

The 10 Fastest Growing Cities In Illinois For 2021

We used data and science to determine the places in Illinois everyone wants to move to today.



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Editor's Note: Data has been updated for 2021. This is our seventh time ranking the fastest growing cities in Illinois.

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Is being in an area that's growing quickly a good thing or a bad thing?

Depends on who you ask. Some want bigger, more exciting cities like [Chicago](#) and [Aurora](#), while others want peace and quiet like in Marseilles and Robbins, thank you very much.

But today we're going to put opinions aside and just look at the cold hard facts -- over the past five years, which cities in Illinois have the grown the fastest.

After getting knee deep in the Census's American Community Survey, we emerged with this set of cities in the Prairie State that have people climbing over each other to get in.

These are the 10 fastest growing cities in Illinois for 2021 according to the most recent census data:

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What's the fastest growing city in Illinois for 2021? Based on the most recent ACS data, Volo ranks as the fastest growing city in Illinois. If you happen to be a resident of Volo, you're probably not too surprised to find it on our list.

If you're surprised--and you're wondering why these places are kind of a big deal--keep reading. We'll tell you what makes each of these 10 places in Illinois are growing like weeds.

And if you already knew these places were happening, check out the [best places to live in Illinois](#) or the [Fastest Growing States In America](#).

For more Illinois state reading:

- [Best Places To Live In Illinois](#)
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1. Volo Overall
SnackAbility

6
/10

Population: 5,229
Rank Last Year: 1 (No Change)
Population 2010: 1,859

2. Pingree Grove

Percent Growth 181.3%

Absolute Growth: 3,370

More on Volo: [Homes For Sale](#) | [Data](#)



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Overall SnackAbility

9.5
/10

Population: 8,107

Rank Last Year: 2 (No Change)

Population 2010: 3,780

Percent Growth 114.5%

Absolute Growth: 4,327

More on Pingree Grove: [Homes For Sale](#) | [Data](#) | [Photos](#)

3. Savoy



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Overall SnackAbility

7.5
/10

Population: 8,534

Rank Last Year: 3 (No Change)

Population 2010: 6,388

Percent Growth 33.6%

Absolute Growth: 2,146

More on Savoy: [Homes For Sale](#) | [Data](#)



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Overall SnackAbility

Population: 7,823

Rank Last Year: 4 (No Change)

Population 2010: 5,866

Percent Growth 33.4%

Absolute Growth: 1,957

More on Gilberts: [Homes For Sale](#) | [Data](#) | [Photos](#)



4. Gilberts

5. Yorkville

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Overall SnackAbility

8.5
/10

Population: 19,352

Rank Last Year: 6 (Up 1)

Population 2010: 15,065

Percent Growth 28.5%

Absolute Growth: 4,287

More on Yorkville: [Homes For Sale](#) | [Data](#) | [Photos](#)

6. Huntley



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Overall SnackAbility

Population: 26,966

Rank Last Year: 7 (Up 1)

Population 2010: 21,261

Percent Growth 26.8%

Absolute Growth: 5,705

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7. Oswego



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Overall SnackAbility

9.5
/10

Population: 34,933

Rank Last Year: 9 (Up 2)

Population 2010: 27,719

Percent Growth 26.0%

Absolute Growth: 7,214

More on Oswego: [Homes For Sale](#) | [Data](#) | [Photos](#)

8. Manhattan



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Overall SnackAbility

Population: 8,164

Rank Last Year: 13 (Up 5)

Population 2010: 6,511

9. Plano

Percent Growth 25.4%

Absolute Growth: 1,653

More on Manhattan: [Homes For Sale](#) | [Data](#) | [Photos](#)



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Overall SnackAbility

6
/10

Population: 11,752

Rank Last Year: 8 (Down 1)

Population 2010: 9,472

Percent Growth 24.1%

Absolute Growth: 2,280

More on Plano: [Homes For Sale](#) | [Data](#) | [Photos](#)

10. Mahomet



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Overall SnackAbility

9.5
/10

Population: 8,392

Rank Last Year: 10 (No Change)

Population 2010: 6,888

Percent Growth 21.8%

Absolute Growth: 1,504

More on Mahomet: [Homes For Sale](#) | [Data](#) | [Photos](#)

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How We Measured The Fastest Growing Cities In the Prairie State for 2021

To figure out which cities are growing the most, we simply had to look at the growth rates for cities since the beginning of the decade, according to the [American Community Survey](#) put out by the census every year. Specifically:

