



# COMMUNITY PROFILE

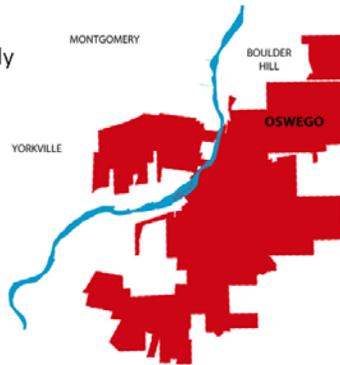
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## ABOUT OSWEGO Geographic Location

### Oswego Today

A municipal area of approximately

**14.56**  
square miles  
or **5,324 acres**



The Village of Oswego is located approximately 50 miles southwest of the Chicago Loop in the northeast section of **Kendall County** at the border of the three “collar” counties: Will, Kane and DuPage. This four county area is recognized as one of the most rapidly growing regions in Illinois and the Midwest. The Village is located within a short distance of the City of Aurora and the Village of Naperville, the two largest municipalities in the metropolitan area outside the City of Chicago. The Village of Montgomery is immediately north and adjacent to the Village of Oswego. The county seat of Kendall County, the City of Yorkville, is five miles southwest of the Village.

### Best Place to Live & Work

Oswego was selected to CNNMoney.com’s 2011 **Best Places to Live** annual survey. Kendall County was recognized in a June 2010 article by CNNMoney.com as **the fastest growing county in the United States**. Oswego, the largest community in the county, has seen a large percentage of that growth. In a 2009 article, CNNMoney.com recognized Kendall County as **the number three county in the United States for job growth**. The growth in population has brought growth in retailers, big box stores, and restaurants to Oswego. There is currently over 2.7 million square feet of occupied national retail space along the Route 34 corridor in Oswego with opportunities for additional growth along this corridor and additional corridors within the community.

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## Transportation Network

As part of the eight-county Chicago metropolitan area, Oswego benefits from the area's highly developed transportation network. A toll way interchange at Orchard Road and I-88 (the East-West Tollway) and the improvement and extension of Orchard road to U.S. 34 in Oswego provided an important new connection to the growing western part of the Village. Major highways which serve the Village include U.S. 34 (Ogden Avenue); U.S. 30; and Illinois routes 71, 25 and 31.



Other north-south routes near the Village include Illinois 59 to the east and Illinois 47 to the west. Access to the nation's interstate highway system is provided by I-88 (10 miles north of the Village), I-55 (10 miles east), and I-80 (18 miles south). O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport are 33 and 36 miles northeast of the Village, respectively. Private and corporate aircraft are based at the Aurora Airport, 15 minutes northwest from the

Village. Commuter rail service is available at Aurora's Transportation Center northeast of the Village. The Village Park and Ride facility provides residents the convenience of bus service linking Oswego with Metra commuter rail service. Long term efforts continue to secure a Metra train depot within the incorporated area of the Village.

Oswego is a growing community, the largest municipality in Kendall County, continuing to attract new residents to enjoy the abundance of activities and services readily available. Residents enjoy the small country charm of a small rural town while having the opportunity to experience big city life when desired. Oswego is a great place to be a resident, visit, garner employment or attend community recreational events.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

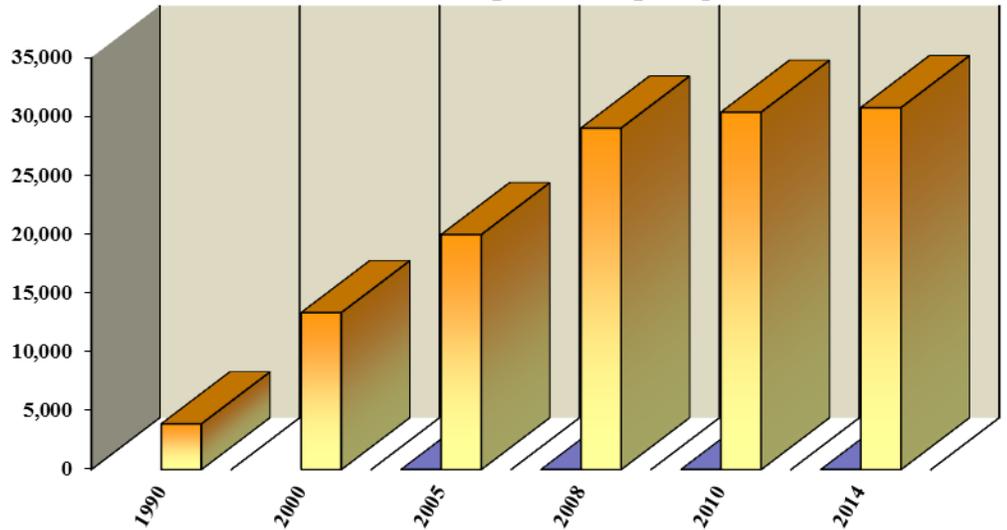
### Population Growth

Over the past 23 years the Village of Oswego population has grown to exceed 30,000 residents. The greatest growth and development expansion for Oswego took place between 2000 and 2008 when the Village's population increased by over 117%. The 2010 Census places the population at 30,355. Oswego's population is expected to continue to grow reaching an estimated 40,000 by the year 2030.

