

# REVIEWING ILLINOIS REGIONS AND WORKFORCE AREAS

TO ALIGN ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT

AND TO MEET WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND  
OPPORTUNITIES ACT (WIOA) REQUIREMENTS

# WIOA REQUIREMENTS

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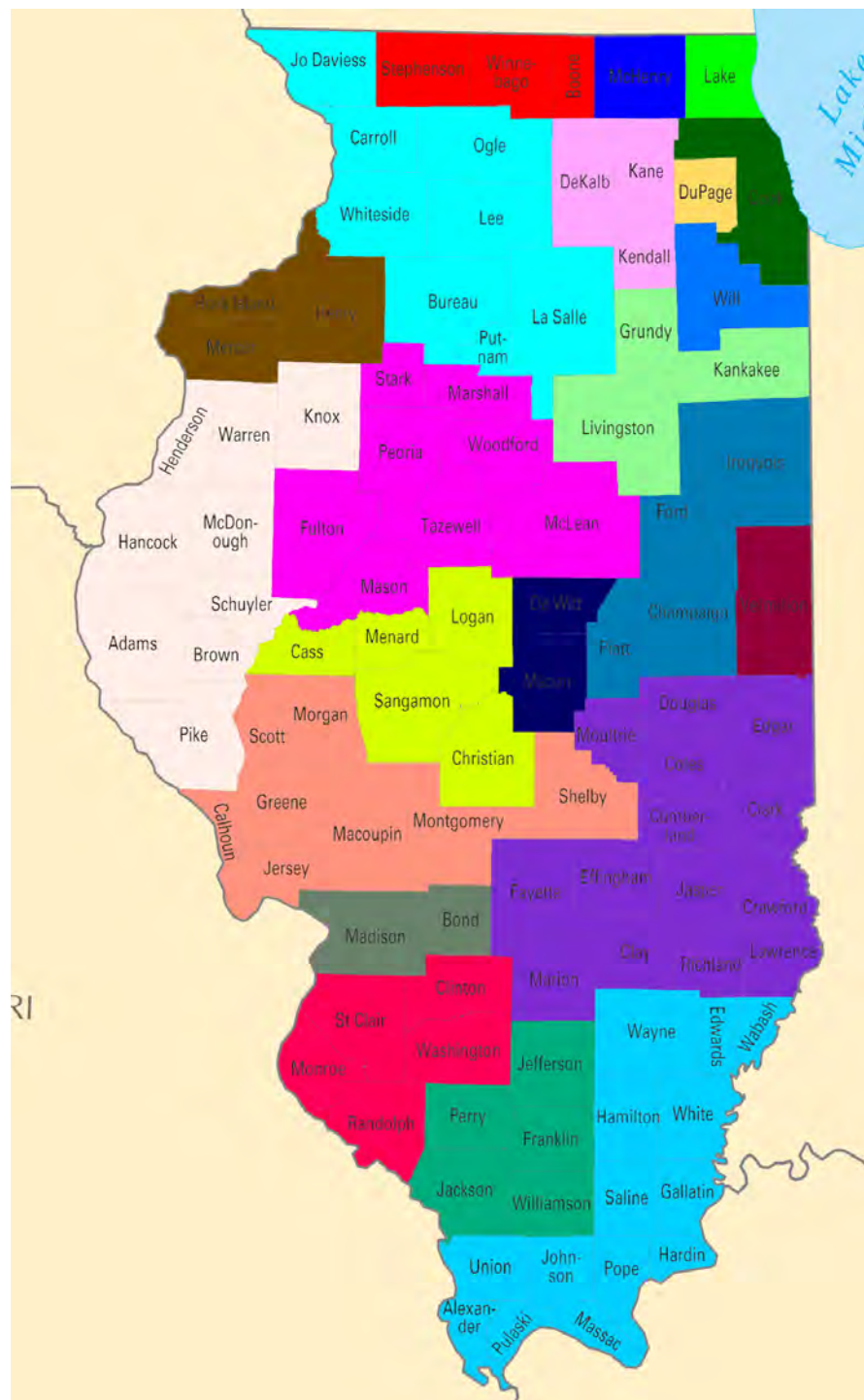
- The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act is the federal legislation that has replaced the Workforce Investment Act as the basis for federally-funded workforce development services across the country

# “REGIONS” UNDER WIOA

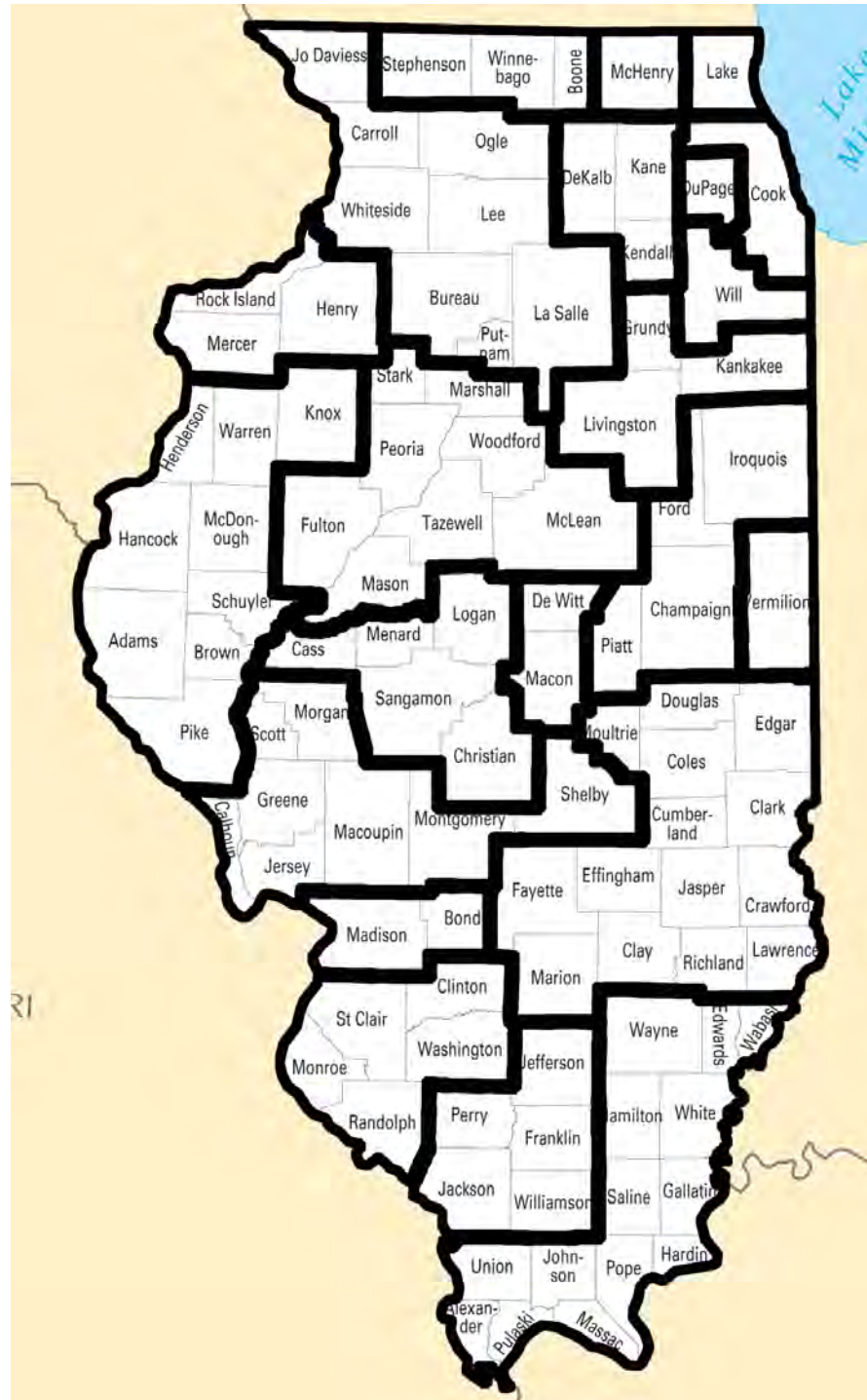
- Regions are 1, 2 or more Local Areas which must undertake regional planning and coordination efforts
- The Governor must develop a policy and process for identifying regions, which must include:
  - Consultation with the Local Boards and chief local elected officials in the local area(s); and
  - Consideration of the extent to which the local areas in a proposed region:
    - Share a single labor market;
    - Share a common economic development area; and
    - Possess the Federal and non-Federal resources, including appropriate education and training institutions, to administer activities under WIOA
  - Other factors the Governor may also consider include:
    - Population centers
    - Commuting patterns
    - Industrial composition

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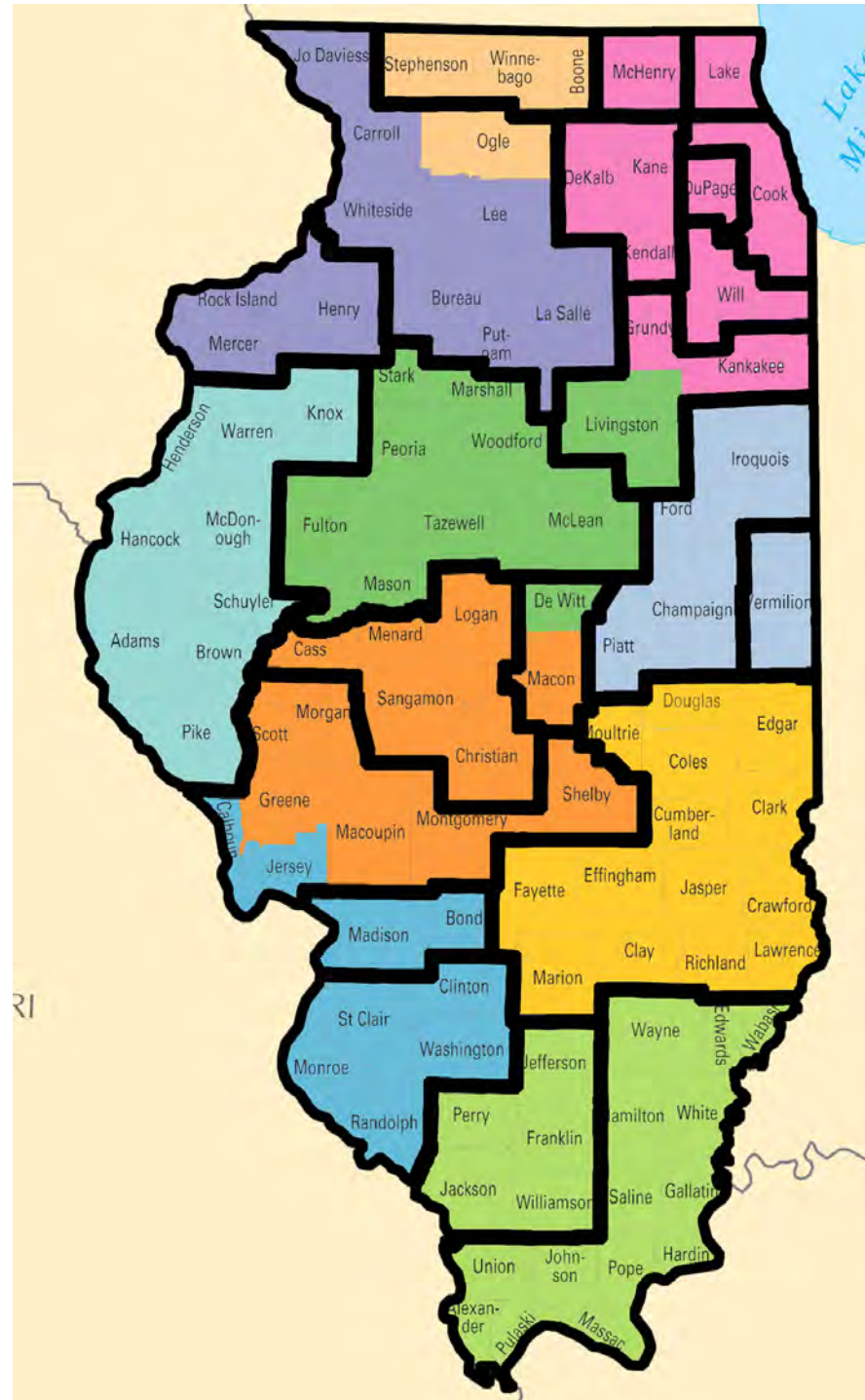


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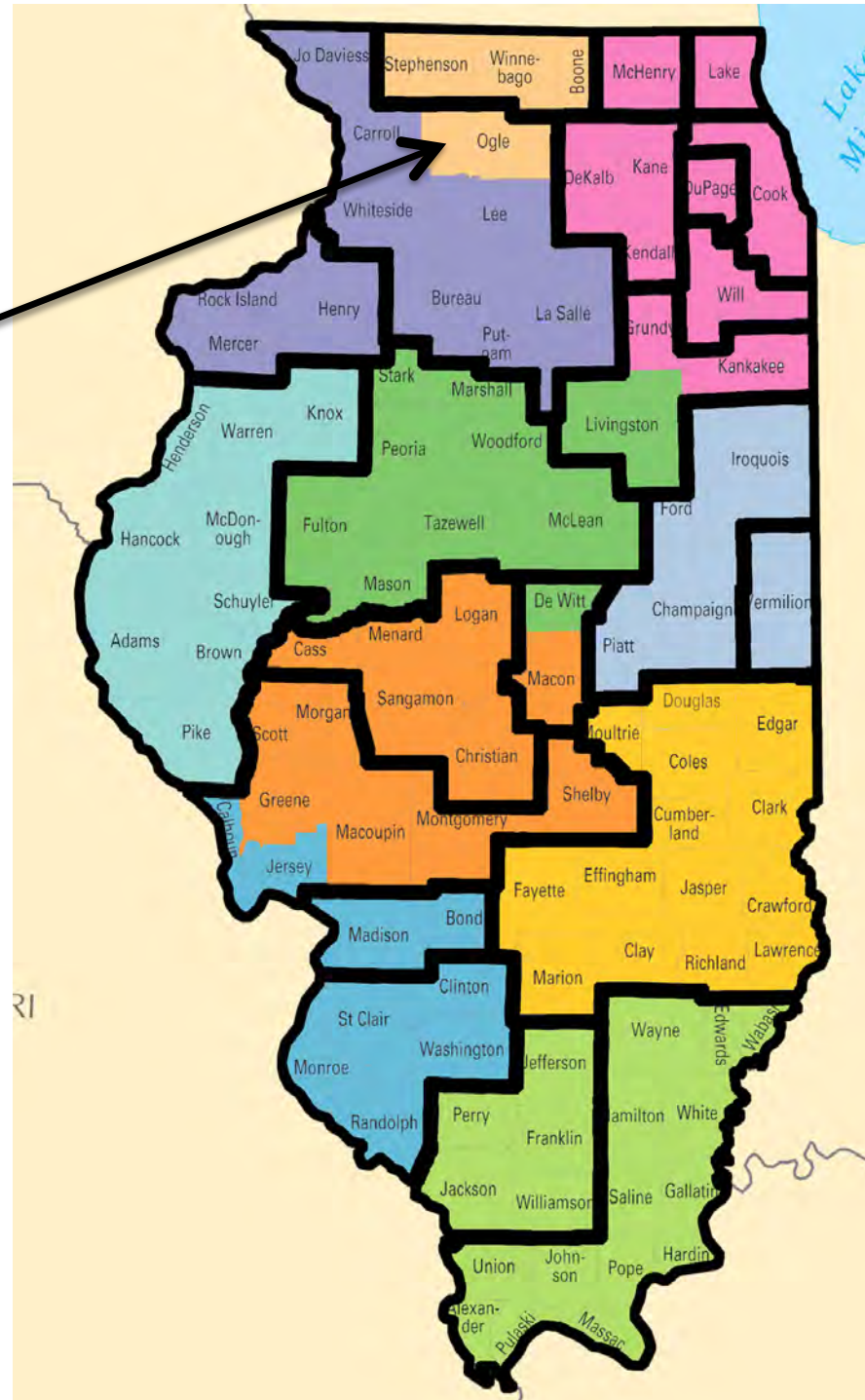




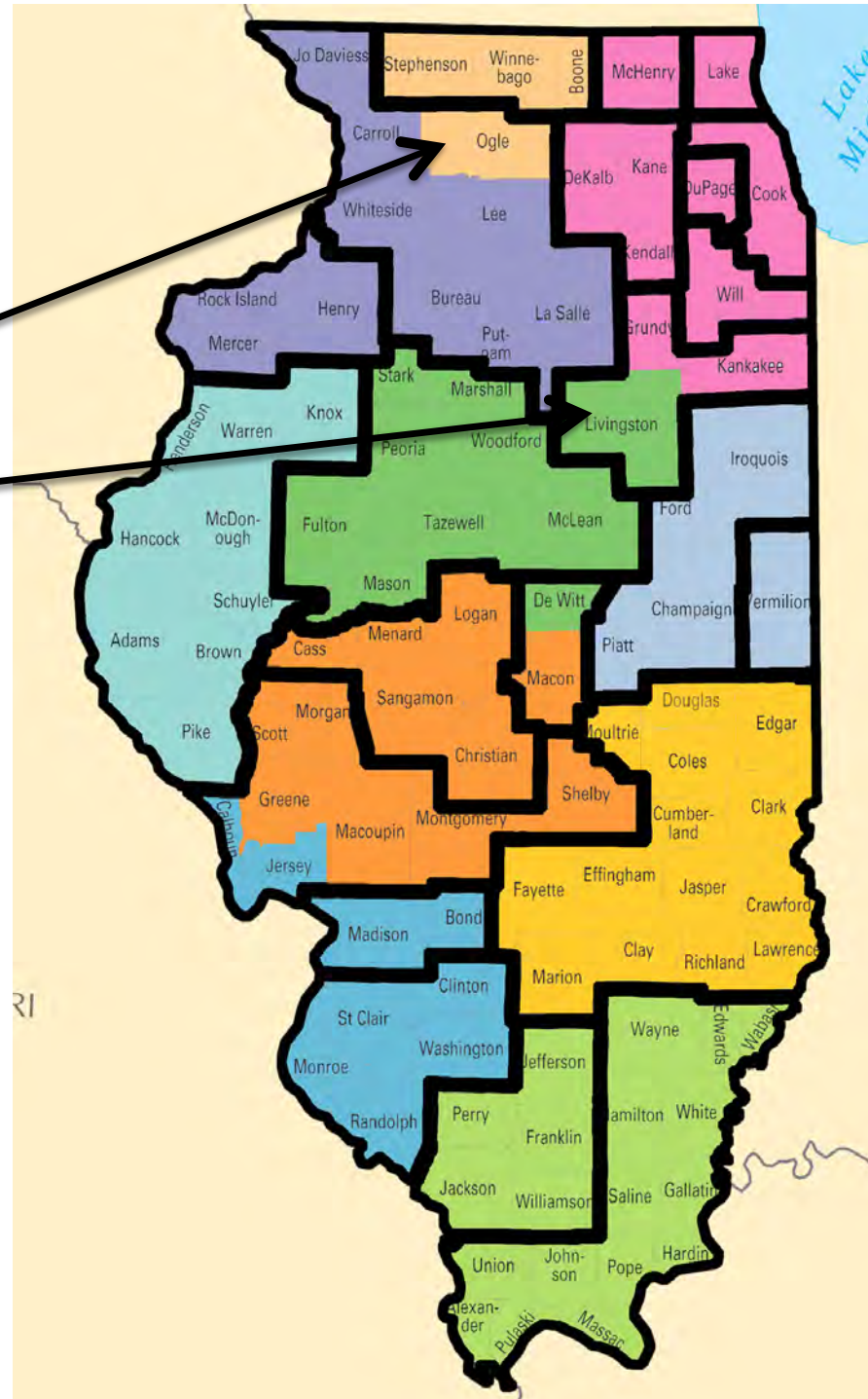
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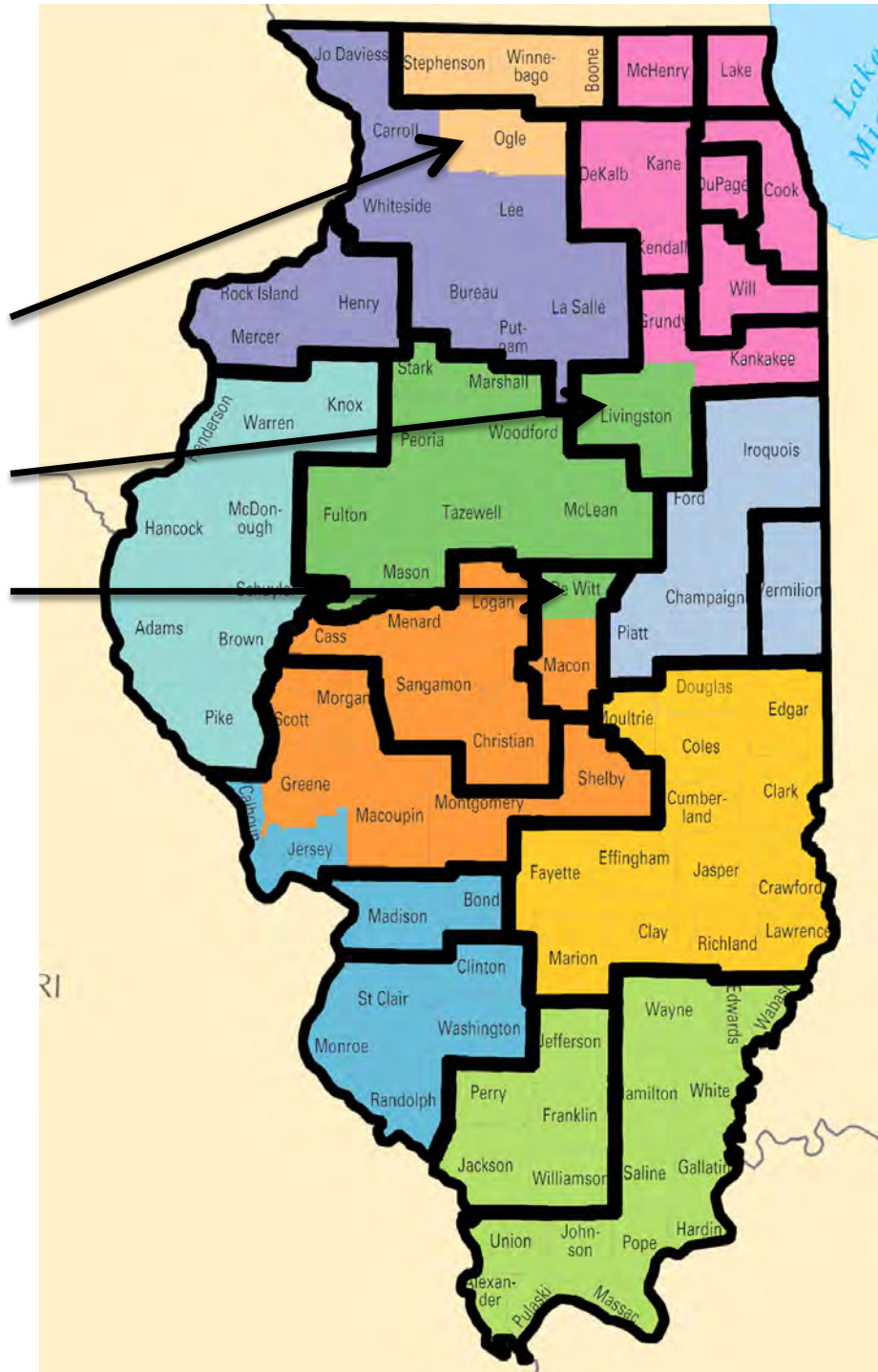


