

District Demographic Profile

The District Demographic Profile is designed to increase familiarity with our district. This information was originally presented to faculty at the fall 2011 Convocation.

Over the past ten years, Prairie State College experienced population growth along the southern and western boundaries of its district. The total district population grew 4.8% to 219,000 residents, slightly ahead of the Illinois State population growth (3.3%). The majority of individuals reside in Bloom Township and Rich Township school districts, which together total 61% of the College's district population. Homewood-Flossmoor and Crete-Monee split the remaining residents with 18% residing in each district (Figure 1).

The ethnic and racial demographics of the district have changed since the 2000 Census. The Black population is 5 percentage points larger, the white population is 7 percentage points lower, and the Hispanic population is 2 percentage points larger than in 2000 (Figure 2).

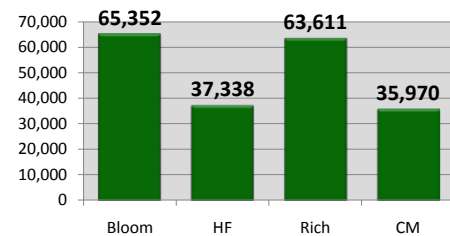
Poverty rates in the majority of the district are below the Illinois and U.S. averages, meaning that PSC has fewer adults and children living in poverty here than in Illinois and the rest of the country. The exception is Bloom Township. Bloom accounts for over 30% of our district, and poverty rates exceed both Illinois and national estimates (Figure 3). The mean household income of both Bloom Township and Rich Township are below state and national averages.

The district unemployment rate is 10.2% (Figure 4). This is 2% higher than the Illinois* unemployment rate and 2.7% higher than the national rate. In addition, an estimated 71,000 adults in the district do not have a college education or degree, 32% of the total district population.

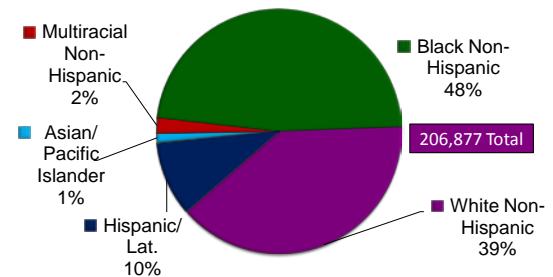
Note: The above information is based on 2009 data. Beecher School District population estimates are unavailable. The 2010 Census estimates their population to be approximately 4,360, of which 94% is white.

*Illinois American Community Survey (ACS)
Source: District Profiles, Office of Institutional Research.

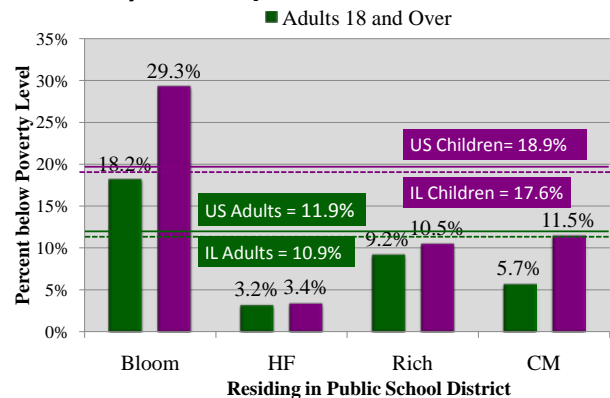
**Secondary and Unified School Districts*
Estimated District Populations in 2009**



**Secondary and Unified School Districts
Estimated Race and Hispanic Populations, 2009**



**Poverty Rates of Individuals By Age
And by Residency in Public School District, 2009**



**Employment / Unemployment Rate*
PSC District, 2009**

