

Forgottonia Census Update

DIRECTIONS: Use census records to locate the following information about each of the 16 counties in Forgottonia. ([Link - U.S. Census](#))

Adams County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
64,954 (-1.2%)	20.7%	92.8%	80.7%	92.2%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
25.2%	17.0 minutes	\$55,052	10.7%	855.20 square miles

Brown County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
6,421 (+2.8%)	14.1%	78.5%	76.9%	82.4%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
12.8%	16.9 Minutes	\$60,694	16.7%	305.61 Square Miles

Calhoun County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
4,369 (-1.5%)	24.1%	98.3%	73.4%	93.6%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>

15.7%	42.6 Minutes	\$66,602	9.2%	253.83 Square Miles
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Cass County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
12,773 (-2.1%)	18.3%	91.7%	79.6%	83.4%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
16%	19.9 minutes	\$53,899	12.2%	375.82 Square Miles

Fulton County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
33,197 (-1.2%)	21.2%	93.8%	80.1%	89.3%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
18.3%	24.3 Minutes	\$52,243	13.2%	865.60 Square Miles

Greene County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
11,843 (-1.2%)	20.0%	97.3%	77.2%	92.8%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
15.3%	29.5 Minutes	\$51,746	13.3%	543.02 Square Miles

Hancock County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
17,400 (-1.2%)	23.5%	97.4%	76.5%	93.4%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
22.3%	25.6 Minutes	\$55,818	11.2%	793.73 sq. miles

Henderson County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
6,312 (-1.2%)	25.4%	97.2%	79.8%	92%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
17.5%	28.8 Minutes	\$55,759	10.6%	378.87 mi^2

Knox County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
49,268 (-1.4%)	21.9%	87.4%	74.8%	88.7%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
19.2%	20 minutes	\$44,464	13.4%	716.40 square miles

McDonough County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
26,828 (-1.5%)	18.1%	89.9%	75.4%	95.2%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
32.4%	16.8 minutes	\$43,591	16.8%	589.41 Square Miles

Mercer County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher15582</u>
15,582 (-0.7%)	21.8%	97.3%	87.5%	92.2%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
18.0%	26.8 Minutes	\$57,182	8.8%	561.20 Square Miles

Morgan County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
32,606 (-0.9%)	20.2%	89.9%	76.3	89.8
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
20.0	20.5 Minutes	53,002	12.4	568.79 Square Miles

Pike County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
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14,618 (-0.8%)	21.3%	97%	75.4%	89.7%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
15.6%	25.8 Minutes	\$46,605	13.5%	831.38 Square Miles

Schuyler County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
6,843 (-0.9%)	23.4%	95%	83.9%	91.0%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
20.5%	24.1 Minutes	\$51,376	11.7%	437.27 Square Miles

Scott County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
4,836 (-2.3%)	19.6^	97.4%	82.2%	93.9%
<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
21.0%	27.4 Minutes	\$59,352	10.8%	250.91 Square Miles

Warren County

<u>Population (+ or -)</u>	<u>% of 65 & older</u>	<u>White, alone %</u>	<u>Households w/internet</u>	<u>Education H.S. or higher</u>
16,531 (-1.8%)	20.2%	92.1%	84%	88%

<u>Educ. Bachelor's or higher</u>	<u>Mean Travel time to work</u>	<u>Median Income</u>	<u>Person's in poverty %</u>	<u>Land area</u>
22.7%	19.7 Minutes	\$54,291	10.7%	542.41 Square Miles

Patterns

What are the top 3 largest counties by population?

1. Adams County - 64,954
2. Knox County - 49,268
3. Fulton County - 33,197

What are the 3 smallest counties by population?

1. Calhoun County - 4,369
2. Scott County - 4,836
3. Henderson County - 6,312

What are the 3 most educated counties?

1. McDonough County - 32.4% (Bachelor's)
2. Adams County - 25.2% (Bachelor's)
3. Warren County - 22.7% (Bachelor's)

*Note: National average for College Degree is 32.9% ([Source](#))

What 3 counties spend the most time driving to work?