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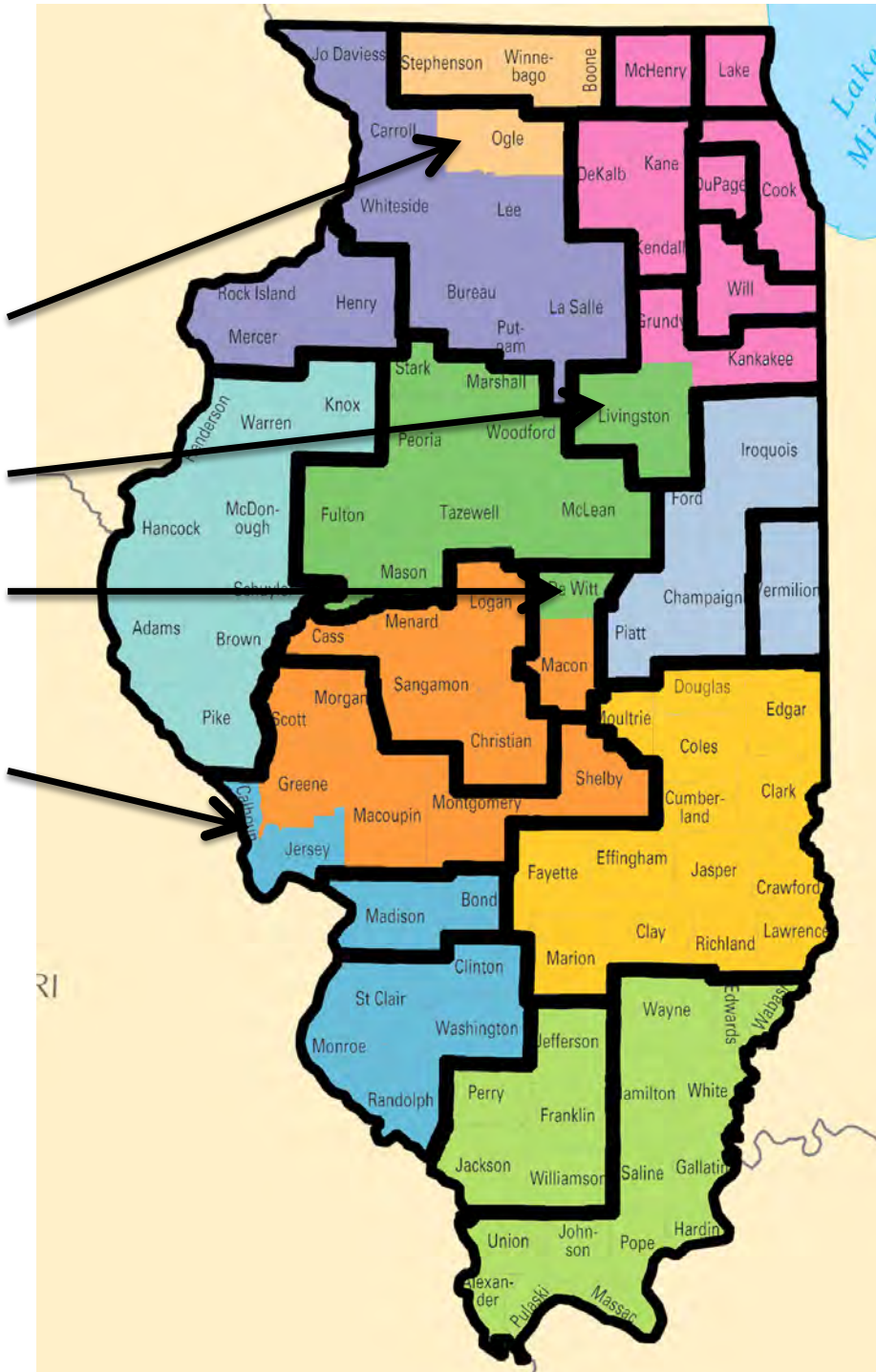




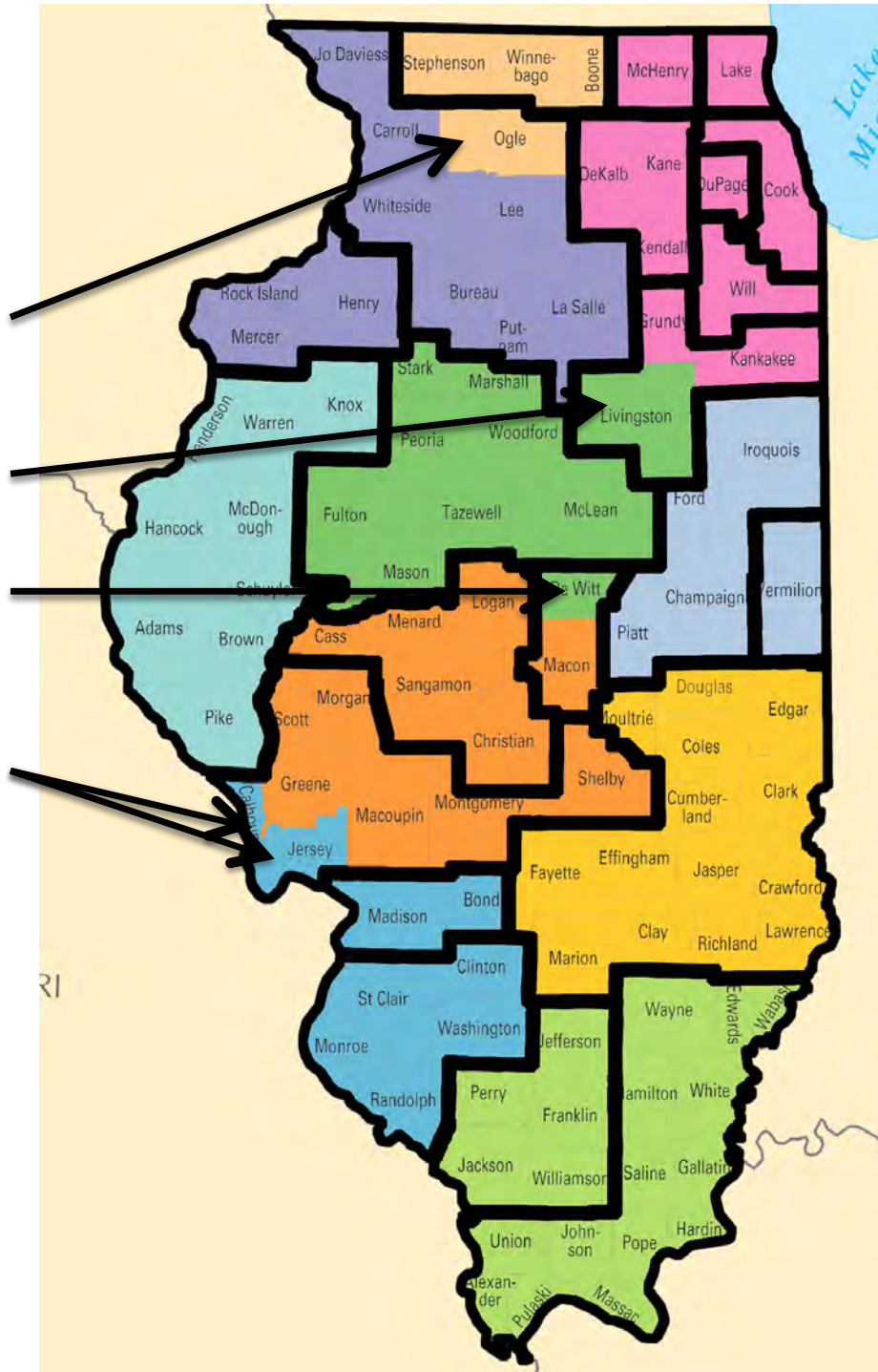
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# REVISING REGIONS

STEP 1 – IDENTIFY MULTI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS  
FROM 2010 CENSUS

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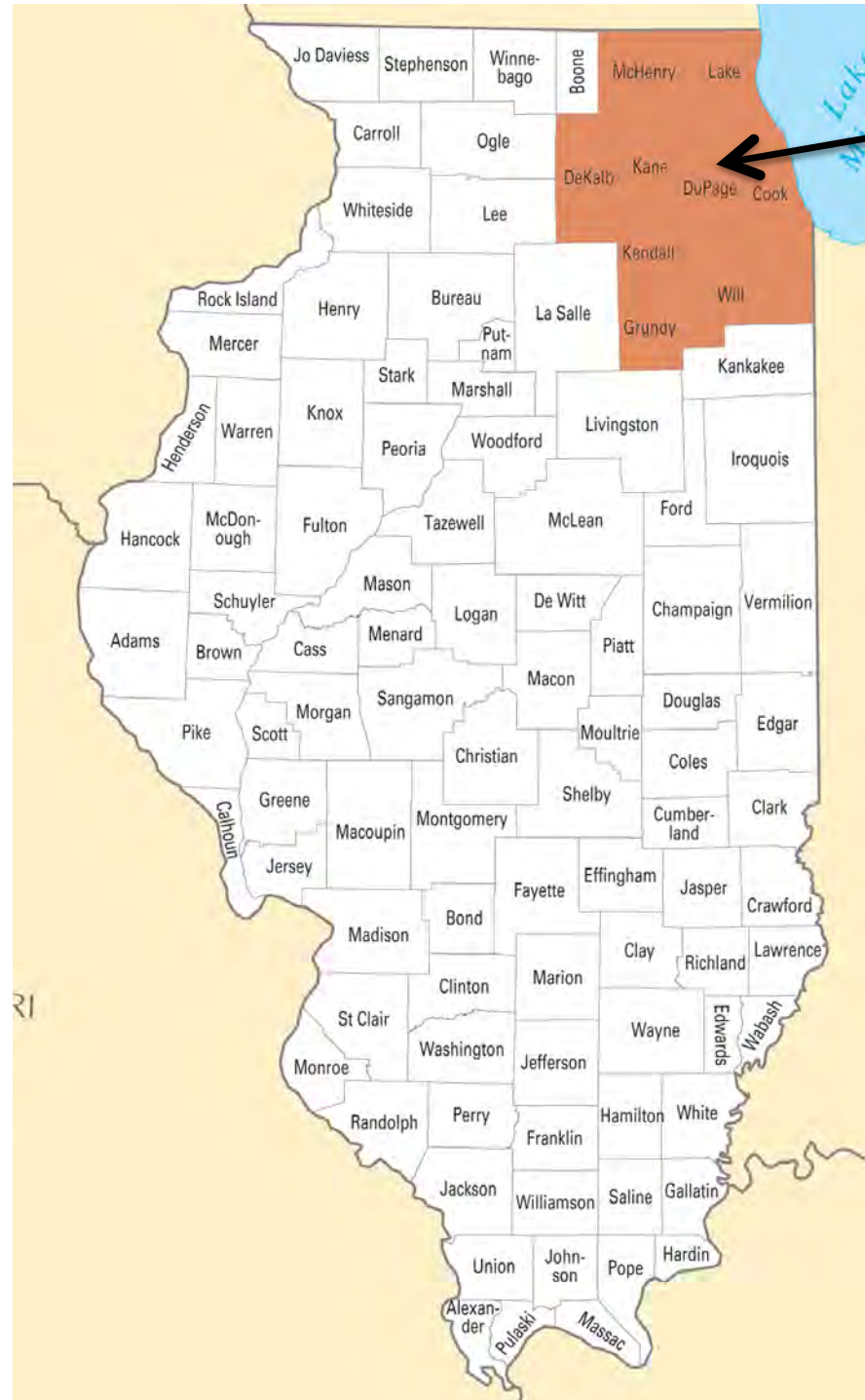
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  - Multiple-County MSAs were chosen as the initial basis for regional designation
    - By definition, they contain two or more counties that are highly integrated economically
    - For this reason, they should not be split up when regions are defined
    - Other counties may be joined to them in a region, but counties in a multi-county MSA should always be in the same region

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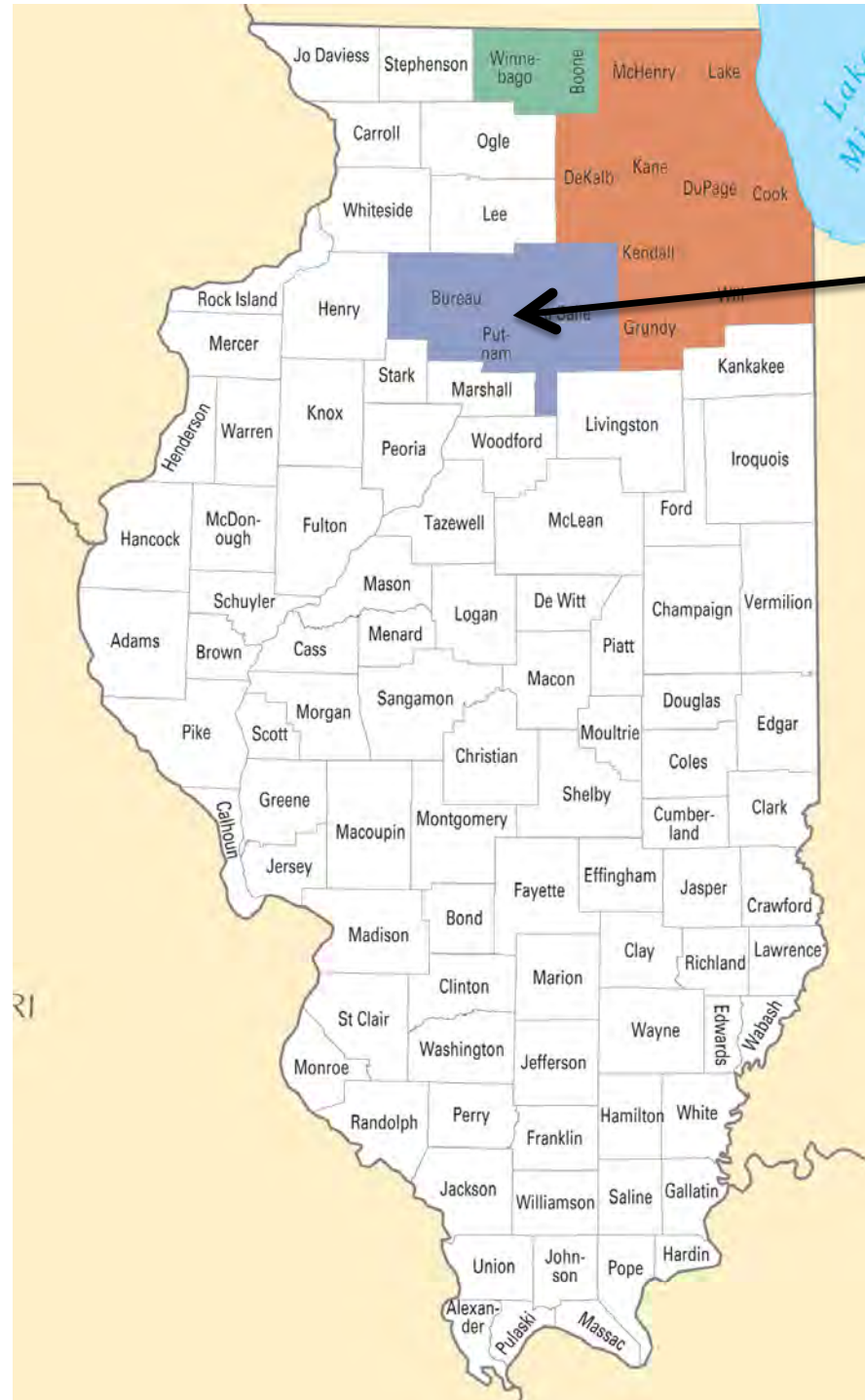
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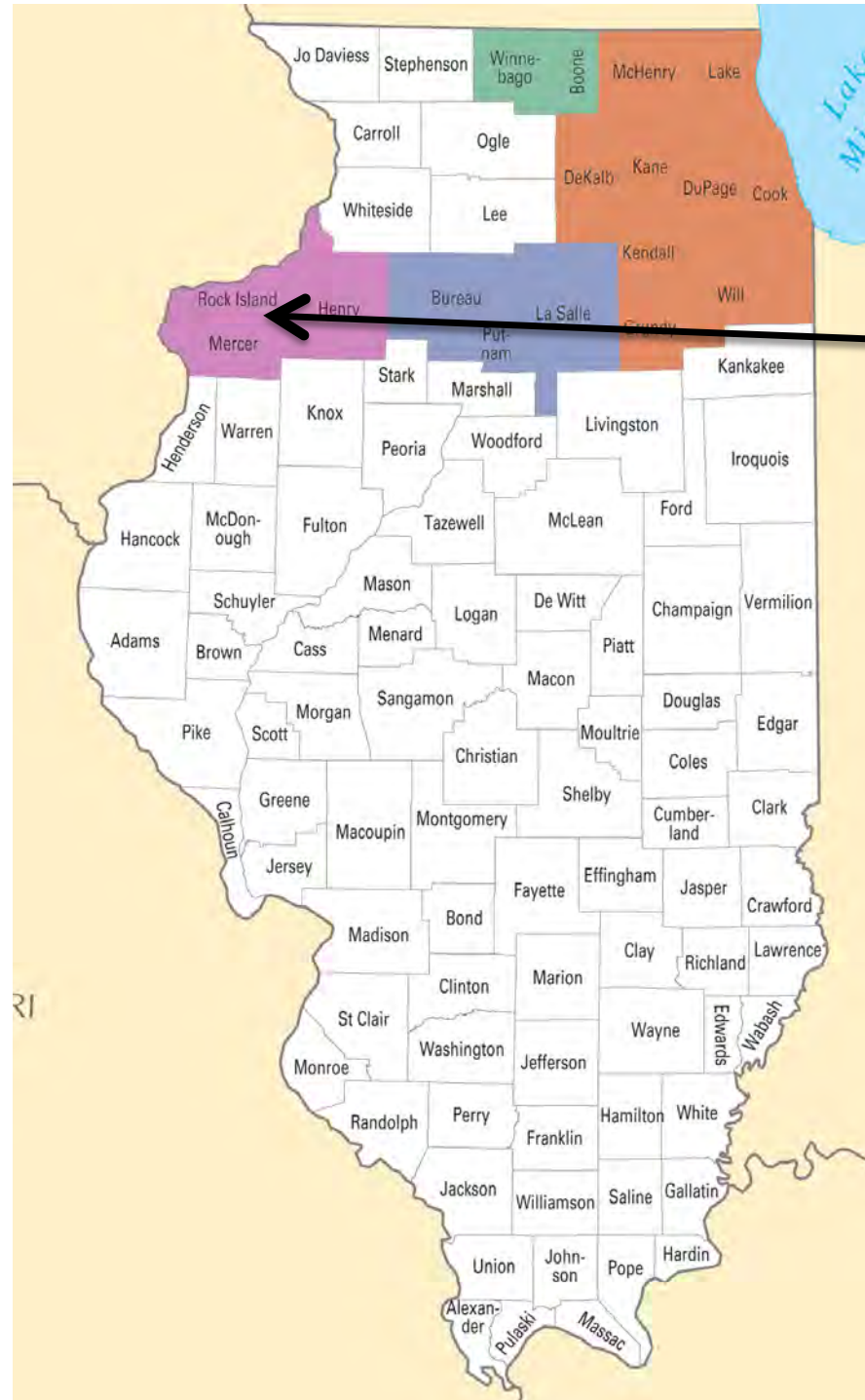
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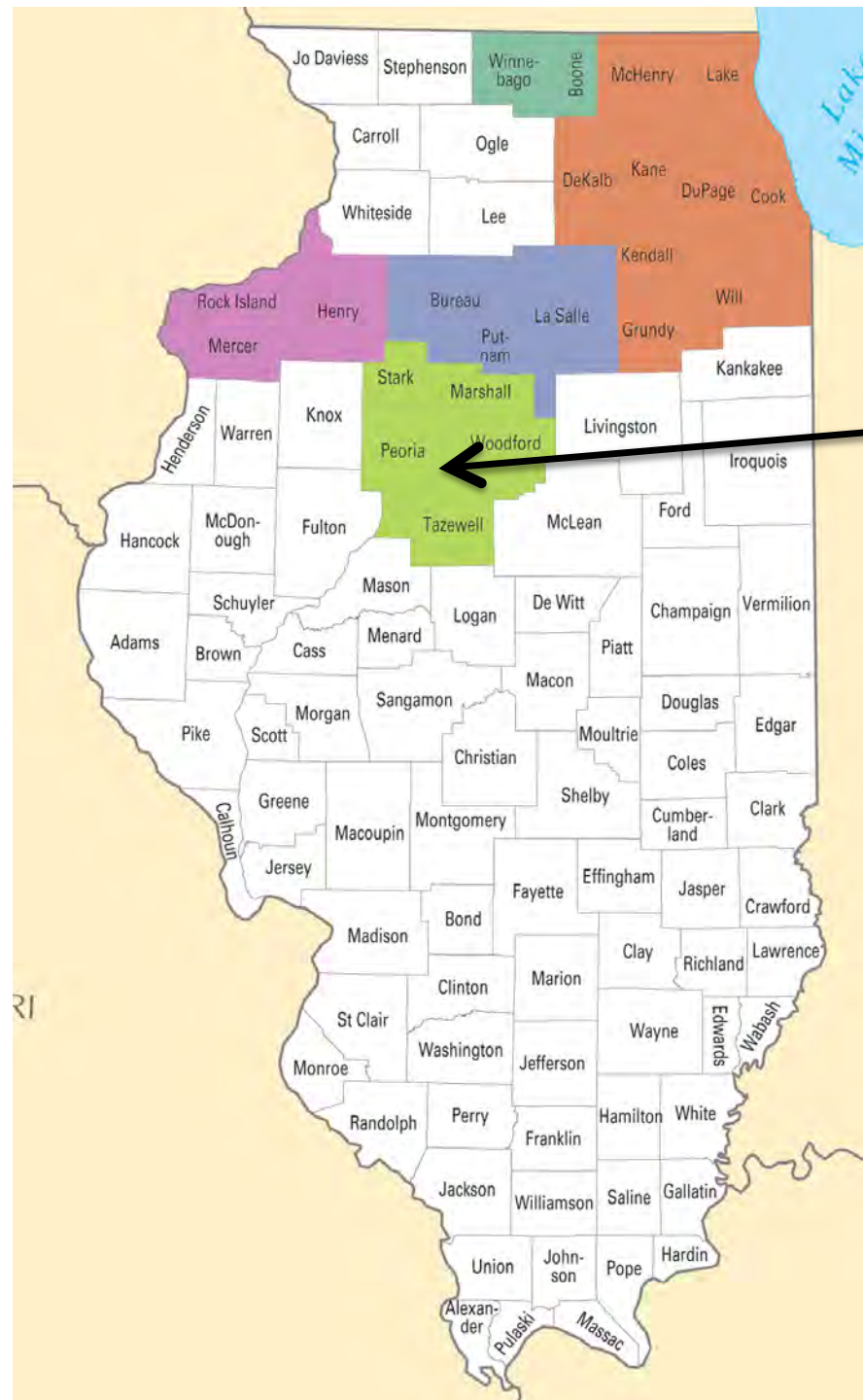


