



Why Locate in ... JOLIET ILLINOIS

Why Joliet



- 3rd Largest City in Illinois
- At the Crossroads of I-80 & I-55 - 35 miles southwest of Chicago
- At the Juncture of the Des Plaines River and Illinois & Michigan Canal
- 2 Casinos, Joliet Baseball Stadium, and Rialto Square Theatre



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The Crossroads of America

At the Intersection of Growth & Opportunity

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Reasons to Locate Your Business in

JOLIET
ILLINOIS

01. Centrally Located & National Connected

- The Nation's Largest Inland Port-"Third Coast"
- 5 Class 1 Railroads Operating Tracks within City
- 10 Interstate Interchanges on I-80 and I-55, within the City
- 2 Intermodal Terminals; one in City, the other within 15 minutes
- 2 International Airports within an Hour Distance (O'Hare and Midway)
- 2 Passenger Rail Station and Bus Service at Joliet Gateway Center

02. Skilled and Productive Workforce

- 76,000+ Workers with 7,700+ in Manufacturing
- 85% of Population with High School Graduate degree
- 23% of Population with Bachelors Degree (or higher)
- 21% of all degrees earned are in STEM, within our MSA
- Over 8,000 manufacturers within 1 hour with 273,000 employees

03. Available Industrial Sites and Buildings

- 22 Business/Industrial Parks throughout the City
- 2,500 Acres Available for Large or Small Operations
- Over 30 Lots to Choose from 2 to 100 Acres
- Speculative Buildings Up to 1 Million SF to Locate Your Business

04. Low Operating Cost for Business

- Median Wages Lower than National Averages:
 - Manufacturing: 1.2% lower
 - Transportation/Logistics: 10.2% lower
 - Wholesale Trade: 36.6% lower
- Low Cost and Reliable Electric & Gas
 - 32% Lower Electric Rates
 - "Best in Class" for Interruptions Against 24 Electric Utilities
 - 2nd Lowest for Electric Outage Duration among peers
- Property Tax 33% Lower than neighboring Cook County
- Economic Development Districts
 - 2 Enterprise Zones - Des Plaines River Valley and Joliet Arsenal
 - 5 Federal Opportunity Zoned Census Tracts
 - 7 TIF Districts and Special Service Area

05. Affordable Living and Quality of Life

- 3rd Most Affordable US Suburb w/ High Quality Urban Feel - Zillow
- Lower Cost of Living: 23.3% lower than Chicago - BestPlaces
- Top 10 Places Where Young People are Buying Homes - SmartAsset
- Top Cites for First-Time Home Buyers (21st) - WalletHub

06. Large and Growing Population

- 1 Million Population within 30 minutes; 6.2 Million within an Hour
- City Population Growth of 41% since 2000 and Growing
- Labor Force Increase of 19% since 2010
- Manufacturing Workers Increase of 16% since 2010