| Community               | 1990   | 2000   | 2010    | 2014 Estimate |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------------|
| Village of Oswego       | 3,876  | 12,726 | 30,355* | 31,942        |
| Kendall County          | 39,413 | 54,544 | 114,736 | N/A           |
| Village % of the County | 10%    | 23%    | 26%     |               |

\*Represents 127.8% increase from 2000.

**Village of Oswego Population**



| <u>Year</u> | <u>Population</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 1990        | 3,876             |
| 2000        | 13,326            |
| 2005        | * 19,956          |
| 2008        | * 29,012          |
| 2010        | 30,355            |
| 2014        | ** 31,942         |
|             | * Special Census  |
|             | ** Estimated      |

**BUSINESS CLIMATE**

**Property Valuation (2013)**

|              |                      |                |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Residential  | \$615,982,517        | 82.7%          |
| Commercial   | \$119,791,336        | 16%            |
| Industrial   | \$8,090,629          | 1.1%           |
| Farm         | \$1,038,430          | 0.14%          |
| Railroad     | \$27,693             | 0.00%          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$744,930,605</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

**Building Permit Construction Value Data**

| Year | Residential  | Commercial  | Industrial | Other        | Total        |
|------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2013 | \$39,028,061 | \$5,555,179 | \$47,291   | \$10,024,488 | \$52,374,166 |
| 2012 | \$15,737,733 | \$1,080,000 | -          | \$7,529,731  | \$24,347,464 |
| 2011 | \$15,195,208 | \$5,393,170 | \$299,938  | \$6,247,915  | \$27,136,231 |
| 2010 | \$13,789,529 | \$4,630,030 | -          | \$5,416,942  | \$23,836,501 |
| 2009 | \$17,755,701 | \$6,810,100 | -          | \$6,621,375  | \$31,187,176 |

**Residential Building Permits**

|               | 2009       | 2010      | 2011       | 2012       | 2013       |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Single-Family | 71         | 80        | 86         | 111        | 214        |
| Duplex        | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Multi-Family  | 42         | 16        | 24         | 0          | 0          |
| Senior        | 0          | 0         | 60         | 3          | 18         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>113</b> | <b>96</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>114</b> | <b>232</b> |

### Chicagoland Market Municipality Ranking - Ranked by Annual New Home Starts

| City/Village    | Ann Starts | Ann Closings | INV | No. Supply | VDL   | No. Supply |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----|------------|-------|------------|
| Elgin           | 299        | 247          | 193 | 9.4        | 1,652 | 66.3       |
| Naperville      | 236        | 271          | 159 | 6.6        | 459   | 22.9       |
| St. John, IN    | 235        | 198          | 154 | 9.3        | 817   | 41.7       |
| Oswego          | 229        | 145          | 166 | 13.7       | 1,328 | 69.6       |
| Crown Point, IN | 205        | 191          | 131 | 8.3        | 739   | 42.7       |
| Huntley         | 166        | 146          | 93  | 7.6        | 759   | 64.9       |
| Chicago         | 161        | 169          | 233 | 25.7       | 1,042 | 77.7       |
| New Lenox       | 157        | 131          | 104 | 9.5        | 839   | 64.1       |
| Pingree Grove   | 156        | 187          | 167 | 18.7       | 579   | 43.8       |
| Aurora          | 143        | 167          | 94  | 6.8        | 613   | 50.9       |
| Plainfield      | 127        | 107          | 108 | 11.9       | 1,531 | 144.7      |
| Cedar Lake, IN  | 107        | 78           | 79  | 10.8       | 452   | 50.7       |
| Mokona          | 105        | 95           | 71  | 8.9        | 407   | 46.5       |
| Boilingbrook    | 98         | 98           | 45  | 5.5        | 399   | 35.5       |
| Hampshire       | 98         | 94           | 107 | 13.7       | 593   | 72.5       |


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### Property Tax Rates

| Taxing Body                           | 2013 Rate    | %         |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Oswego Community School District #308 | 7.8596       | 73%       |
| Kendall County                        | .8009        | 7%        |
| Oswego Fire Protection District       | .7806        | 7%        |
| Waubensee Junior College #516         | .5690        | 5%        |
| Oswegoland Park District              | .4872        | 4%        |
| Oswego Library District               | .2961        | 2%        |
| Oswego Road District                  | .2059        | 1%        |
| <b>Village of Oswego</b>              | <b>.1633</b> | <b>1%</b> |
| Kendall County Forest Preserve        | .1640        | 1%        |
| Oswego Township                       | .0920        | 1%        |
| Total                                 | 10.6243      | 100%      |