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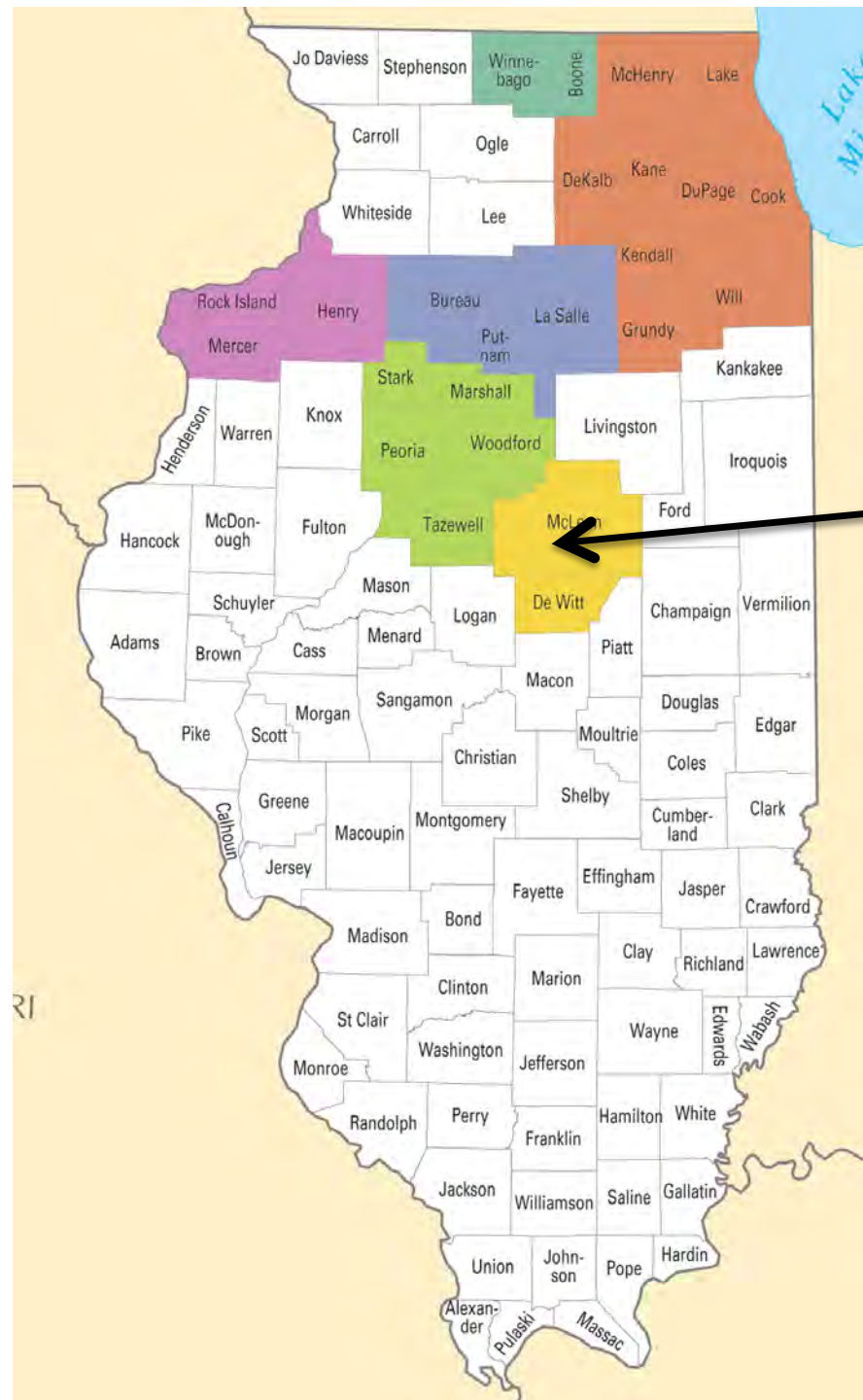
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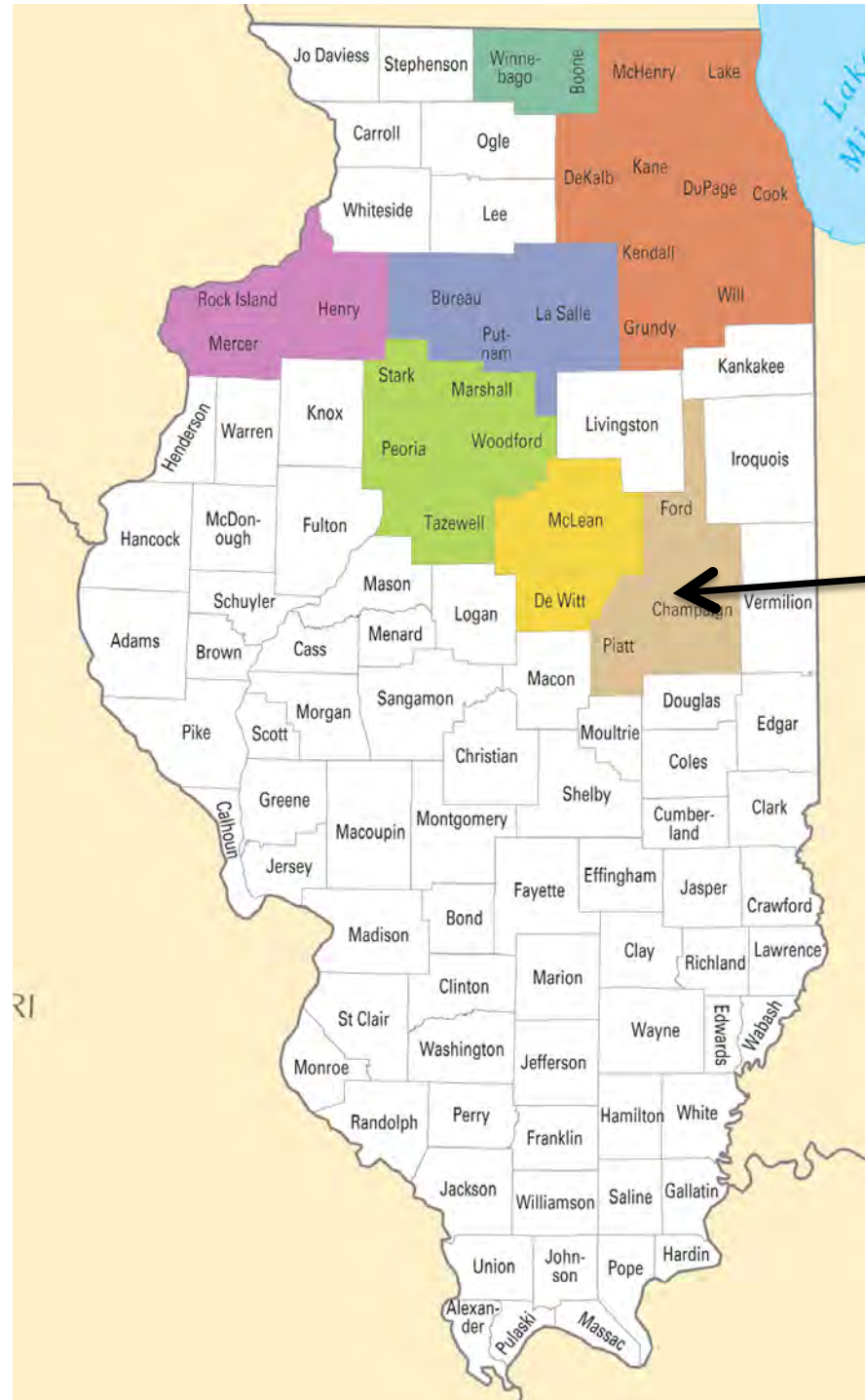
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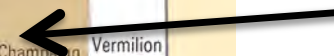


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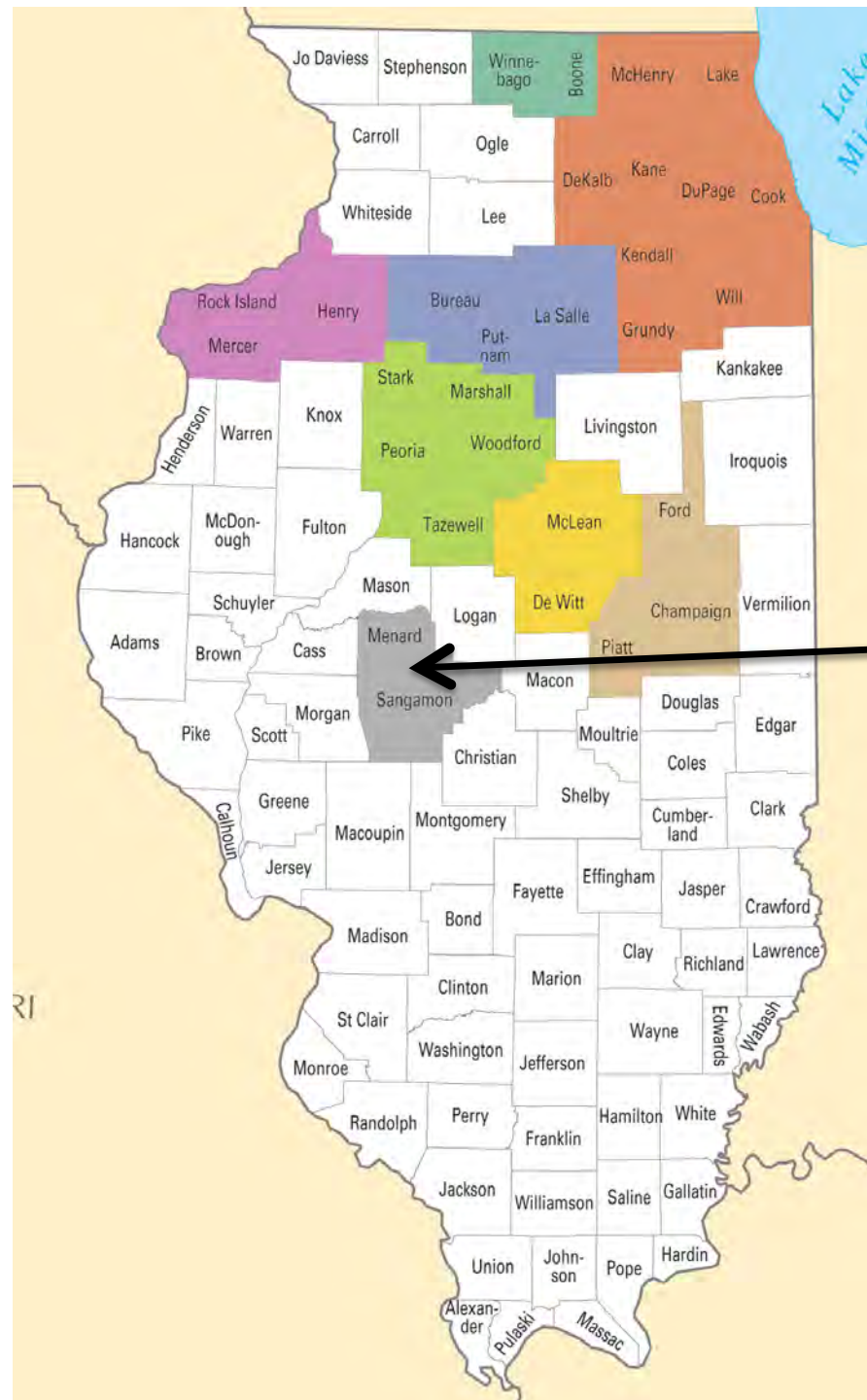


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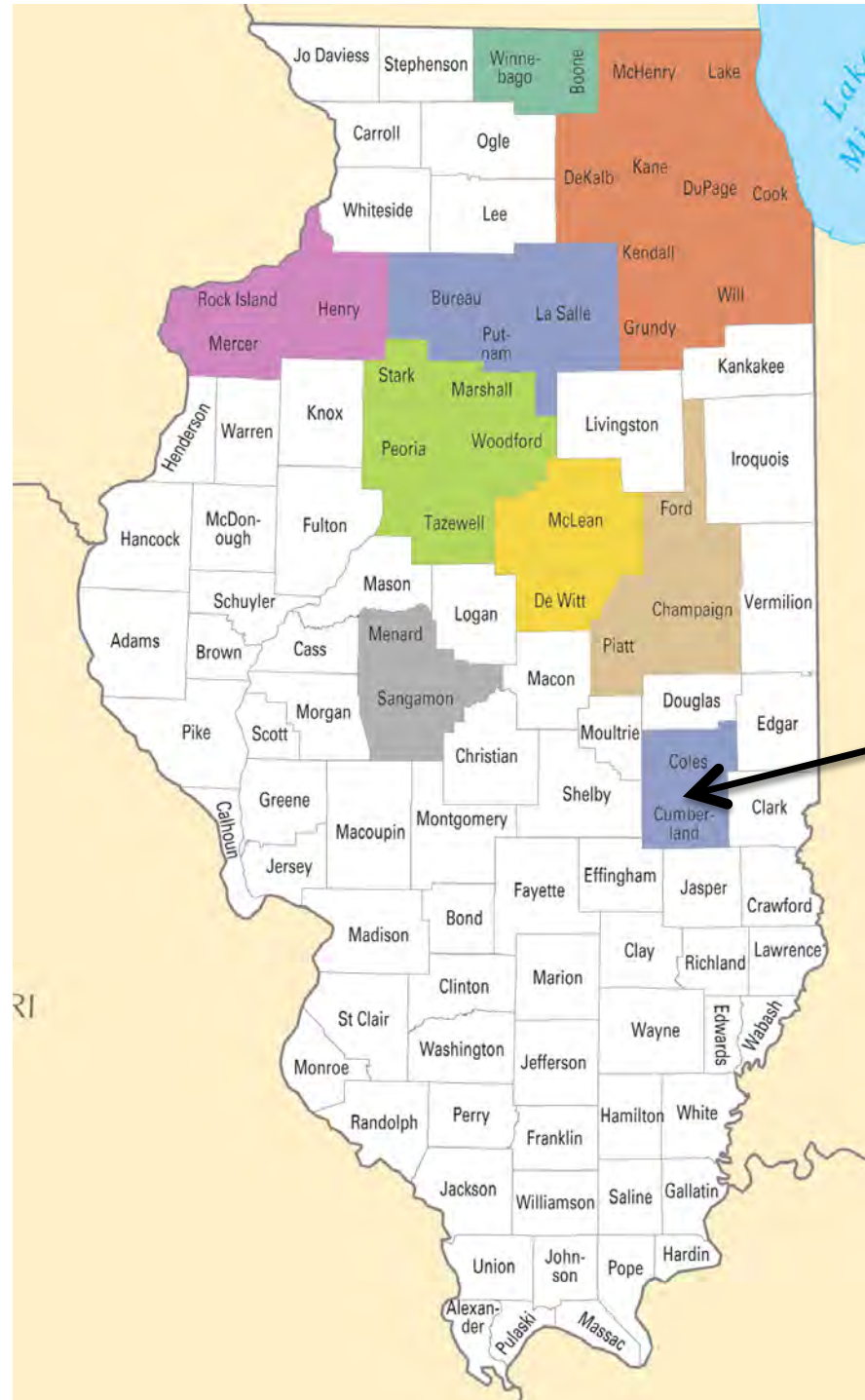


