



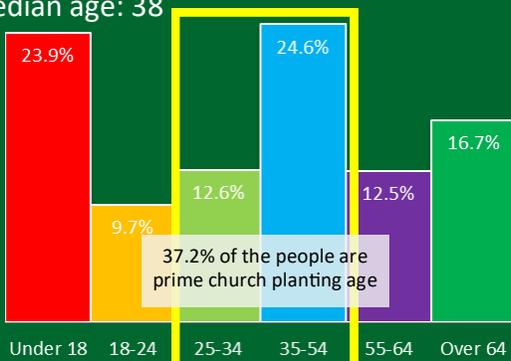
Rockford Statistics

August 2020 MissionInSite Report Statistics & Census.gov

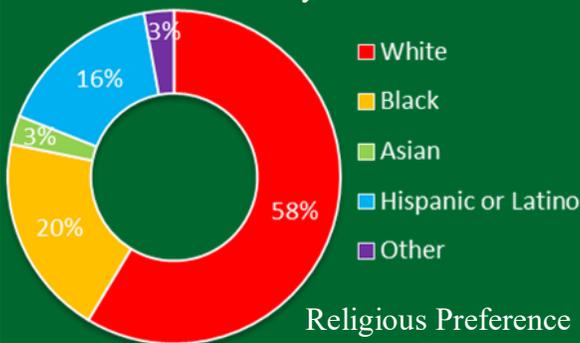
Population:	146,909
10 Year Projected Population:	150,691
Median Family Income:	\$50,970
Median Home Value:	\$89,700
Median Rent:	\$752
Poverty Rate:	16.6%
Crime Index:	567
US Average is 274 (2018, city-data.com)	

Age Demographics

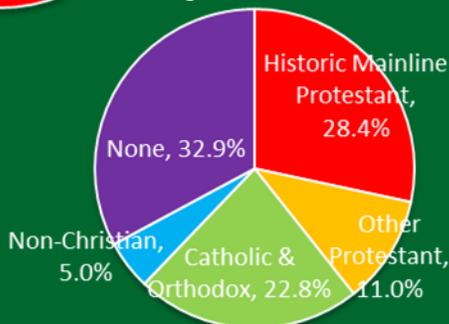
Median age: 38



Racial/Ethnic Diversity



Religious Preference



Rockford is the largest city in Illinois outside of the Chicago metropolitan area. In 2013 it made *Forbes* list of most miserable cities in the U.S. and in 2018 it was ranked the 16th worst city to live in by *24/7 Wall St.*, a financial news and commentary website. Transform Rockford, a local nonprofit, began in 2013 and has been working to turn the city into a top 25 place to live by 2025 and they are making progress. But to truly transform Rockford, the gospel must be preached.



With almost 38% of the population identifying as non-Christian or having no religious preference, the Presbytery of Northern Illinois intends, by God's grace, to expand the reach of the gospel in the city by planting the first PCA church in Rockford.

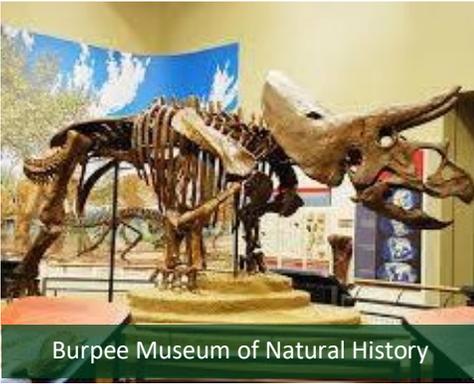


The Presbytery foresees a healthy and growing, self-sustaining and self-governing, local PCA church characterized by vibrant Christ-centered worship, effective ministries of evangelism, mercy,

and missions coupled with transformational fellowship and discipleship in Rockford 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 Rockford will make disciples who will then help to spread the gospel, multiplying praise to God and planting churches throughout the region.





Burpee Museum of Natural History



Anderson Japanese Garden



Discovery Center Museum

Highlights

White collar workers make up 53.5% of the workforce.

Northern Illinois University is working with Rock Valley College to allow students to earn a bachelor's degree in the city.

Education

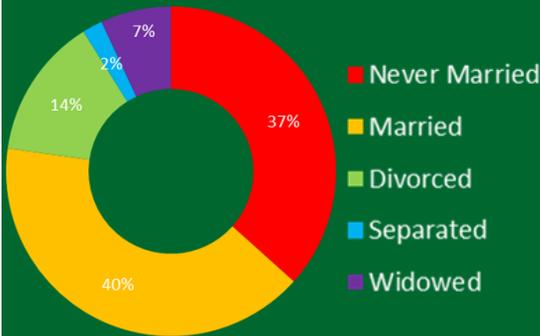
(population over age 25)

83% High School Grad or higher

13% Bachelor's Degree

8% Graduate or Professional

Marital Status



Households with Children

Married Couple 50%

Single Mom 39%

Single Dad 10%

Top Employers

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, 4323

Rockford Public School District, 3525

Mercy Health, 3195

SwedishAmerican Health System, 2988

OSF Healthcare, 2800

Collins Aerospace, 2200

Walmart Stores, 1611

Woodward, Inc., 1540

PCI - Packaging Coordinators, Inc., 1500

Winnebago County, 1449

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