- Current Population
- Population in 2010
- Growth rate from 2010 to Current (The latest available data which came out in Dec 2018)

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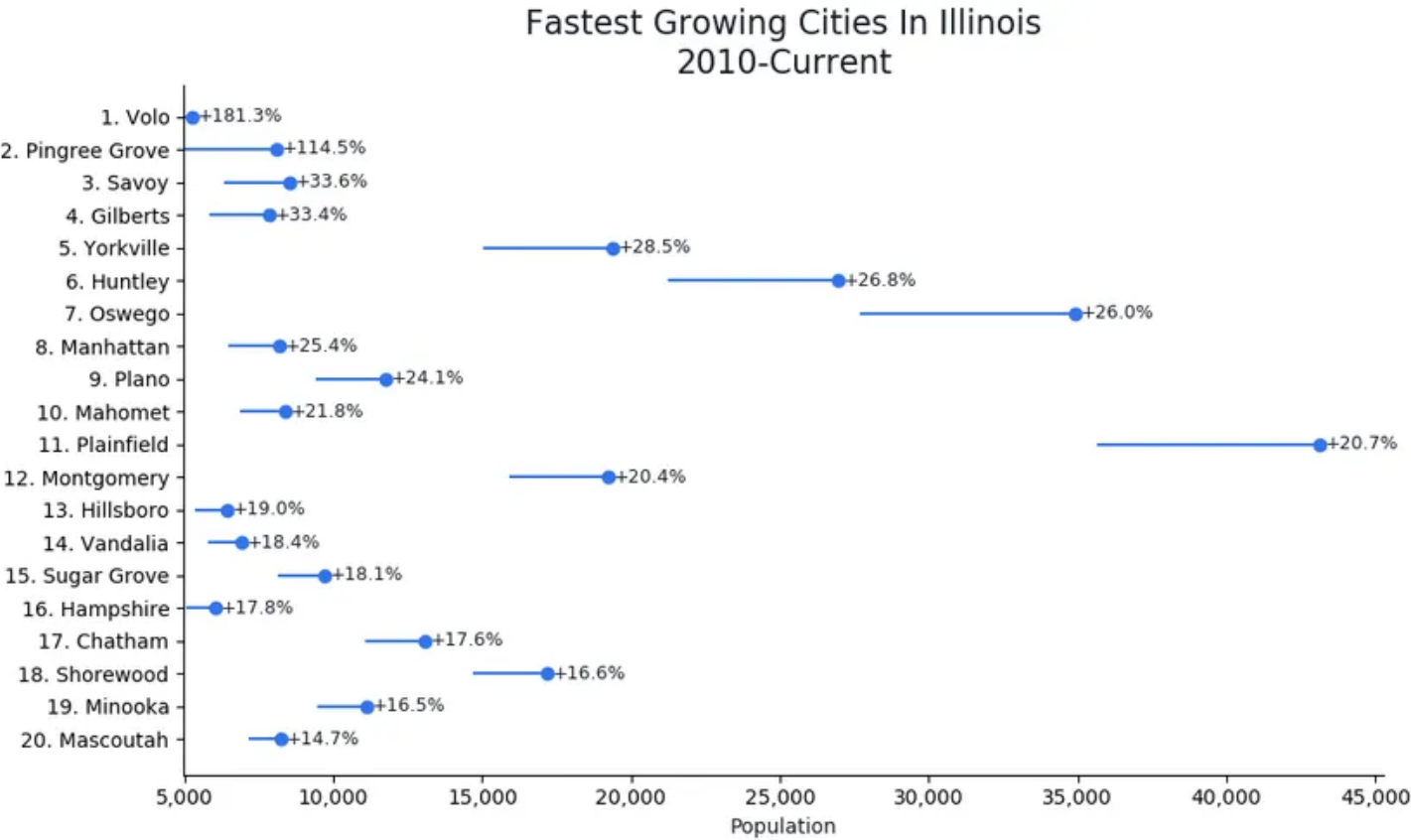
We ranked all 336 [Illinois cities](#) with a population over 5,000 people from highest growth rate to lowest.

The city with the highest growth rate during this time was crowned the fastest growing city in the Prairie State.

And for those of you who are a little rusty with their statistics, you can calculate the growth rate by the following formula:

$$[\text{Current Population} - \text{Population 2010}] / [\text{Population 2010}]$$

Here's a graph of the cities in Illinois with the largest percent increase in population:



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