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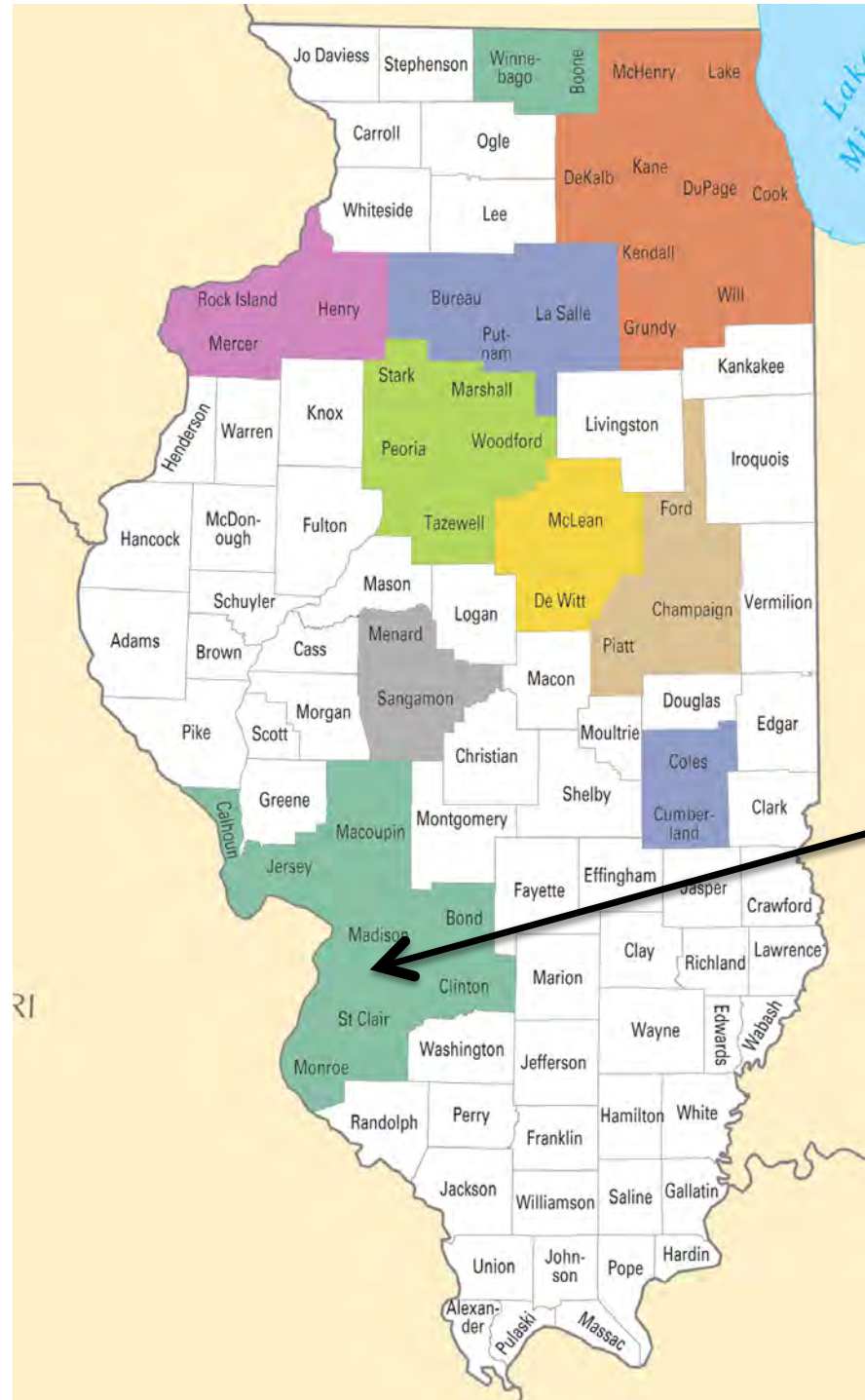
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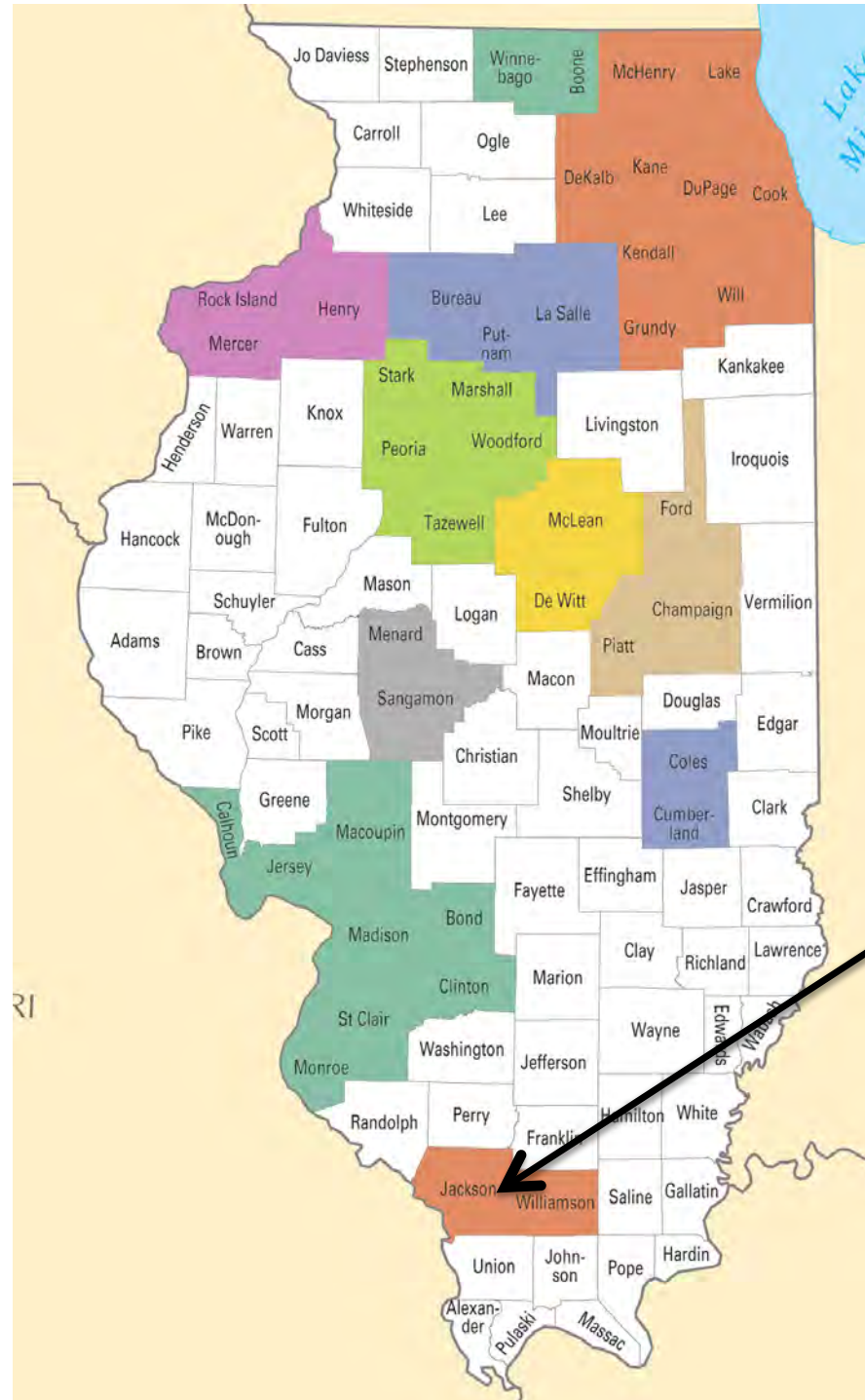
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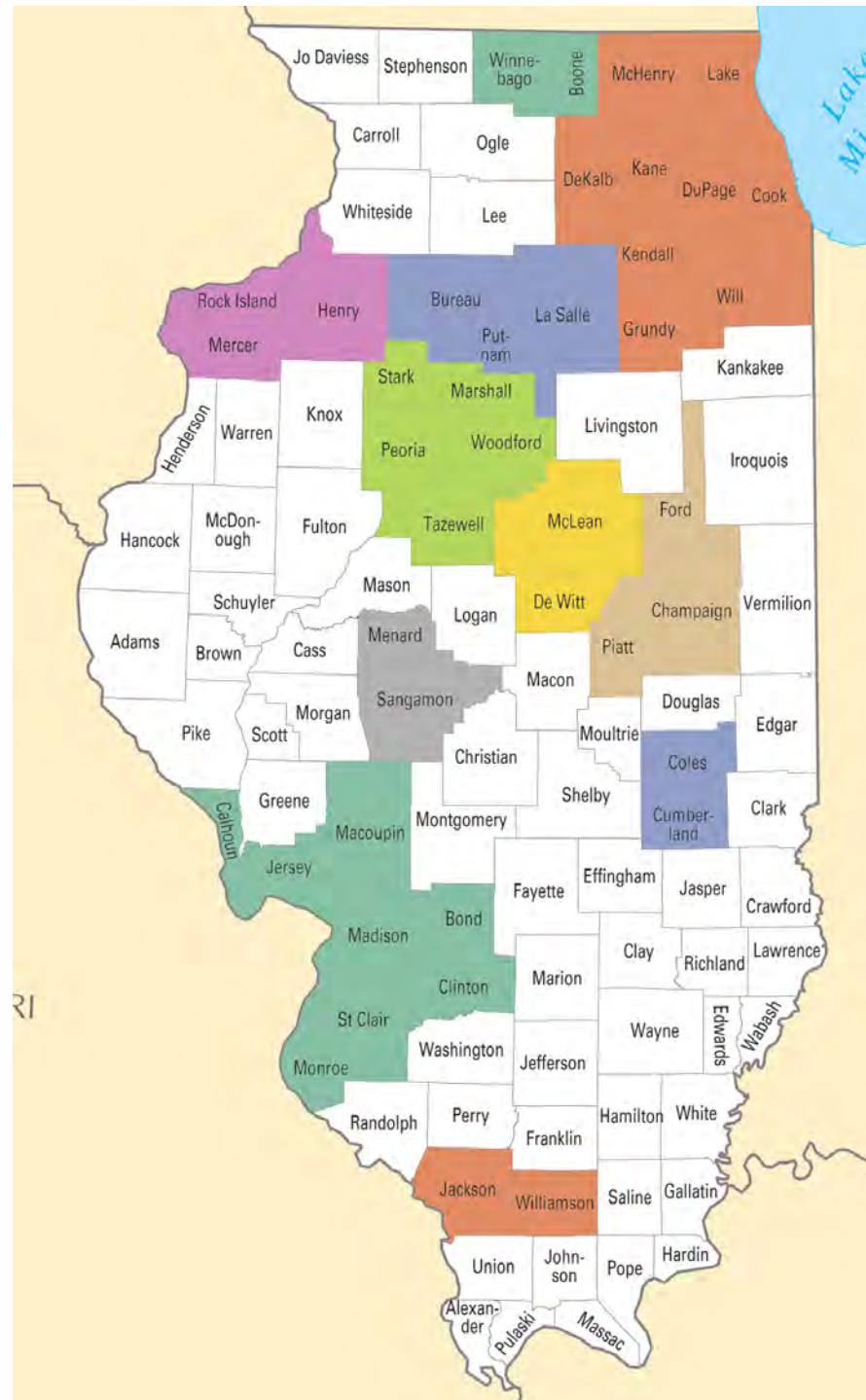
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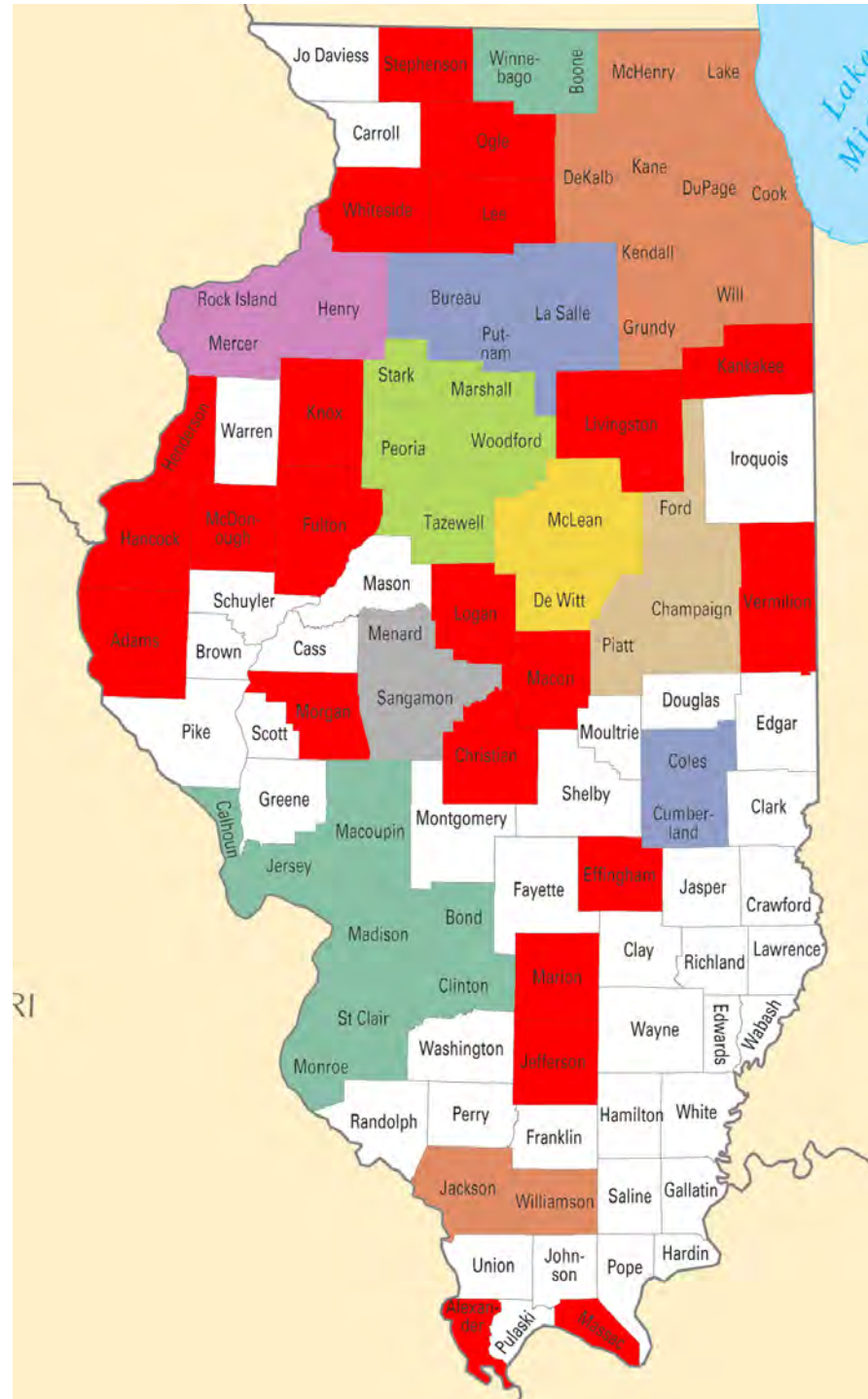


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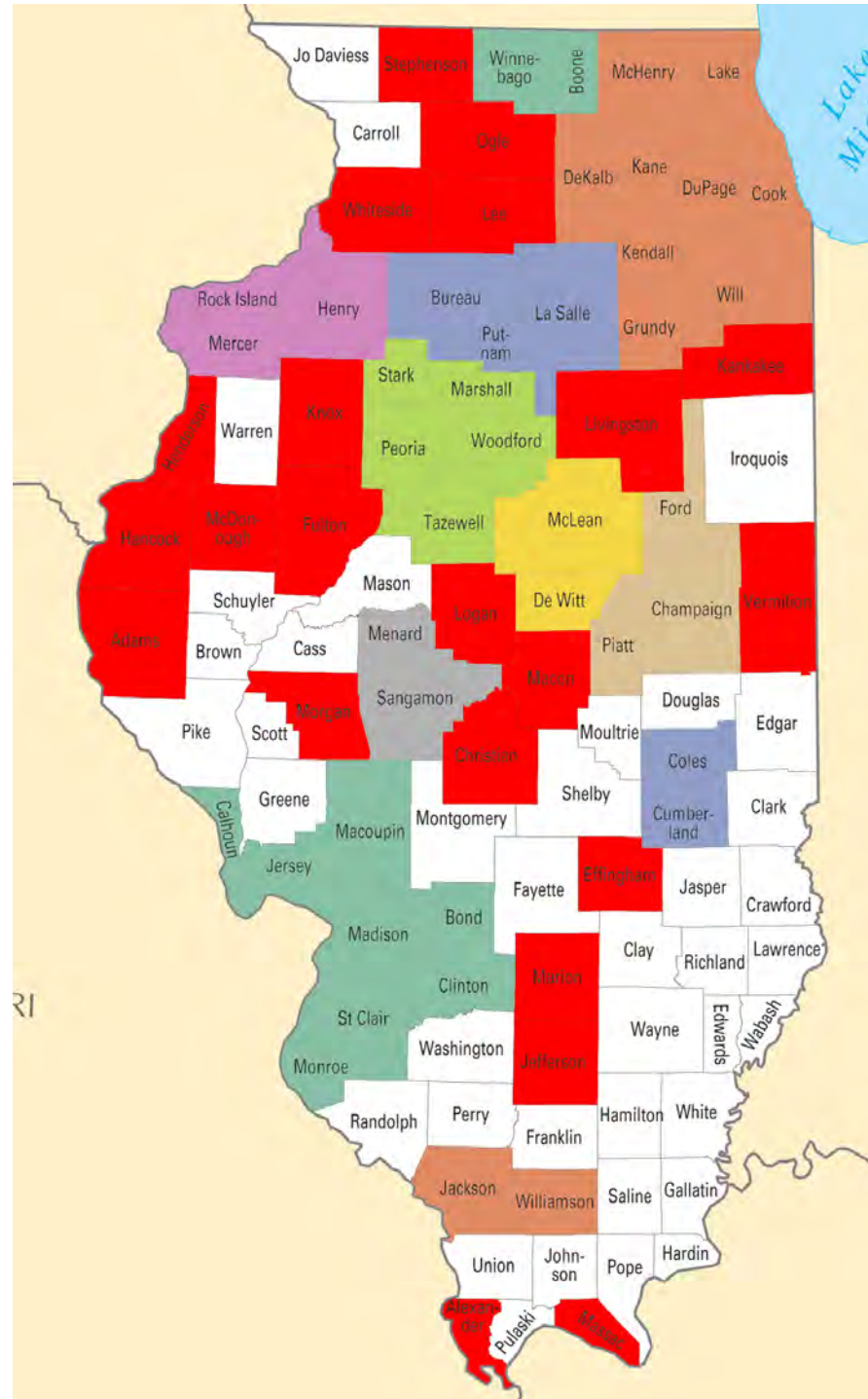


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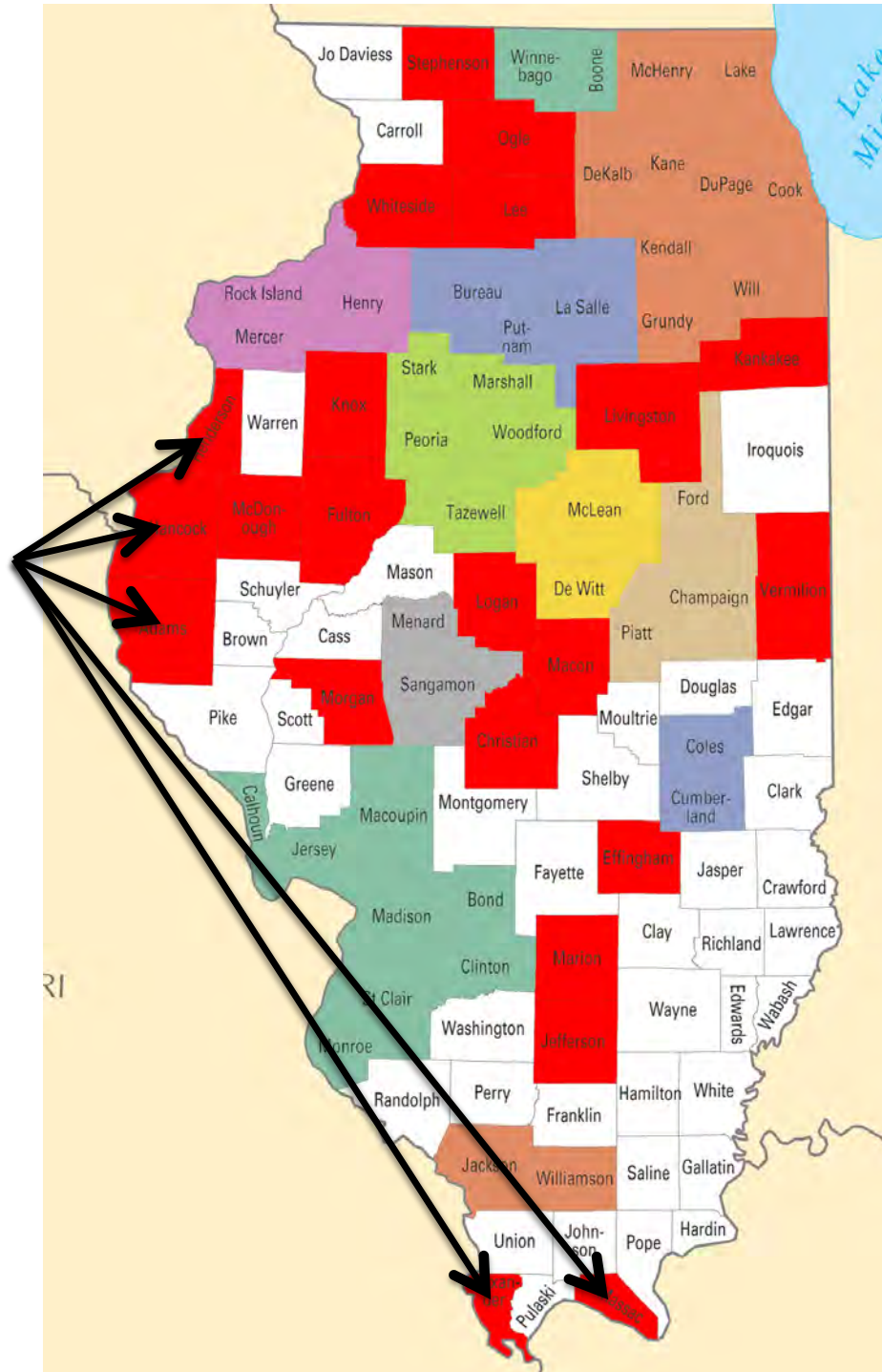


