



<b>CAPITAL</b>	Springfield
<b>AREA</b>	56,345 sq mi 145,934 sq km
<b>POPULATION</b>	11,895,849 (July 1997 est.)
<b>MAJOR CITIES</b>	Chicago (2,721,547), Rockford (143,531), Aurora (116,405), Springfield (112,921), Peoria (112,306)
<b>MAJOR RIVERS</b>	Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois, Wabash, Rock, Sangamon
<b>HIGHEST POINT</b>	Charles Mound 1,235 feet 376 meters
<b>INDUSTRY</b>	machinery, food processing, chemicals, electrical equipment, printing and publishing, fabricated metal products
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>	corn, soybeans, hogs, beef cattle, milk, wheat
<b>RESOURCES</b>	coal, petroleum, crushed stone, sand and gravel, lime, zinc

