

# Kankakee



# Illinois

Presbytery of Northern Illinois Church Plant

Presbyterian Church in America

## Kankakee Statistics

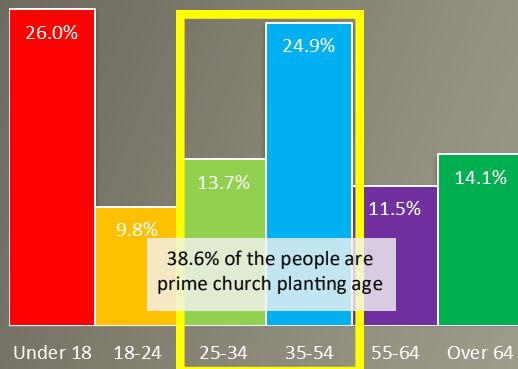
December 2020 MissionInsite Report Statistics & Census.gov

Population:	26,151
10 Year Projected Population:	26,133
Median Family Income:	\$46,076
Median Home Value:	\$87,700
Median Rent:	\$821
Poverty Rate:	25.4%
Crime Index:	460.5

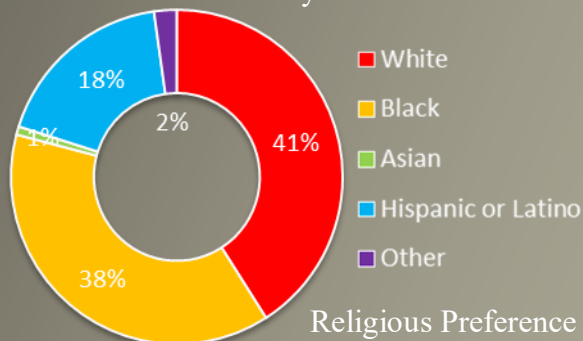
US Average is 274 (2018, city-data.com)

## Age Demographics

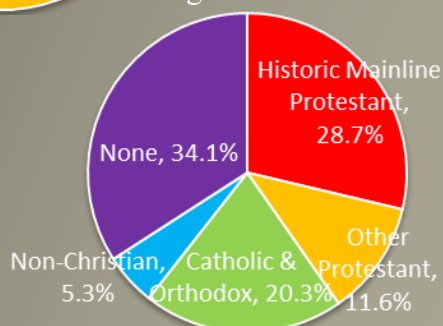
Median age: 37



## Racial/Ethnic Diversity



## Religious Preference



According to the city's website, "For decades after Kankakee was founded in 1854, the Kankakee River was central to the city's prosperity, rich culture, and successful image. Today, after decades of economic challenges, the city is, once again, poised to connect with, and leverage its spectacular river asset to accomplish the community's heartfelt goal to: Create and sustain an extraordinary riverfront that is the catalyst for Kankakee's renaissance as a premiere Illinois riverfront community."



With only 28% of the population identifying as Protestant, the Presbytery of Northern Illinois intends, by God's grace, to expand the reach of the gospel by planting the first PCA church in the city with the hope that by the grace of God we will see a rebirth not only in the economy, but also in hearts of the people of Kankakee.



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 Kankakee 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 Kankakee will make disciples who will then help to spread the gospel, multiplying praise to God and planting churches throughout the region.





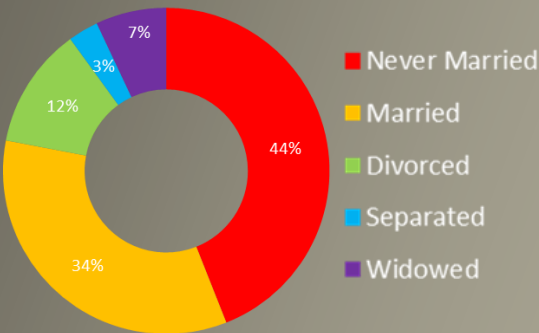
### Highlights

White collar workers make up 46.5% of the workforce.  
 Home of Kankakee Community College & neighbor to Olivet Nazarene University.  
 Kankakee River State Park attracts more than a million visitors a year.  
 In 2019, Riverside Medical Center was ranked as one of America’s 100 best hospitals by Health Grades.  
 60 miles south of Chicago.

### Education

(population over age 25)  
 76% High School Grad or higher  
 7% Bachelor’s Degree  
 5% Graduate or Professional

### Marital Status



### Households with Children

Married Couple 48%  
 Single Mom 43%  
 Single Dad 9%

### Major Employers

Riverside Healthcare  
 CSL Behring, Valspar  
 Armstrong World Industries  
 Van Drunen Farms  
 Kankakee Community College  
 Nucor Steel

### 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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