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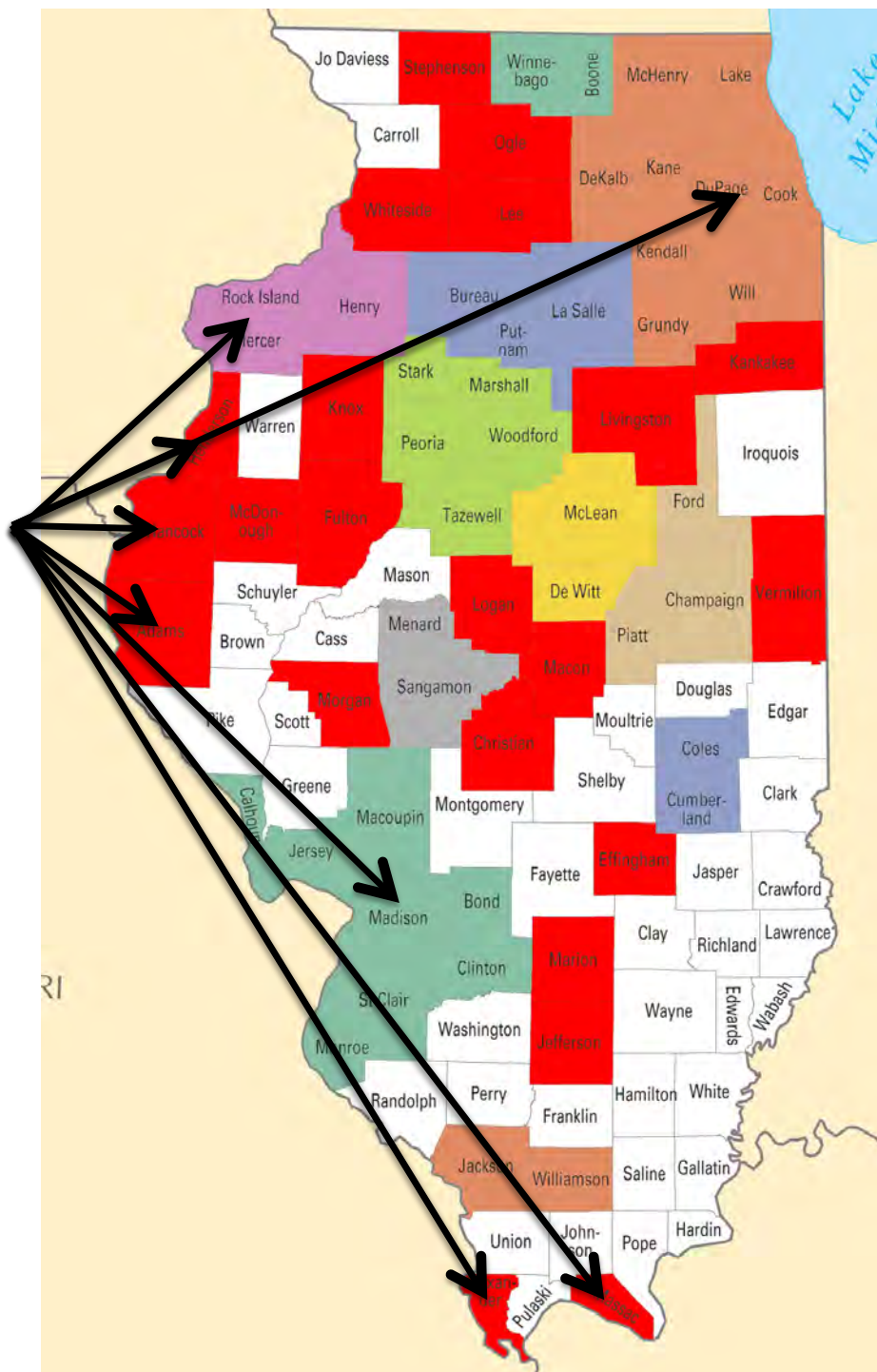




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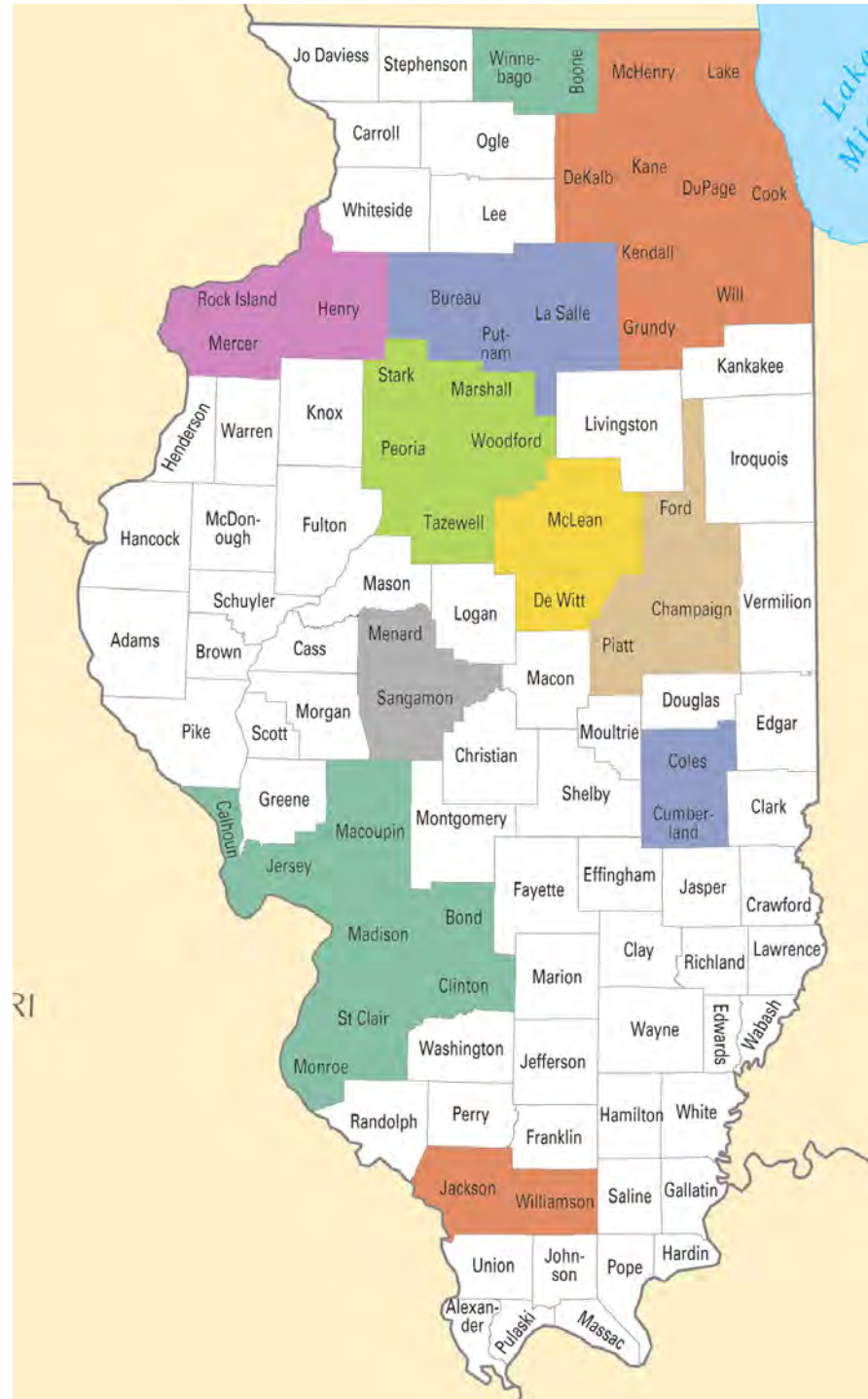
In all, 8 of the 33 Illinois MSAs were part of multi-state, multi-county MSAs.



STEP 2 – ATTACH ADDITIONAL COUNTIES TO THESE MULTI-COUNTY MSAs  
BASED ON 20% COMMUTATION RATES INTO THOSE MSAs

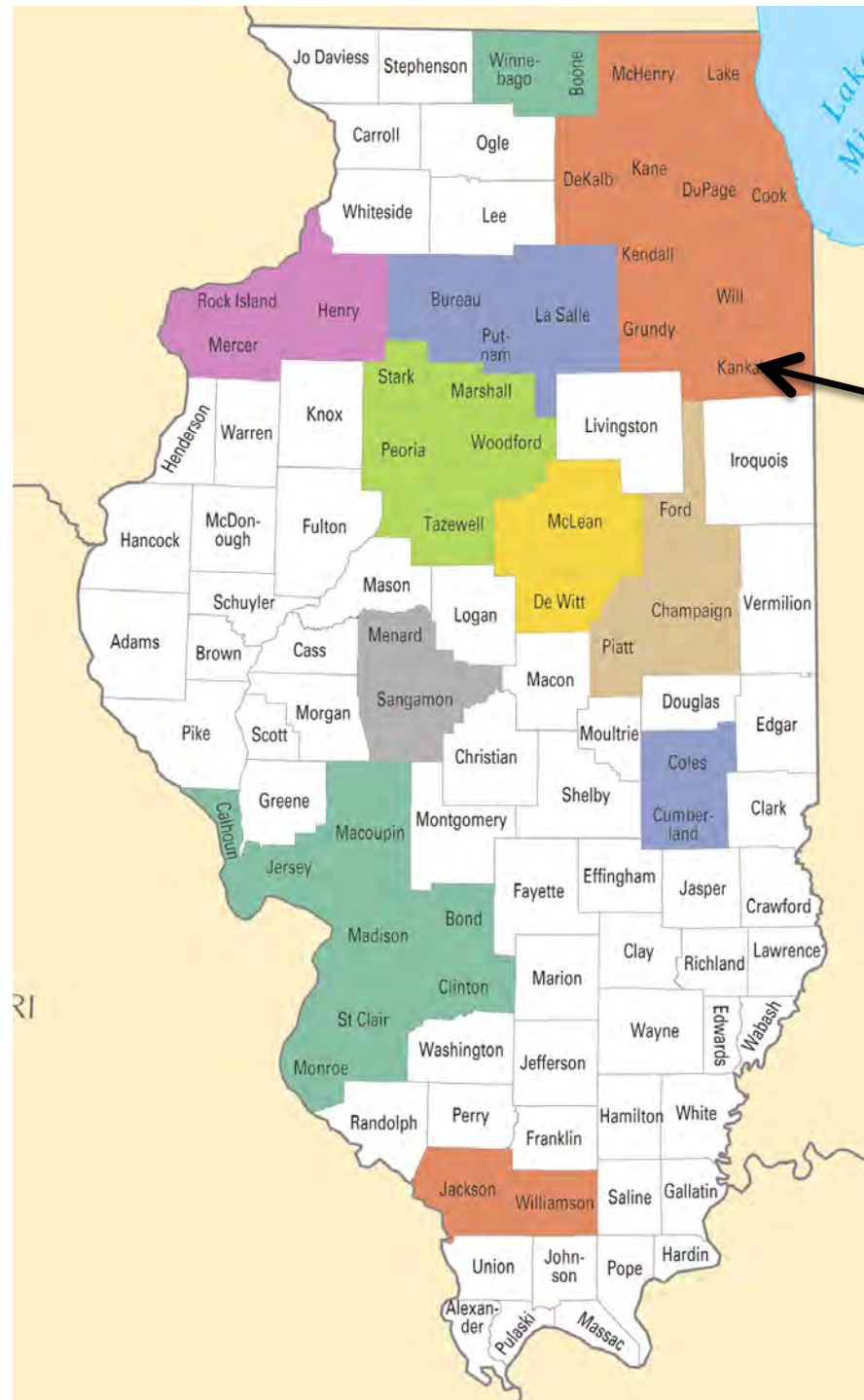
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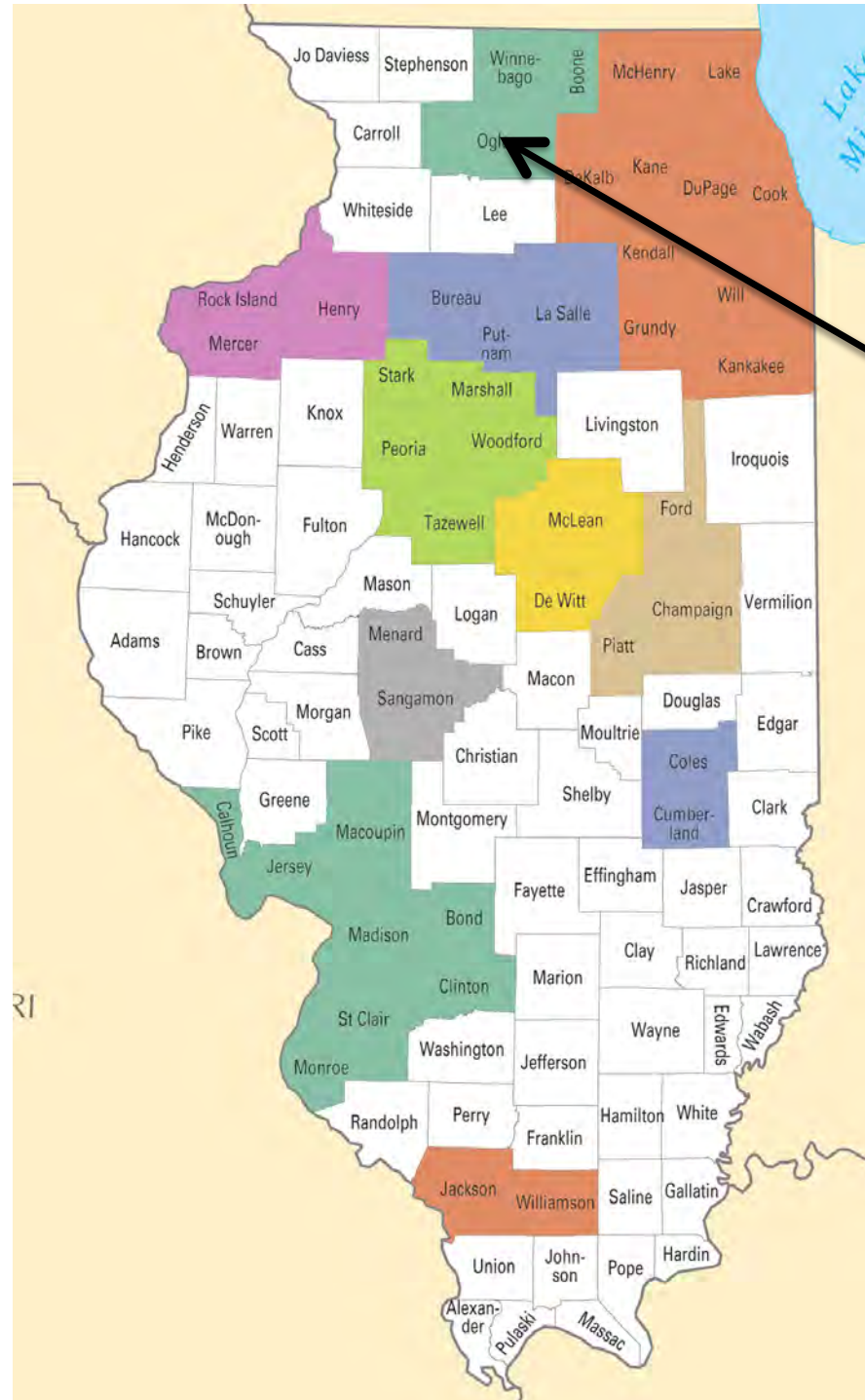
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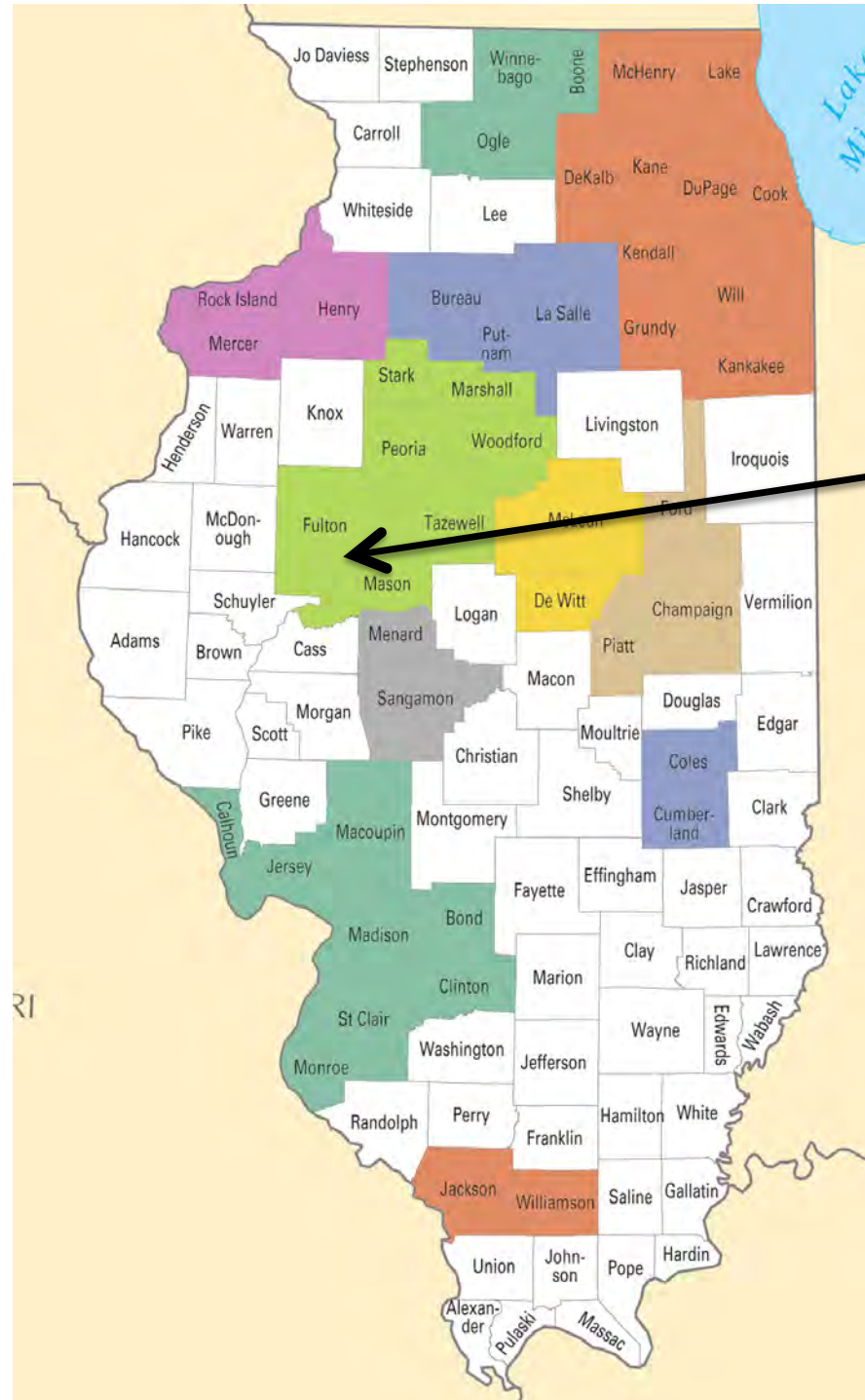