### Oswego Area Tax Rates Comparison

| City/Village             | 2013 Rate     |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Village of Oswego</b> | <b>0.1633</b> |
| Village of Plainfield    | 0.4669        |
| Village of Montgomery    | 0.5305        |
| City of Naperville       | 0.7828        |
| City of Plano            | 1.4388        |
| United City of Yorkville | 0.7738        |
| City of Aurora           | 1.8215        |

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**Sales & Utility Tax Rates**

| Sales Tax                       |             | Utility Tax |    |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----|
| Illinois                        | 6.25        | Electricity | 3% |
| Kendall County (transportation) | 1.0         | Natural Gas | 3% |
| Village of Oswego               | 0.5         | Telephone   | 6% |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>7.75</b> |             |    |

**Retail Sales - Oswego Area Communities**

*Ranked by Per Capita Sales - Year Ending 12/31/13*

|               | Retail Sales<br>(Calendar Year 2013) | 2010<br>Population | Retail Sales<br>Per Capita |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Naperville    | \$3,003,306,200                      | 141,853            | \$21,171.96                |
| <b>Oswego</b> | <b>\$542,993,100</b>                 | <b>30,355</b>      | <b>\$17,888.09</b>         |
| Montgomery    | \$283,793,600                        | 18,438             | \$15,391.78                |
| Yorkville     | \$259,287,700                        | 16,921             | \$15,323.43                |
| Plainfield    | \$484,777,200                        | 39,581             | \$12,247.72                |
| Aurora        | \$2,252,896,800                      | 197,899            | \$11,384.07                |
| Sugar Grove   | \$78,408,100                         | 8,997              | \$8,714.92                 |

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**Building and Fire Codes**

The Village uses the 2009 International Building Code, 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, 2008 National Electric Code, 2012 International Energy Conservation Code, 2009 International Fire Code, 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, 2009 International Mechanical Code, 2009 International Plumbing Code, 2009 International Residential Code, 2014 Illinois State Plumbing Code, and 1997 Illinois Accessibility Code in conjunction with the 2010 Federal ADA whichever is more stringent.

**Municipal Services**

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Village Bond Rating            | Aa3                                       |
| Annual Village Budget          | \$ 29,243,894 (2014-15)                   |
| Type of Government             | Village President/Village Board           |
| Home Rule                      | Yes                                       |
| Municipal Zoning               | Yes                                       |
| Last Comprehensive Plan Update | 2006                                      |
| Village Employees (non-police) | 49.5                                      |
| Police Employees               | 62.5                                      |
| Fire Employees                 | 59 paramedic-firefighters/20 paid on-call |
| Fire Insurance Class           | ISO 5                                     |

**Utility Contact Information**

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Comcast (cable and broadband) | 866-594-1234 |
| ComEd (electric)              | 800-334-7661 |
| Nicor (natural gas)           | 888-642-6748 |
| Fox Metro                     | 630-892-4378 |
| Village of Oswego (Water)     | 630-554-3618 |

**Water Utility**

|                                |                                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Water Source                   | 8 deep wells                       |
| Storage Capacity               | 4,500,000                          |
| Average Daily Demand           | 2,300,000                          |
| Number of Water Meter Accounts | 10,449                             |
| Water Rate                     | \$3.03 per 100 cubic feet of water |
| Sewer Rate                     | \$1.28 per 100 cubic feet          |

**Public Education**

| Type of School                 | No. | Student to teacher ratio | Enrollment* |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-------------|
| Early Learning Center          | 1   |                          | 503         |
| Elementary (K-5)               | 14  | 23.5                     | 10,348      |
| Junior High (6-8)              | 5   | 18.8                     | 4,507       |
| High School                    | 2   | 22                       | 2,817       |
| Total                          | 22  | 21                       | 17,725      |
| 2014 ACT Composite Score: 21.2 |     |                          |             |

\* As of October 2014

**Recreational Facilities**

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 49 parks                 | 21 half court basketball courts      |
| 8 greenways              | 4 full court basketball courts       |
| 32 picnic areas          | 1 18 hole disc golf course           |
| 20 small picnic shelters | 13 miles of biking and hiking trails |
| 5 group picnic shelters  | 367 acres of natural areas           |
| 31 playgrounds           | 160 acre golf course                 |
| 9 tennis courts          | 1 aquatic park                       |
| 2 skate parks            | 1 swimming pool                      |