

# DECATUR *Illinois*

## Decatur Statistics

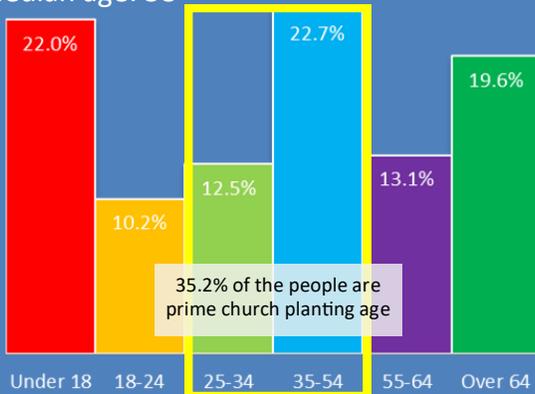
August 2020 MissionInSite Report Statistics

### By the Numbers

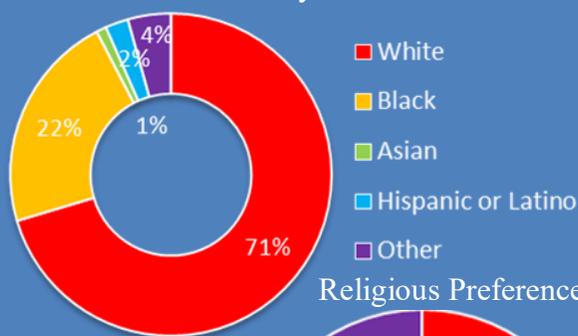
Population:	70,457
10 Year Projected Population:	66,363
Median family income:	\$42,545
Poverty Rate:	17.4%
Crime Index:	305.8
US Average is 274 (2018, city-data.com)	

### Age Demographics

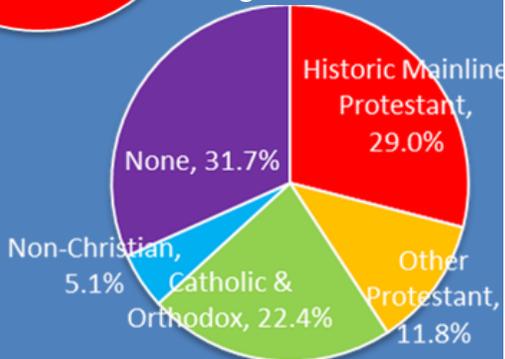
Median age: 38



### Racial/Ethnic Diversity



### Religious Preference



In 2015 Limitless Decatur was unveiled as the new brand for Decatur, Illinois. The hope was that marketing Decatur as modern and progressive would help to attract and retain businesses and residents to this third-fastest shrinking city.

With more than 36% of the population identifying as non-Christian or having no religious preference, the people of Decatur are in need of something that limitless growth can't provide, they are in need of the gospel. The Presbytery of Northern Illinois intends, by God's grace, to bring the gospel to the community by planting the first PCA church in Decatur.



The Presbytery foresees a healthy and growing, self-sustaining and self-governing, local PCA church characterized by vibrant Christ-centered worship, effective ministries of evangelism, mercy, and missions coupled with

transformational fellowship and discipleship in Decatur all to the glory of God.

The Presbytery of Northern Illinois will also have the support of the Midwest Alliance. By the grace of God, this first PCA church in Decatur will make disciples who will then help to spread the gospel, multiplying praise to God and planting churches throughout the region.





Scovill Zoo



Lake Decatur



Children's Museum of Illinois

## Highlights

White collar workers make up 56% of the workforce.

Largest city and county seat of Macon County.

Millikin University enrolls 2,400 students.

Economy based on industrial and agricultural commodity processing and production.

71 official neighborhoods are used for planning and statistical purposes.

Top employers include Archer Daniels Midland (4,000), Decatur Memorial Hospital (2,300), Caterpillar Inc. (3,100), Decatur Public Schools (1,800), Sand t. Mary's Hospital (1,000)

## Education

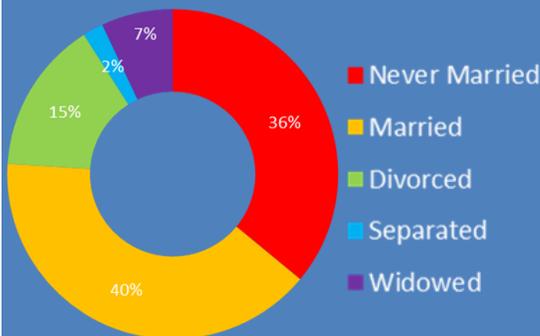
(population over age 25)

88% High School Grad or higher

13% Bachelor's Degree

8% Graduate or Professional

## Marital Status



## Households with Children

Married Couple	47%
Single Mom	43%
Single Dad	10%

## Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and cares deeply about relationships
- Desire to put down roots and equip people for ministry
- A strong preacher - Bible is taught clearly, wholly, compellingly, and is applied to life

## Support

- The Presbytery will provide prayer, financial, and logistical support to the church planter
- Opportunities for mentoring, internships, and cohort participation for those preparing for church planting

## Imagine

A church that leads people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and equips them to give their lives away for the cause of Christ and the glory of God.

A church that actively, intentionally, wisely and faithfully seeks to plant other churches in our community, region and world.

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## Most Common Occupations