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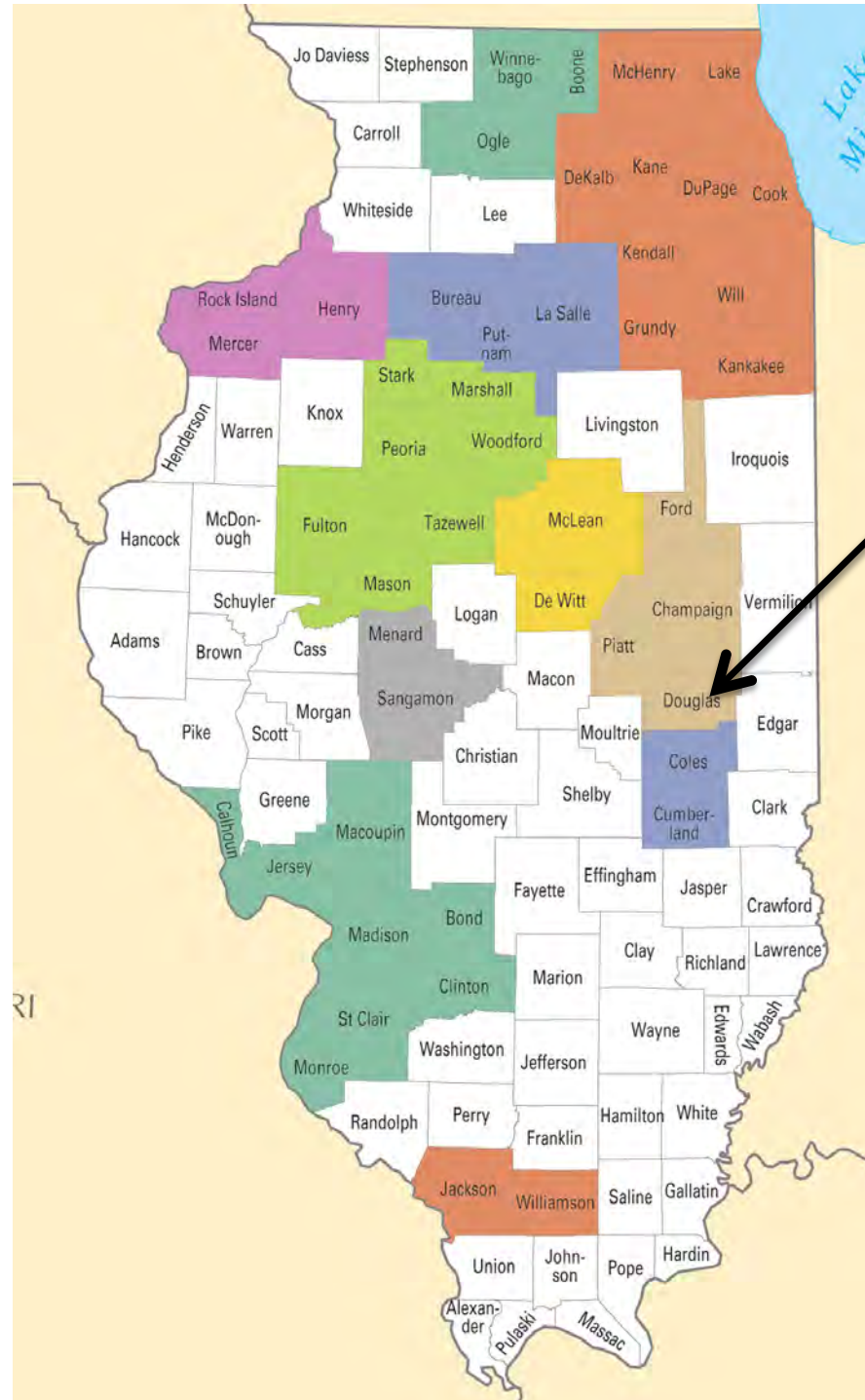
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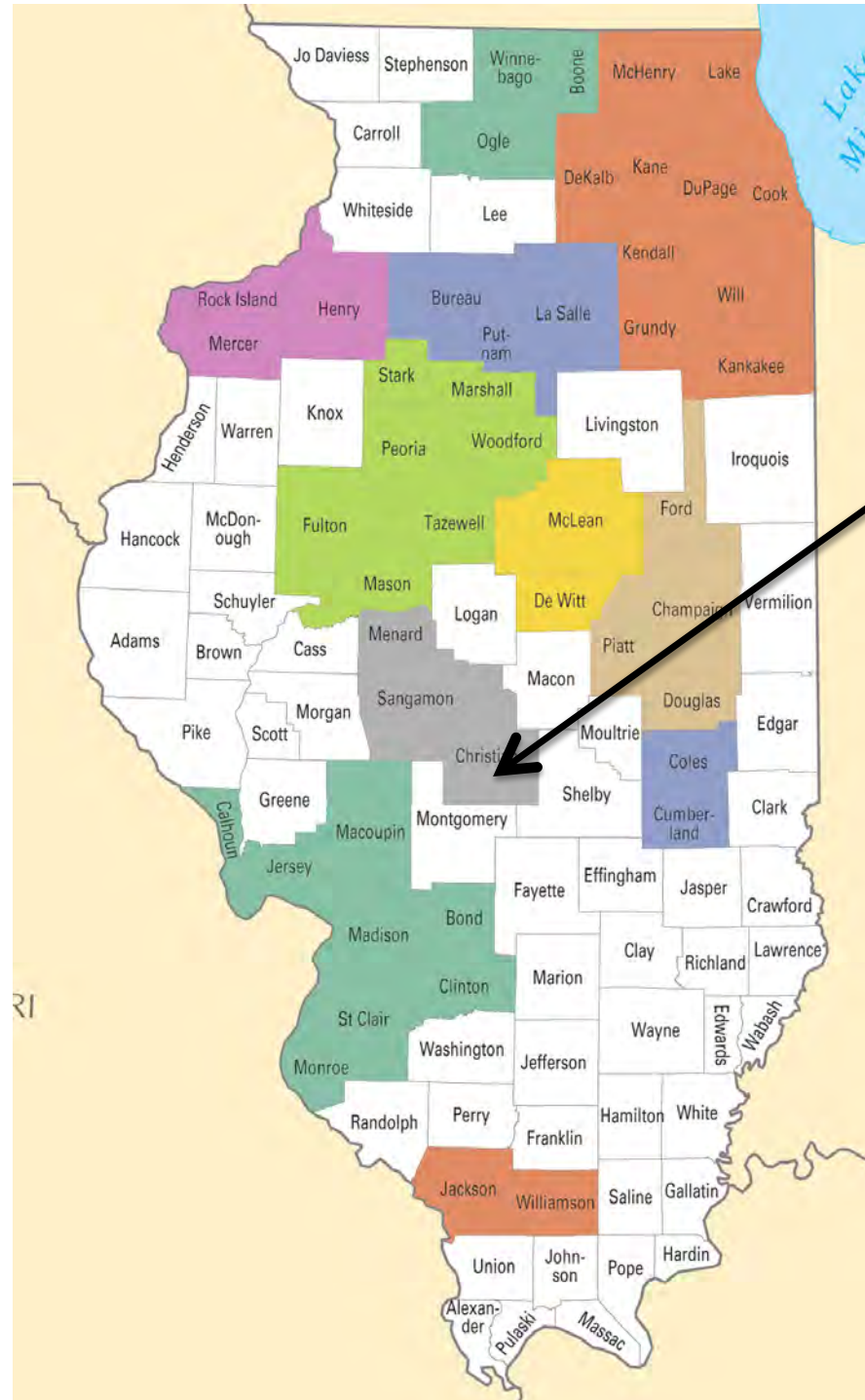
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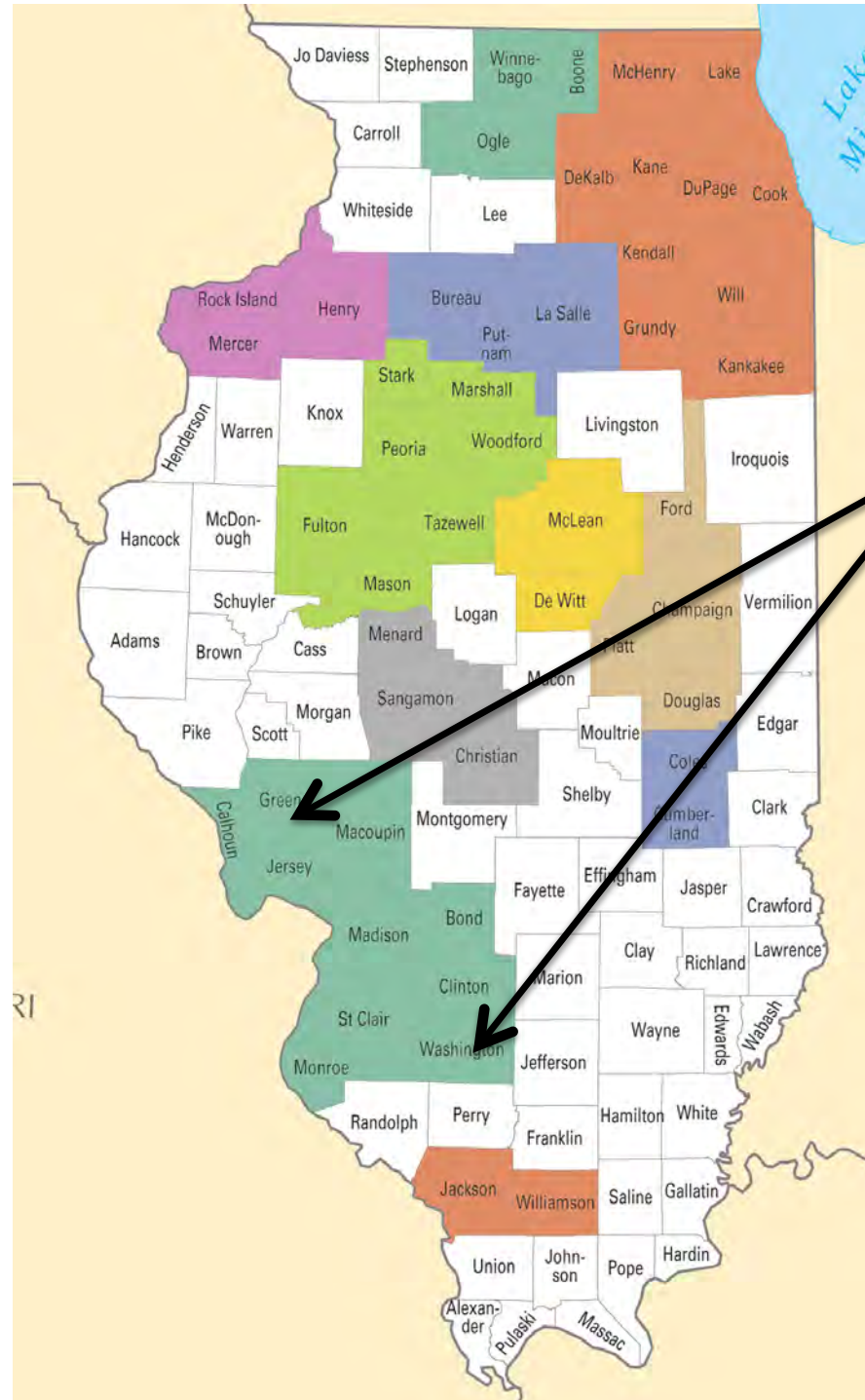


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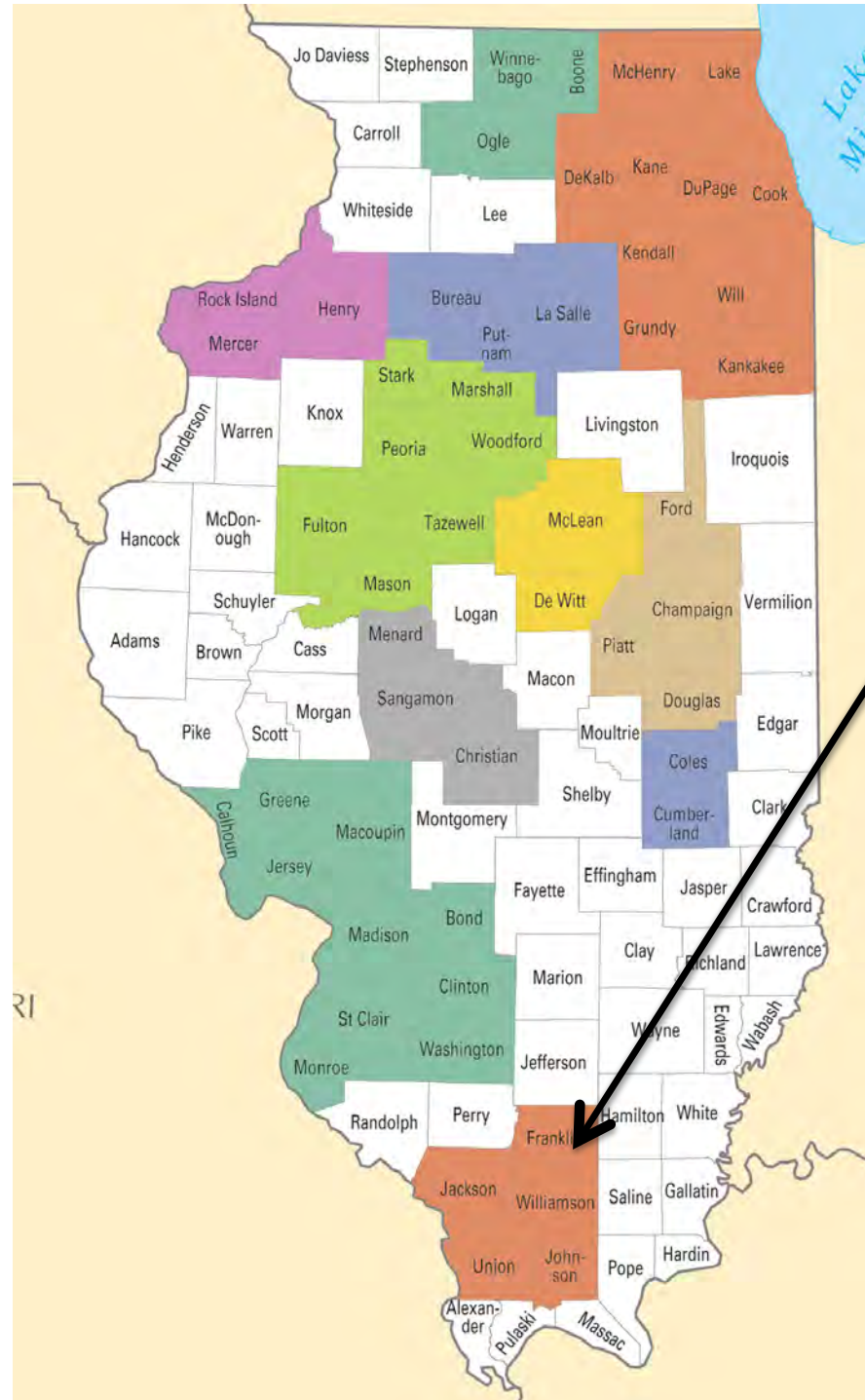
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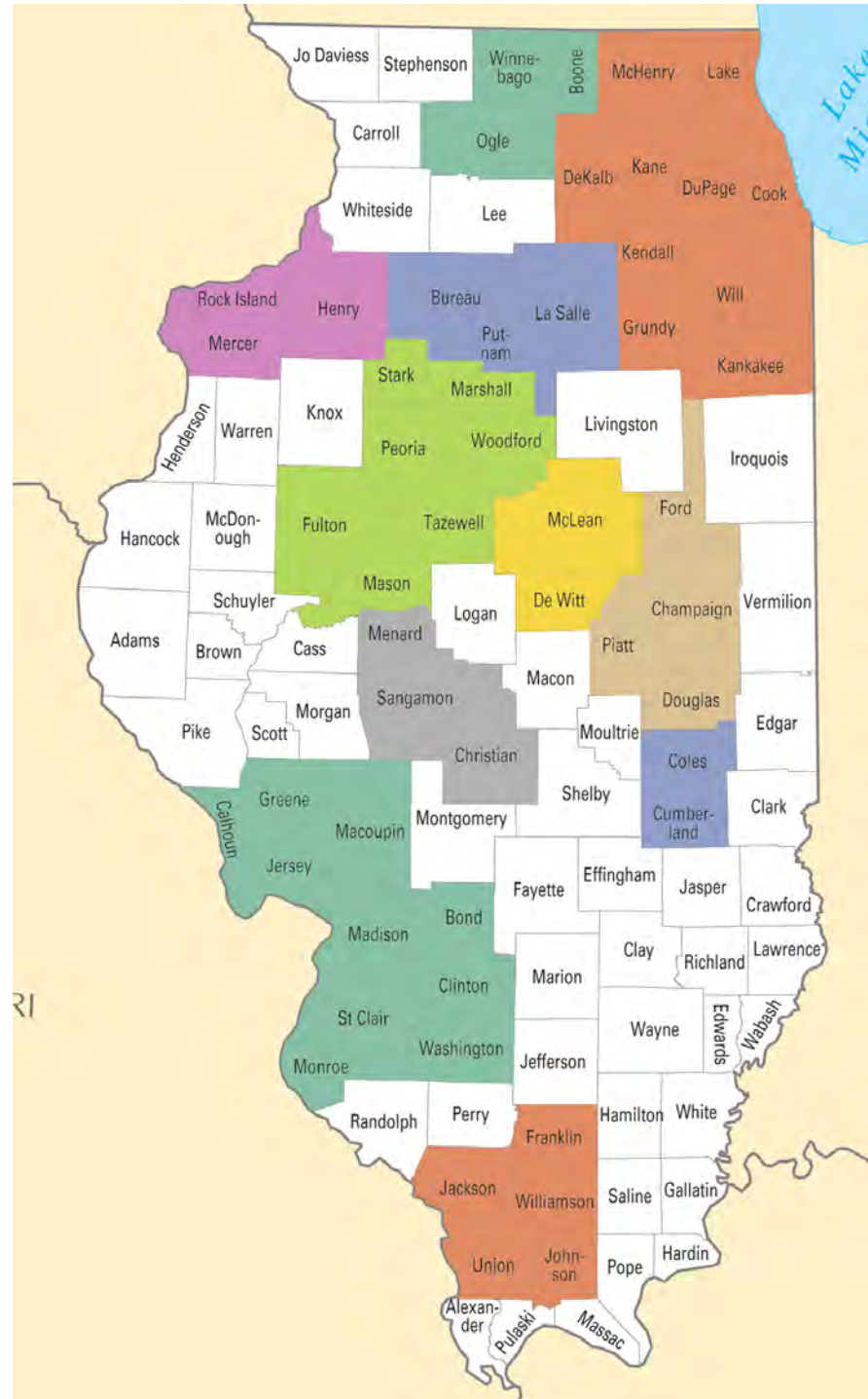
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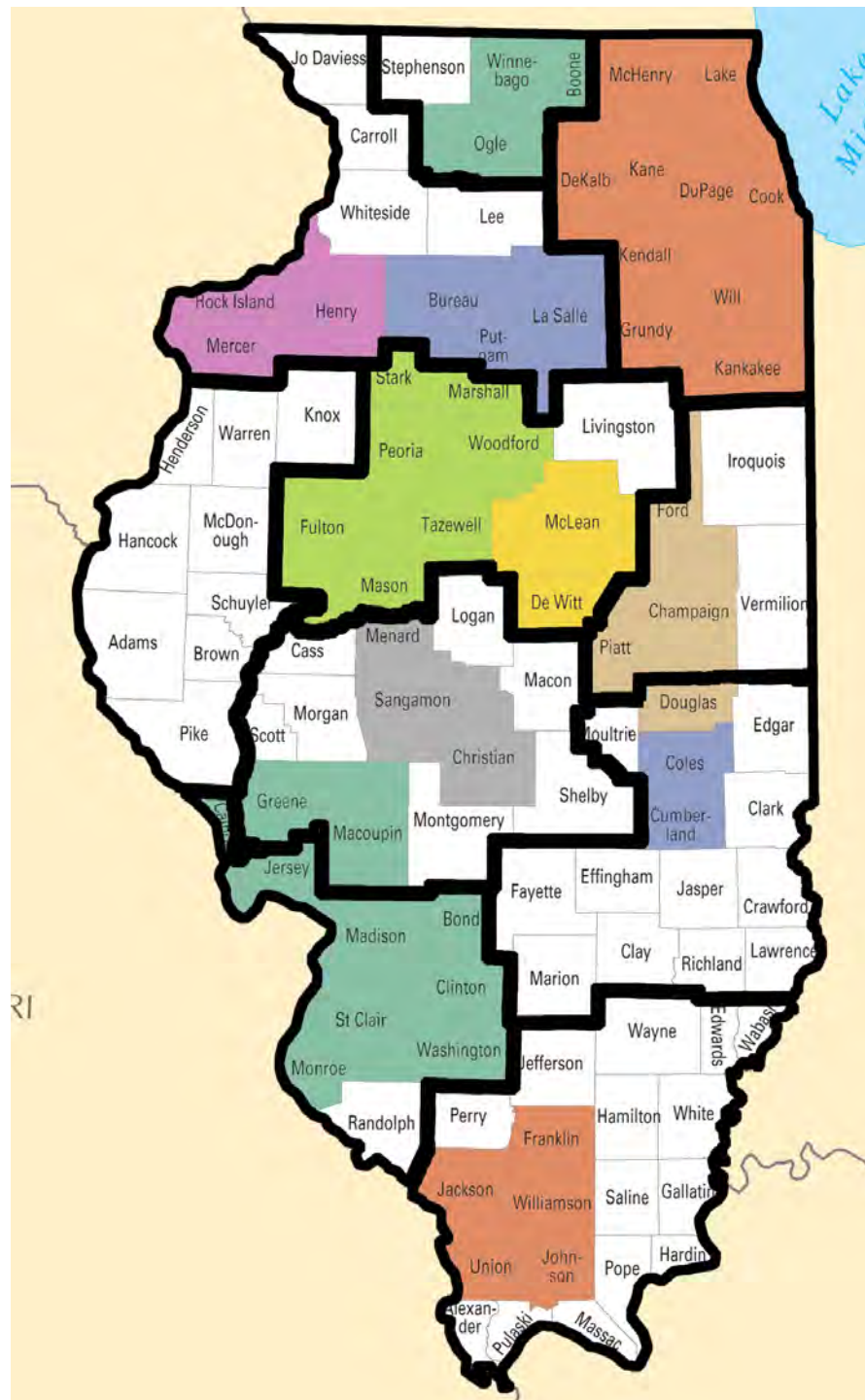
Franklin,  
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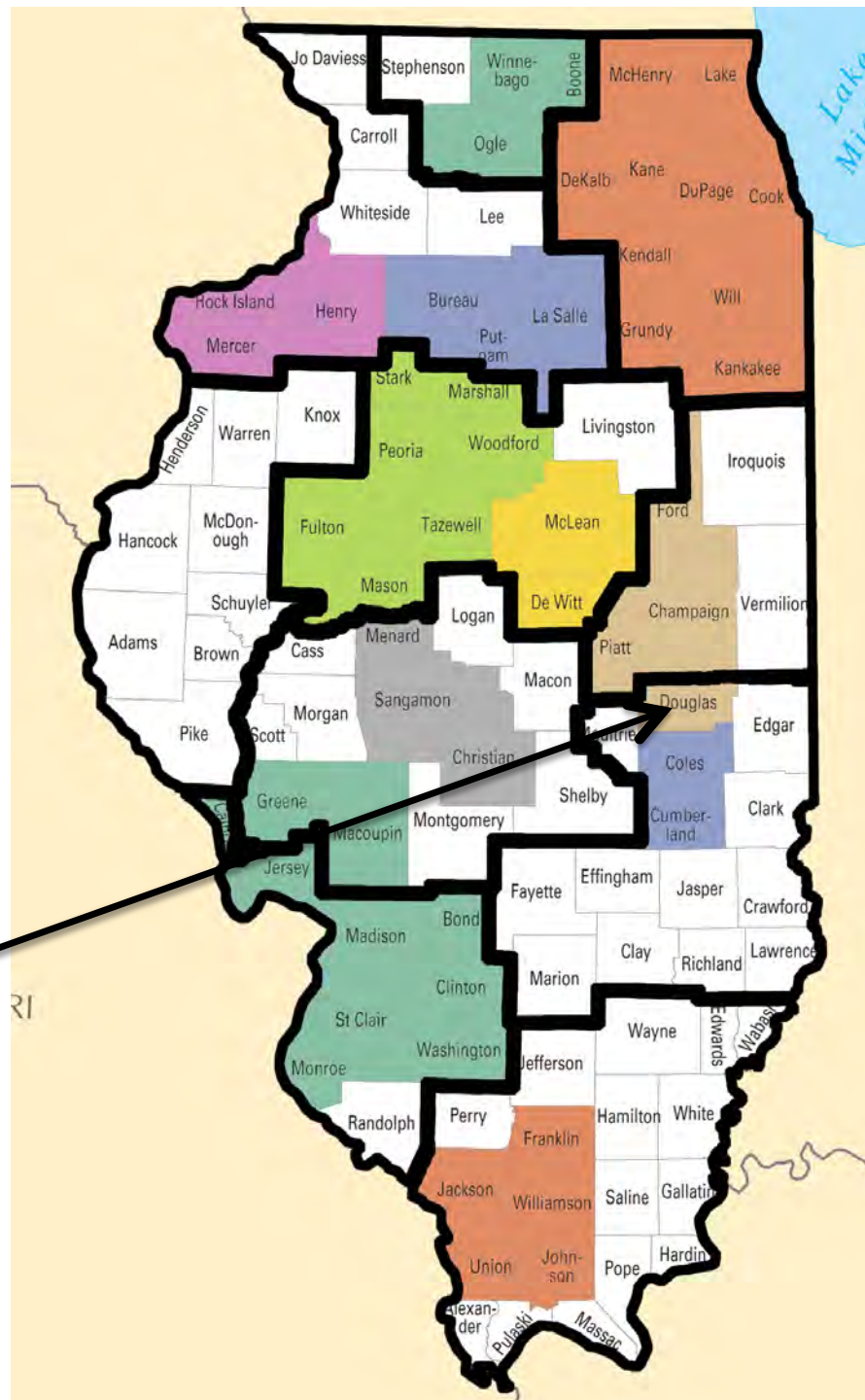