1. Calhoun County - 42.6 Minutes
2. Greene County - 29.5 Minutes
3. Henderson County - 28.8 Minutes

*Note: National average is 26.9 minutes

What 3 counties have the highest poverty rates?

1. McDonough County - 16.8%
2. Brown County - 16.7%
3. Pike County - 13.5%

*Note - National Poverty Rate is 11.4% as of Jan. 2022 ([Source](#))

What 3 counties are the most aging?

1. Henderson County - 25.4% over 65

What are the top 3 largest counties by land?

1. Fulton County - 865.60 Square Miles
2. Adams County - 855.20 Square Miles
3. Pike County - 831.38 Square Miles

What are the 3 smallest counties by land?

1. Scott County - 250.91 Square Miles
2. Calhoun County - 253.83 Square Miles
3. Brown County - 305.61 Square Miles

What are the 3 least educated counties?

1. Brown County - 82.4% (H.S.)
2. Cass County - 83.4% (H.S.)
3. Warren County - 88% (H.S.)

*Note: National average for HS degree is 88.5% ([Source](#))

What 3 counties spend the least time driving to work?

1. McDonough County - 16.8 Minutes
2. Brown County - 16.9 Minutes
3. Adams County - 17.0 Minutes

What 3 counties have the lowest poverty rates?

1. Mercer County - 8.8%
2. Calhoun County - 9.2%
3. Henderson County - 10.6%

What 3 counties appear to have more youth?

1. Brown County - 14.1% over 65

2. Calhoun County - 24.1% over 65
3. Hancock County - 23.5% over 65

*Note - National Average is 16% of the population over 65 ([Source](#))

What 3 counties have the most internet access?

1. Mercer County - 87.5%
2. Warren County - 84%
3. Schuyler County - 83.9%

*Note: #'s reflect broadband internet subscription. As of 2018, 85% of Americans had a broadband internet subscription ([Source](#))

What 3 counties have the highest median income?

1. Calhoun County - \$66,602
2. Brown County - \$60,694
3. Scott County - \$59,352

*Note: The average median income in the US is \$67,521 ([Source](#))

***15** of the 16 counties have lost population since 2010

***9** of the 16 counties have higher than average poverty

***15** of the 16 counties have below average internet access

***16** of the 16 counties are far below the average representation for adults with Bachelor's degrees or higher

***4** of the 16 counties spend above the national average in time commuting to work

2. McDonough County - 18.1% over 65
3. Cass County - 18.3% over 65

What 3 counties have the least internet access?

1. Calhoun County - 73.4%
2. Knox County - 74.8%
3. McDonough & Pike County - 75.4%

What 3 counties have the lowest median income?

1. McDonough County - \$43,591
2. Knox County - \$44,464
3. Pike County - \$46,604

***14** of the 16 counties have a 90% or higher white population

*Note: 76.3% of Americans are categorized as white alone according to the 2020 Census ([Source](#))

***16** of the 16 counties have median incomes lower than the national average

***15** of the 16 counties have a higher representation of adults over 65

***14** of the 16 counties have a higher representation of adults with a high school diploma or higher

TAKEAWAYS

- The majority of Forgottonia (15 of 16) is losing population. The only county not losing population (Brown County), is also the most diverse.
- All 16 counties in Forgottonia have a median income below the national average (\$67,521)
- All 16 counties in Forgottonia are far below the average for adults with Bachelor's Degrees or higher (32.9%). The closest county to reflect the

national average is McDonough County with 32.4%. McDonough County is home to Western IL University. However...

- The majority of Forgottonia (14 of 16) have a higher representation of adults with a high school diploma or higher. This likely reflects the more blue collar characterization.
- The majority of Forgottonia (14 of 16) are disproportionately white (76.3%)
- The majority of Forgottonia (15 of 16) have below average internet access (and this does not reflect QUALITY internet access
- The majority of Forgottonia (15 of 16) can be considered aging.
- The majority of Forgottonia (15 of 16) has below average access to the internet
- The majority of Forgottonia (12 of 16) spends less time commuting to work (26.9 minutes is national average). This is interesting, but note that the time spent is measured in minutes not miles. It's likely many rural workers travel further, but spend less time in traffic. It also could reflect a growing population of online or self-employed workers living in rural Forgottonia.