277	5.00%	13,748,695	3.50%
2020	131,155	5.50%	14,316,487	4.10%
2025	137,954	5.50%	14,784,968	3.30%
2030	141,615	2.70%	15,138,849	2.40%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

Household Characteristics

Throughout the City of Oglesby, the majority of housing values have increased between 1990 and 2000. The total number of housing has increased slightly, by 80 households, between 1990 and 2000, while the total number of housing units has increased by 110.

LaSalle County has showed an increase in the total households and total housing units between 1990 and 2000. When looking at the owner occupied houses for Oglesby, they have stayed relatively the same between 1990 and 2000, yet are consistently higher than the owner occupied housing in LaSalle County. The higher statistic in owner occupied housing leads to the lower number of renter occupied housing in Oglesby compared to LaSalle County.

The median house value in Oglesby made roughly the same increase as LaSalle County between 1990 and 2000, yet is still much lower than La Salle County overall. Along with the lower cost of housing, the median monthly rent is also significantly lower in Oglesby in comparison to LaSalle County.

Table 5 – Household Characteristics Summary

	City of Oglesby		LaSalle County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Total Households	1,503	1,583	41,284	43,417
Total Housing Units	1,591	1,701	43,827	46,438
Owner Occupied Housing Units	1,177 (78.3%)	1,250 (79.0%)	30,224 (73.2%)	32,584 (75.0%)
Renter Occupied Housing Units	326 (21.7%)	333 (21.0%)	11,060 (26.8%)	10,833 (25.0%)
Persons Per Household	2.41	2.29	2.53	2.49
Persons Per Family	2.94	2.88	3.07	3.04
Families	1,026	1,017	29,313	29,840
Median House Value	\$43,400	\$76,300	\$49,700	\$87,000
Median Monthly Rent	\$289	\$287	\$324	\$474

Source: 1990 & 2000 U.S. Census

Ethnic Composition

The population of the City of Oglesby is predominately white. The next largest category is Hispanic, which comprised 1.8% of the population in 1990 and increased to 2.80% in 2000. This trend is also reflected in the County of LaSalle with an increase from 3.00% to 5.20%. As the Oglesby and LaSalle County populations continue to grow, the racial makeup will become more heterogeneous.

Table 6 – Race and Ethnic Origin

	White	%	Black	%	Hispanic *	%	Amer. Indian/ Eskimo/ Aleut	%	Asian/ Pacific Islander	%	Other	%
1990												
City of Oglesby	3,577	98.0	13	0.36	65	1.8	8	0.22	11	0.3	10	0.27
LaSalle County	103,805	97.1	1,153	1.10	3,249	3.0	206	0.20	523	0.5	1226	1.15
2000												
City of Oglesby	3,578	98.1	16	0.40	103	2.8	3	0.10	12	0.3	13	0.40
LaSalle County	105,896	9.50	1,723	1.50	5,791	5.2	191	2.00	598	0.5	470	4.0

*Note: Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race
Source: 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census

Educational Attainment

Education attainment of Oglesby residents continues to increase. There has been an increase in the number of high school graduates by 2.3% whereas the LaSalle County high school graduate level has slightly decreased. The percentage of some college education has increased while the number of people with an associate’s degree has slightly decreased. The most noticeable increase however has been in the number of bachelor’s degrees which has changed from 2.51% in 1990 to 7.33% in 2000. This is a much higher increase than LaSalle County. In Oglesby the number of graduate or professional degrees has also shown a significant increase. In 2000, 79.7% of Oglesby’s population had a high school degree or better. The increase in education levels, makes Oglesby a more attractive area for prospective employers to locate their businesses. The City can market the availability of a ready and skilled labor market from which to choose employees.

Table 7 – Educational Attainment (Population 25 Years and Over)

	Less Than 9th Grade	9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	High School Graduate	Some College, No Degree	Associate Degree	Bachelor’s Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
1990							
City of Oglesby	17.09%	12.14%	35.6%	17.2%	13.04%	2.51%	2.44%
LaSalle County	12.10%	14.80%	39.30%	16.90%	6.40%	7.10%	3.40%
2000							
City of Oglesby	6.46%	13.83%	37.90%	21.43%	9.97%	7.33%	3.07%
LaSalle County	6.20%	12.40%	38.60%	22.60%	6.90%	9.00%	4.30%

Source: 1990 & 2000 U.S. Census

Income Levels

The City of Oglesby income levels remain consistently lower than the County and State levels in 1990 and 2000. The lower income levels may result from the higher elderly population in Oglesby. According to a 1994 Bureau of the Census Statistical Brief 27% of elderly households were either below or slightly below the poverty line. Lower income levels may also be attributed to the lower rate of high school and college graduates in Oglesby when compared to LaSalle County.

Table 8– Income Breakdowns

Income Breakdowns				
	Per Capita Income	Median Family Income	Median Household Income	Families Below Poverty Level
1990				
City of Oglesby	\$11,697	\$31,962	\$23,457	----
LaSalle County	\$12,337	\$33,226	\$27,093	8.70%
Illinois	\$15,201	\$38,664	\$32,252	9.00%
2000				
City of Oglesby	\$18,674	\$44,778	\$35,000	9.50%
LaSalle County	\$19,185	\$49,533	\$40,308	6.90%
Illinois	\$23,104	\$55,545	\$46,590	7.80%

Source: 1990 & 2000 U.S. Census

Employment

The unemployment rate for LaSalle County was decreasing for the past 20 years until the current recession that started in 2008 as seen in the table. The rate reached a high of 13.5% in 1985 and has since lowered to a low in 2000 of 5.4%. The rate remained around 6% for 8 years, and as of (May 2009) jumped to 11%; though this number is not seasonally adjusted. LaSalle County’s unemployment rate is only slightly higher than May 2009 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 10.1% for the State of Illinois.

The major employers by industry in the City of Oglesby are education, manufacturing, warehousing/transportation, and arts/entertainment/recreation /accommodation/food services.

Table 9 – Unemployment Rate for LaSalle County

	Labor		Unemployed	
	Force	Employed	Number	Rate
May 2009	58,389	52,229	6,160	10.5
2008	59,614	54,729	4,885	8.2
2007	59,489	55,793	3,696	6.2
2005	57,175	53,577	3,598	6.3
2000	56,379	53,331	3,048	5.4
1995	54,808	50,660	4,148	7.6
1990	51,442	47,307	4,135	8
1985	51,491	44,548	6,943	13.5

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

Table 10 – Employment by Industry for Oglesby

NAICS Category/Number	Oglesby	
	# of Employees	Percentage
Ag, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, Mining (11, 21)	30	1.3%
Construction (23)	27	1.2%
Manufacturing (31-33)	386	17.3%
Wholesale Trade (42)	6	.3%
Retail Trade (44-45)	53	2.4%
Transportation and Warehousing and Utilities (22, 48 - 49)	303	13.6%
Information (51)	12	.6%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental and Leasing (52, 53)	75	3.4%
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative, and Waste Management Services (54, 55, 56)	148	6.6%
Education, Health, and Social Services (61, 62)	673	30.2%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, and Food Services (71, 72)	373	16.8%
Other Services (Except Public Administration) (81)	95	4.3%
Public Administration (92)	45	2%
Total	2,226	100%

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security 2008