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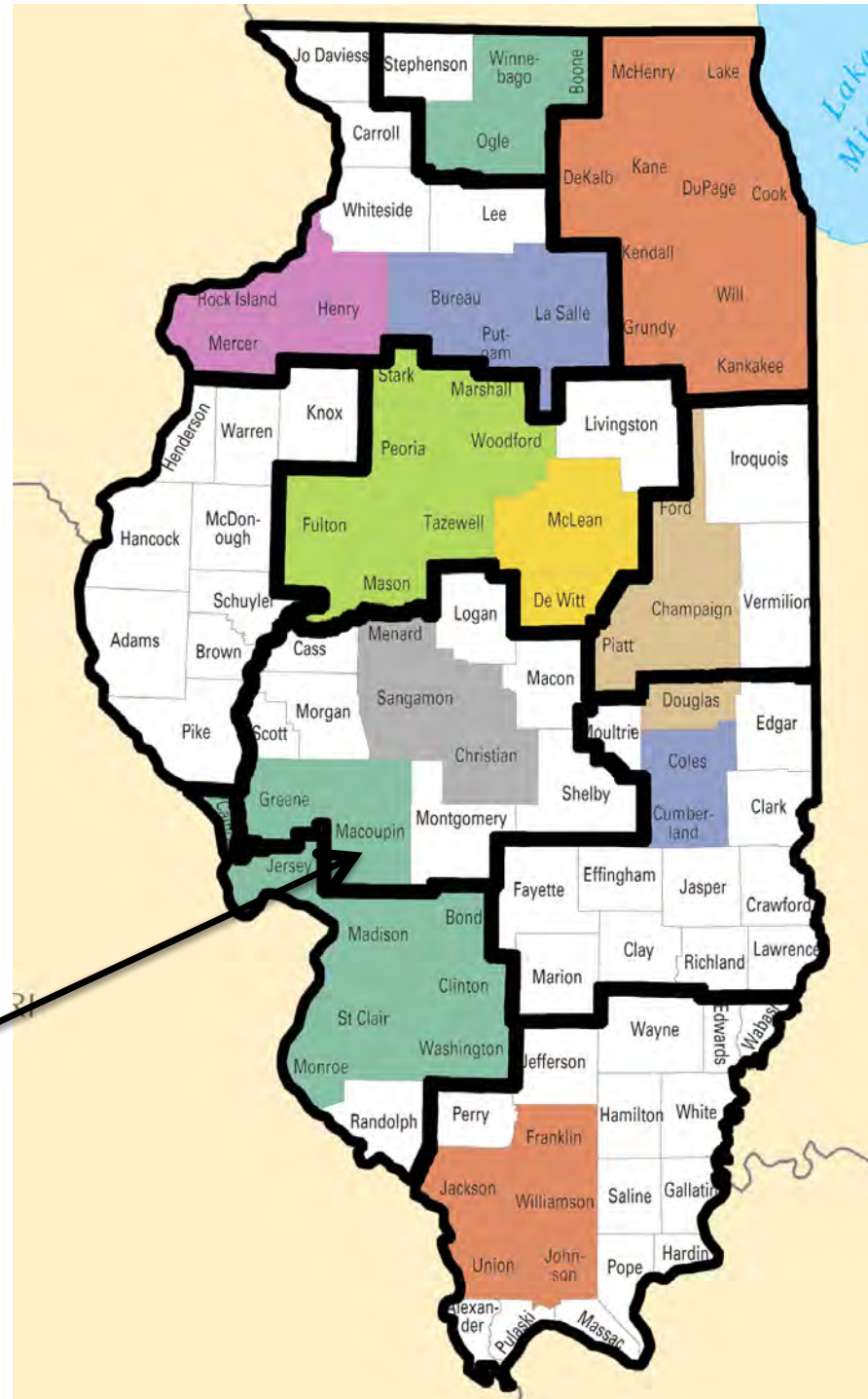




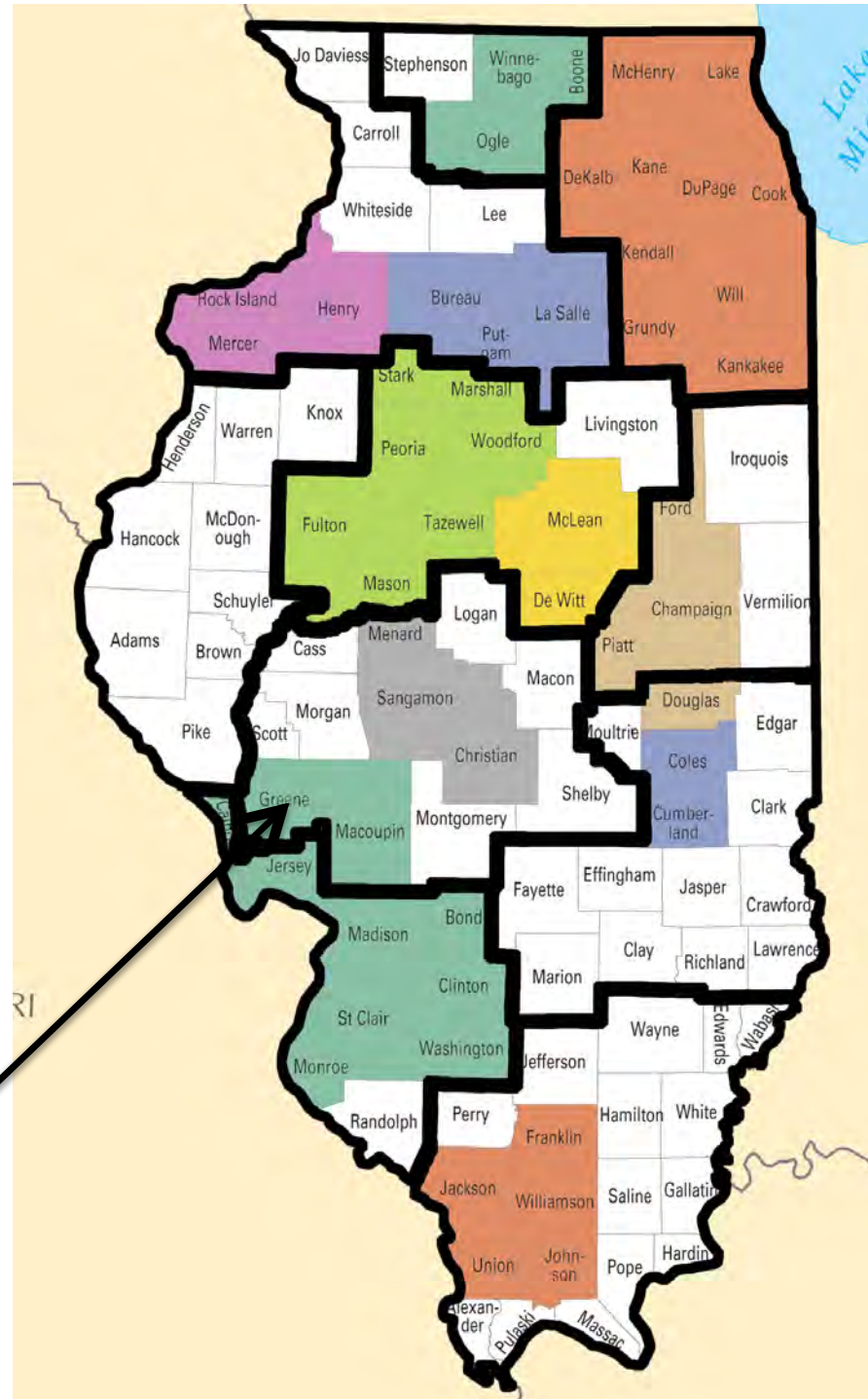
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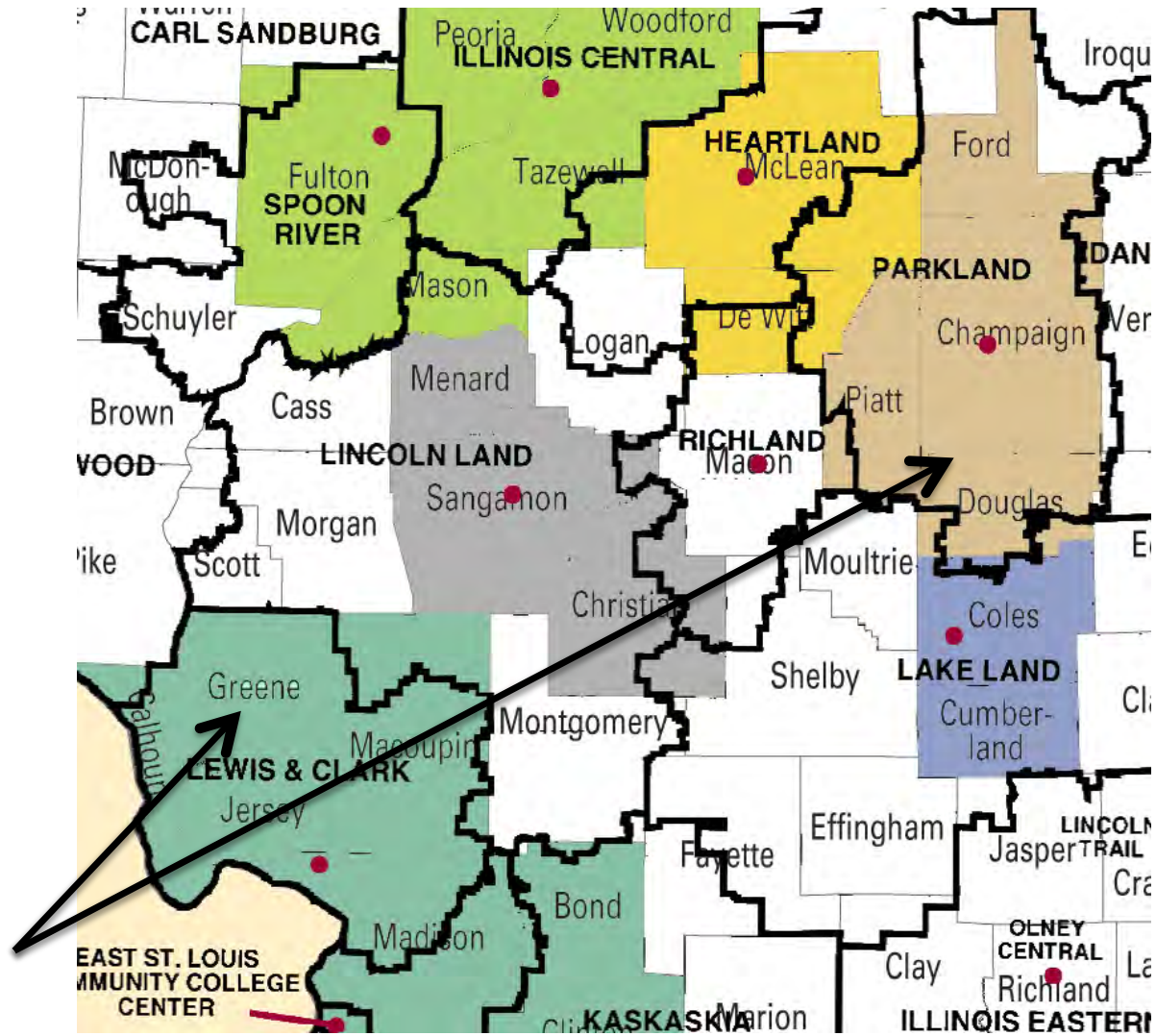


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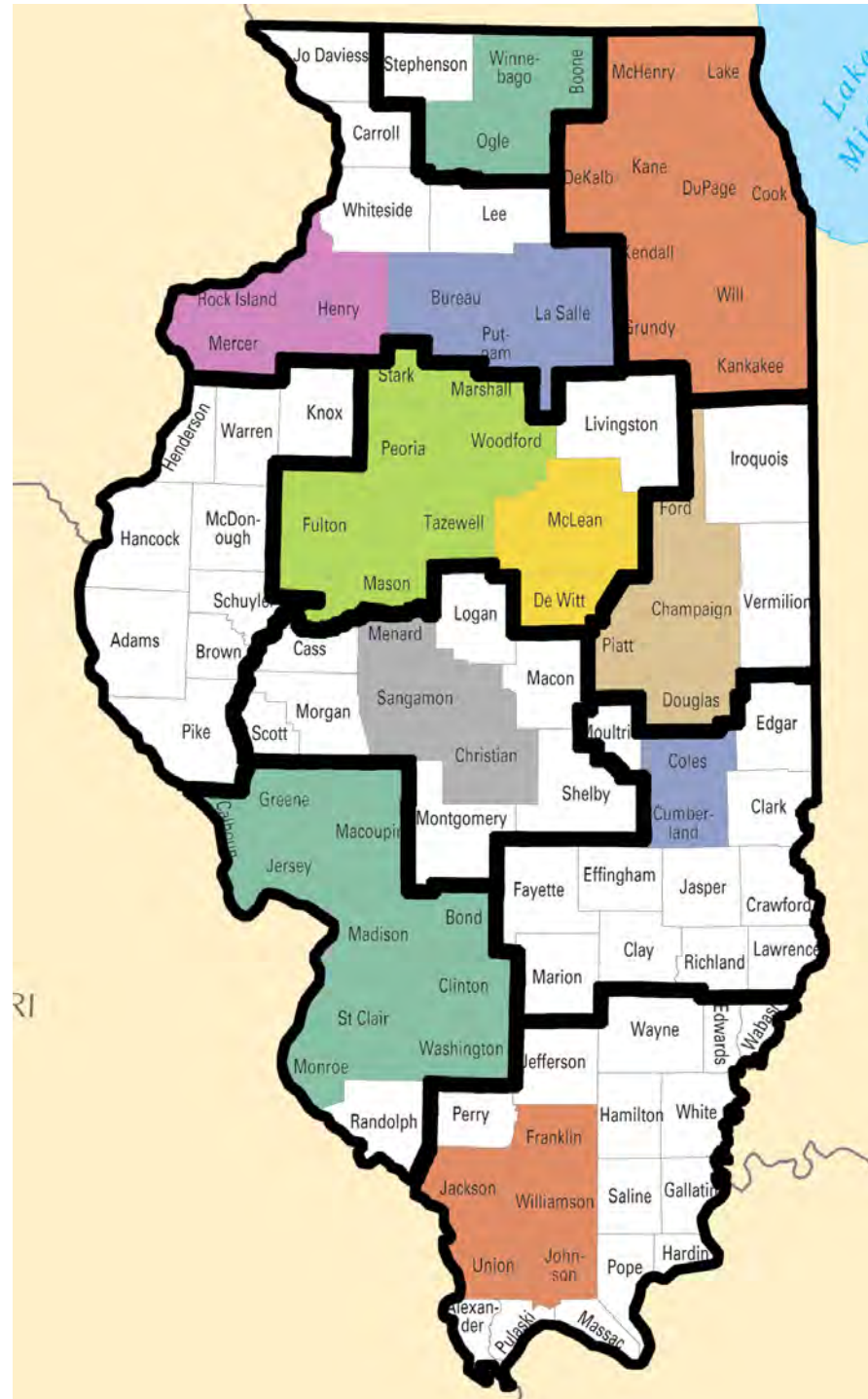




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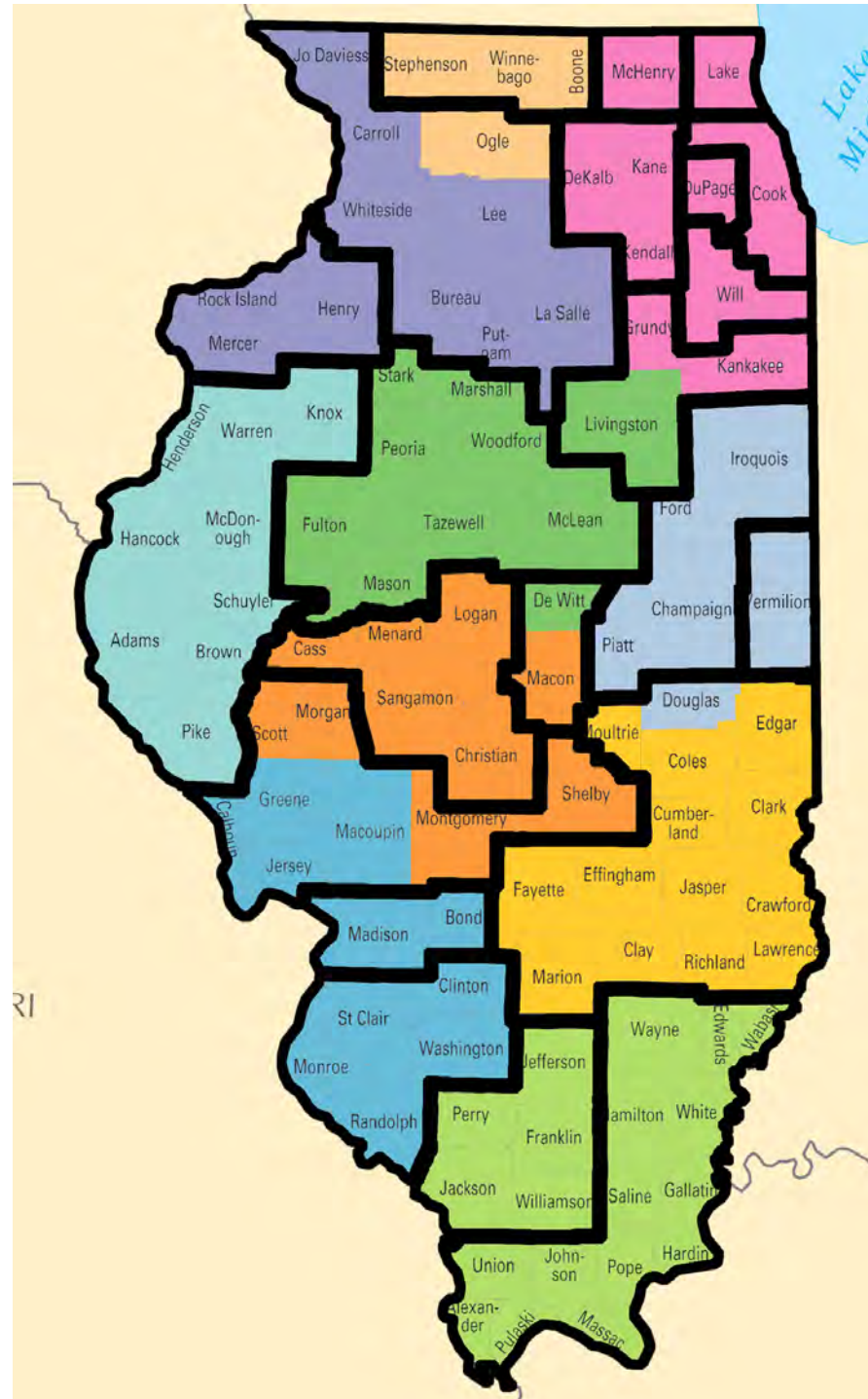


The result of  
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Southwest  
and East  
Central EDR  
boundaries to  
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Overlaying  
the current  
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boundaries to  
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change  
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map:



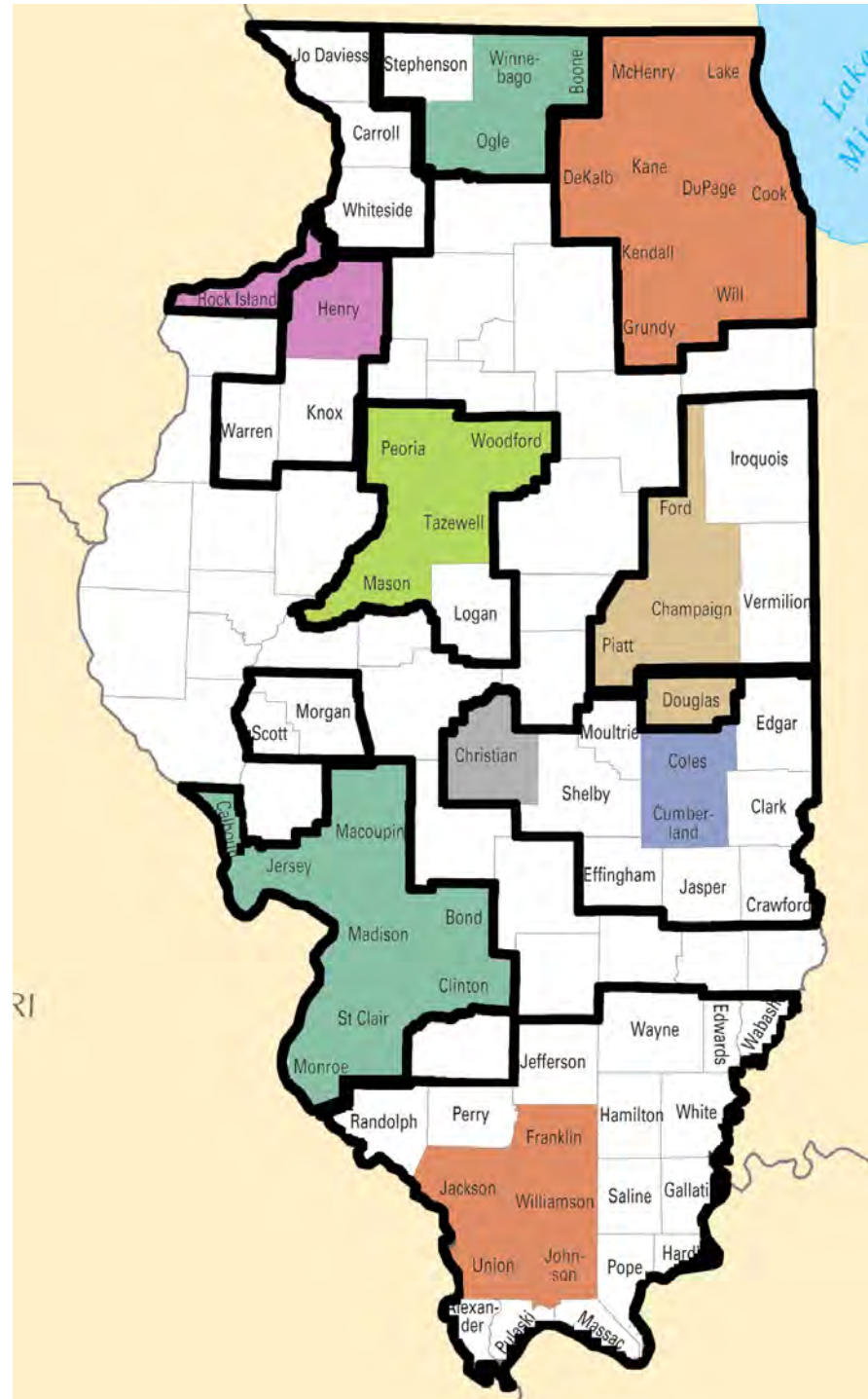
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- We are asking for a team effort from:
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  - Community Development
  - Workforce Development
- To lay the groundwork for the definition and implementation of regions and areas over the next two years

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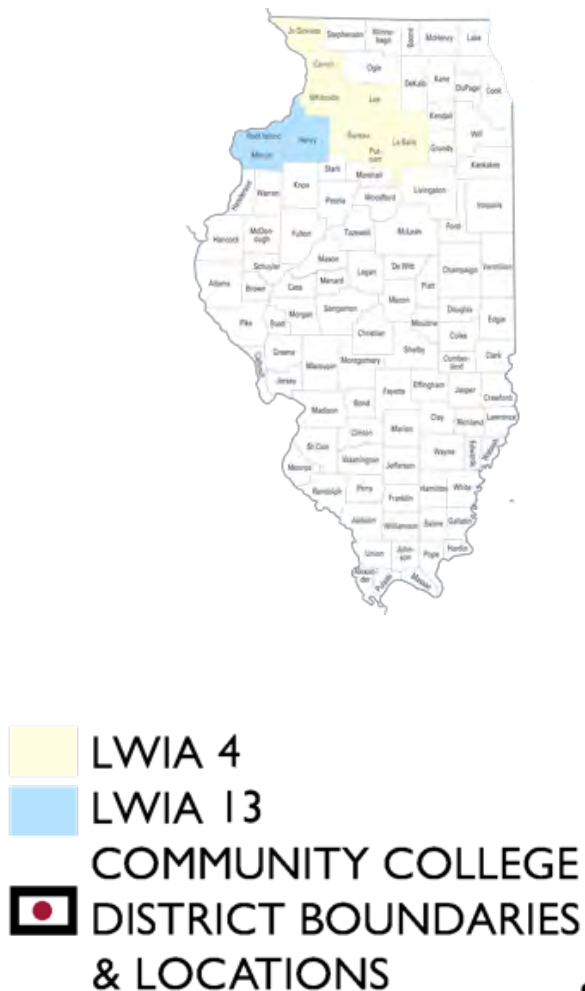
- To identify the important local and regional players across the state who should be consulted in this process
- To develop baseline regional analyses for identified regions
- To map business development, community development and workforce development resources in each region

As an example, these are existing regional economic development organizations



The map shows the following counties and railroad locations:

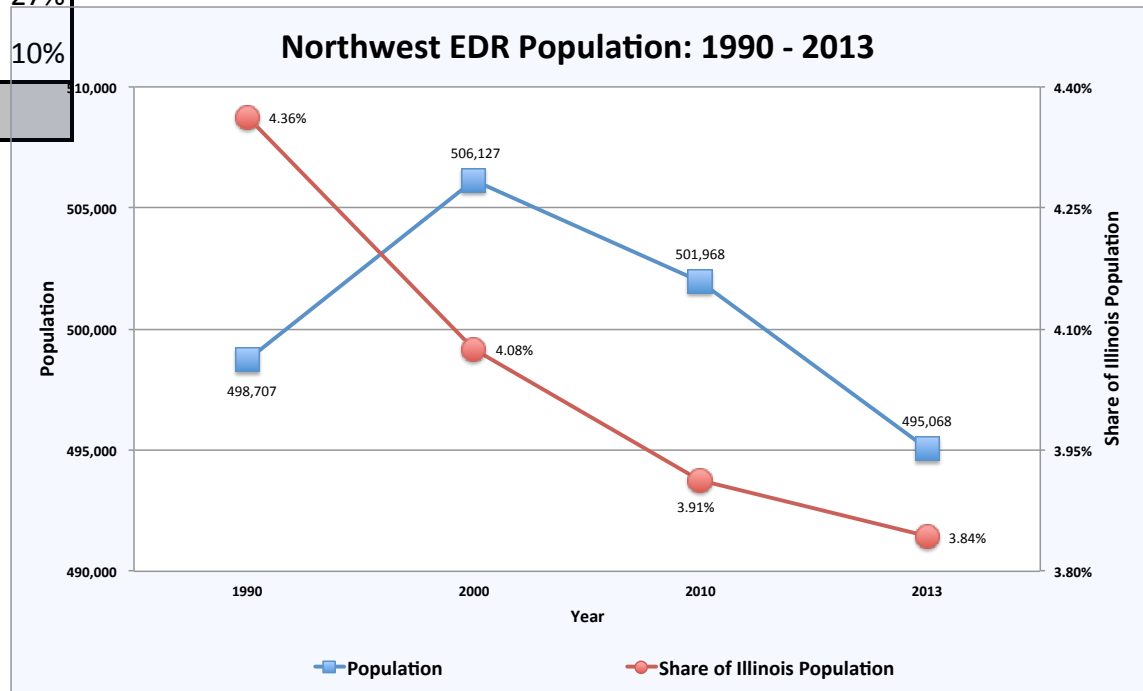
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- Blue Region (West-Central):** ROCK ISLAND, HENRY, BLACK HAWK, MERCER.
- Grey Region (South and East):** KISHWAUKEE, DEVALB, KANE, WAUBONSEE, KENDALL, JOLIET, SPURDY, STARR, MARSHALL, CARL SANDBURG, WARREN, ILLINOIS CENTRAL, TAZEWELL, WOODFORD, FLORIDA, HANCOCK, MC DONOUGH.

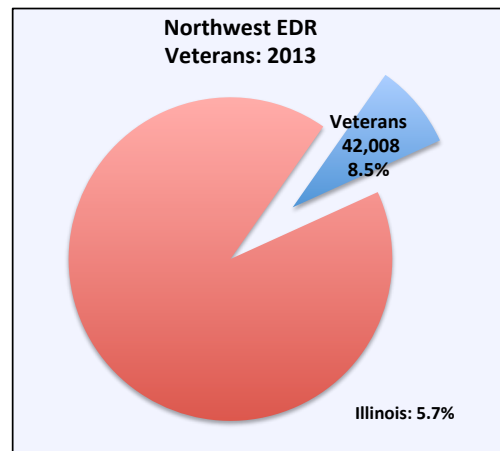
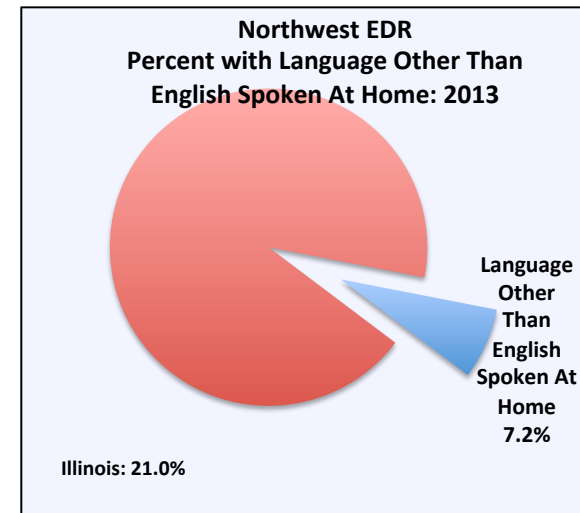
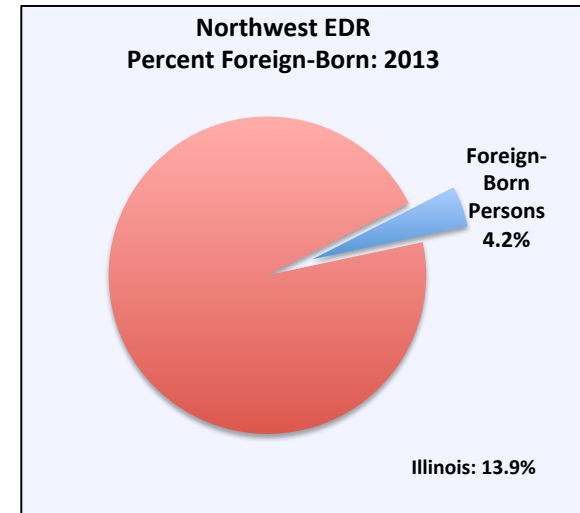
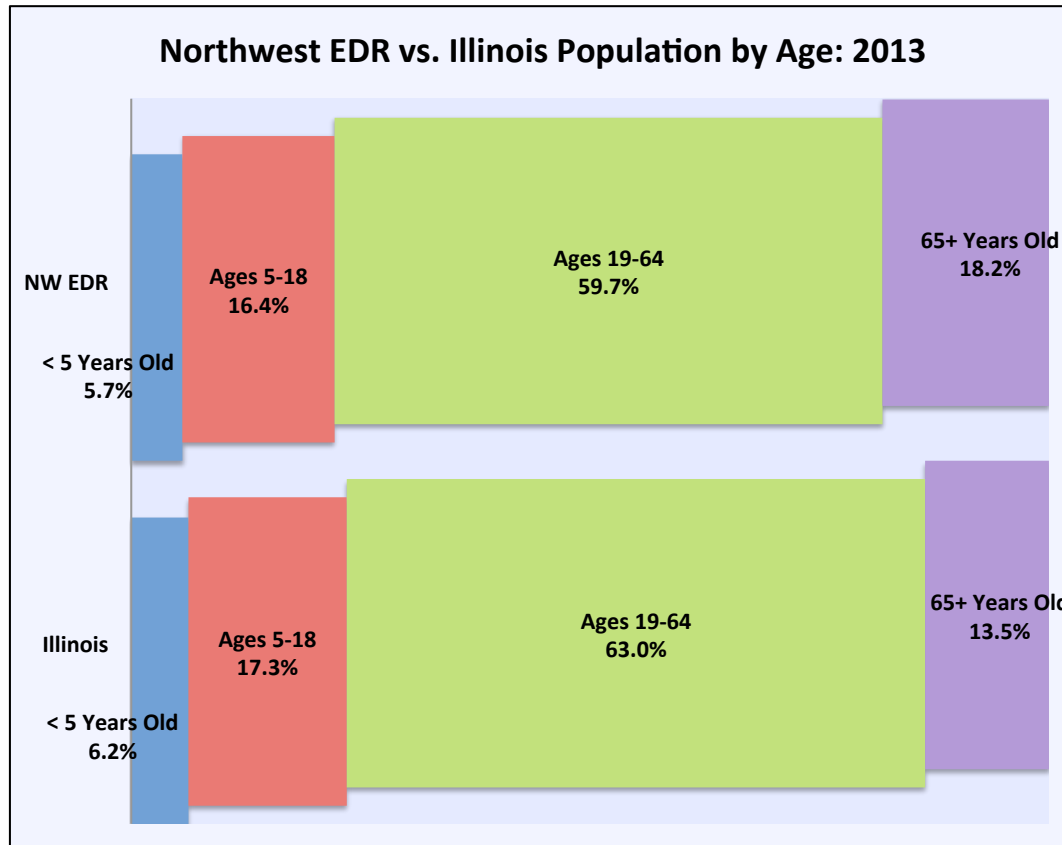


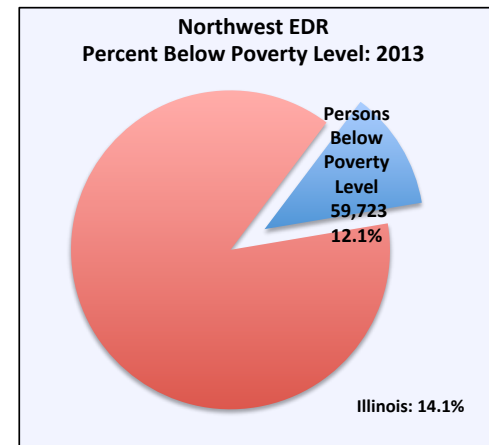
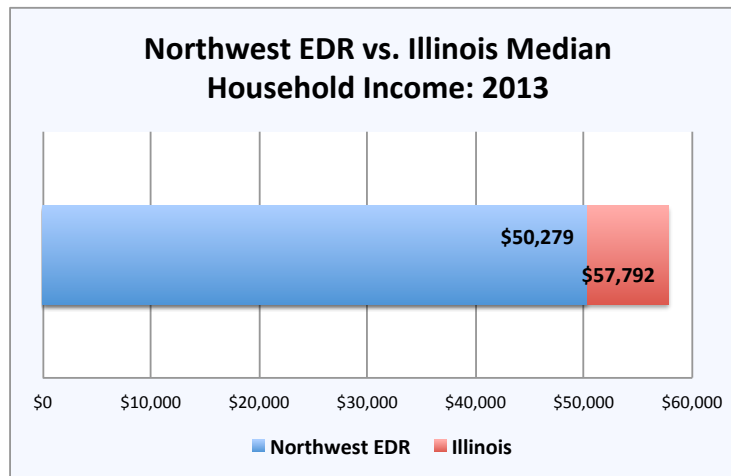
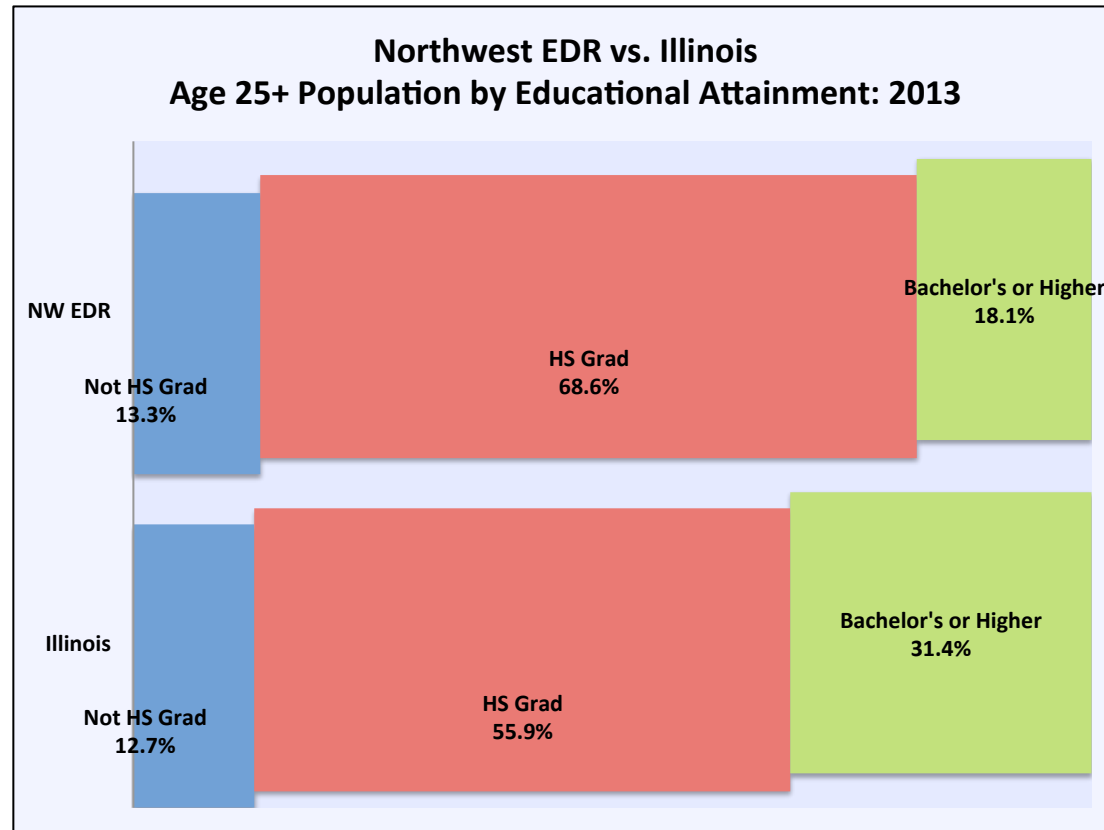


Northwest EDR Counties	2013 Population Estimates	Percent of EDR Population
Bureau	34,056	6%
Carroll	14,910	3%
Henry	49,860	9%
Jo Daviess	22,407	4%
LaSalle	112,183	20%
Lee	34,858	6%
Mercer	16,178	3%
Putnam	5,801	1%
Rock Island	147,258	27%
Whiteside	57,557	10%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>495,068</b>	

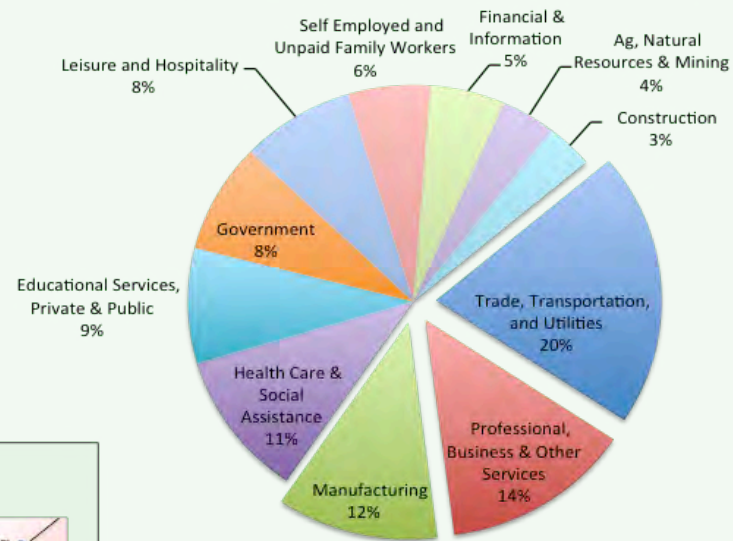
Northwest EDR Population Centers	2013 Population Estimates	Percent of EDR Population
Moline	43,116	9%
Rock Island	38,877	8%
East Moline	21,360	4%
Ottawa	18,562	4%
Dixon	15,333	3%
Sterling	15,152	3%







**Northwest EDR  
Projected 2020 Employment by Industry**



**Northwest EDR  
2010 vs. Projected 2020 Employment by Industry**

