

# SPORTS

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## Sullivan will play at the next level

Willowbrook High School basketball standout Sophie Sullivan announced last week that she will continue her academic and athletic careers at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE). She will play for the university's women's basketball team—the Cougars. Sullivan, who is beginning her senior year at Willowbrook this week, helped the Warriors' girls basketball team to a 13-2 record during the abbreviated 2021 winter season. Willowbrook won its final nine games of the season, which was shortened because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Warriors closed out the season with four wins at the 14-team West Suburban Conference Tournament. Sullivan is pictured during the tournament championship game against Lyons Township, which was played on March 13. The Warriors defeated the Lions 52-46 to win the tournament title. Sullivan scored seven of her nine points during the fourth quarter. Sullivan attended Montini Catholic High School during her freshman and sophomore years. In her sophomore season, she helped the Broncos to a 33-5 record and a third-place finish in the 2020 IHSA Class 3A state tournament.

## Willowbrook holds its Silver and Blue Community Night event this Friday

*Gates open at 6 p.m.; admission is free, evening includes introductions of the Warriors' fall athletic teams*

Willowbrook High School invites all of its stakeholders to celebrate the start of the 2021-22 school year by attending the Silver and Blue Community Night event, which will take place this Friday, Aug. 20, in the school's stadium.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. at the celebration, which will recognize Willowbrook's fall athletic teams and extracurricular activities.

Friday's schedule of events (start times are approximate) will include introductions of the boys soccer players, along with a scrimmage (6:30 p.m.), cheer introductions and a cheer performance (6:50 p.m.), dance team introductions and a performance (7:05 p.m.), boys cross country introductions (7:20 p.m.), girls cross country introductions (7:25 p.m.), girls tennis introductions (7:30 p.m.), girls volleyball introductions (7:35 p.m.), boys

golf introductions (7:45 p.m.), girls golf introductions (7:50 p.m.), girls swimming introductions (7:55 p.m.), freshman and sophomore football introductions (8 p.m.), introductions and a performance from the marching band and color guard (8:10 p.m.), varsity football introductions and a scrimmage (8:15 p.m.) and introductions of the Vi Park Youth Warriors (8:35 p.m.).

Admission is free; donations will be accepted for the District 88 Foundation, which raises funds to benefit District 88 students. Refreshments will be available to buy at the concession stand.

To learn more about the District 88 Foundation, visit [dupage88.n](http://dupage88.n)

For more information, contact District 88 Director of Communications Dani Brink at 630-533-3989, or at [dbrink@dupage88.net](mailto:dbrink@dupage88.net)

## Warriors open season with a 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish

*Vandergrift and Guajardo post Willowbrook's best individual scores*

The Willowbrook boys golf team began its 2021 season by placing 10<sup>th</sup> Friday's 13-team St. Laurence Invite at Lincoln Oaks Golf Course in Crestwood. Juniors Brett Vandergrift and Vince Guajardo both shot 7-over-par scores of 78 on the 18-hole course. The two Warriors finished among the top 15 of the event's individual standings.

The Warriors' season continues with today's home meet against Elmwood Park at Sugar Creek Golf Course.

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# Area school districts plan resource fair, biliteracy workshop

Addison School District 4, District 45, Salt Creek School District 48 and District 88 invite families to attend a Community Resource Fair and Biliteracy Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore in Villa Park. (Please park in the main parking lot and enter door No. 6.)

## About the Resource Fair

Families are welcome to enjoy a Resource Fair that will offer information about services and programs in the areas of education, health and wellness, early childhood, financial support and more. A full list of resources can be found at the [dupage88.net/resourcefair2021](http://dupage88.net/resourcefair2021). The

list will be updated as the event approaches.

## About the Biliteracy Workshop

Families also will have the opportunity to participate in workshop sessions that will discuss a variety of aspects regarding biliteracy, including:

- Resources to help parents/guardians and students on their journey to biliteracy.
- The benefits and importance of biliteracy and how it can help students succeed.
- An opportunity to meet Erica Craig, the new Director of Biliteracy for school districts 4, 45, 48 and 88, who will discuss the districts' biliteracy goals.

Translation services will be provided in English and Spanish during the presentations. See a list of workshop speakers/presentations, visit [dupage88.net/resourcefair2021](http://dupage88.net/resourcefair2021). (This list will continue to be updated as the date draws closer.)

## Other services:

- Free babysitting
- Free door prize drawings
- Free refreshments (doughnuts, pizza, paletas, water, soda)

## Bus transportation available

- **ADDISON**
  - Fullerton Elementary School, 400 S. Michigan Ave.
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- **VILLA PARK and LOMBARD**
  - Schafer Elementary School, 700

- Pleasant Lane
  - Stevenson Elementary School, 18W331 15th St.
  - North Elementary School, 150 W. Sunset Ave.
- Please be at the bus stops above by 10 a.m.
- Buses will leave Willowbrook at 12:45 and 3 p.m.
- To coordinate transportation at other locations, call 630-530-3439.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

- A mobile COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be available for individuals ages 12 and older.
- It will be held at Willowbrook outside in the bus drive from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Bring your ID and a copy of your

health insurance.

## For more information:

- See the event flyer at [dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=5915](http://dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=5915)
- Contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or [dbrink@dupage88.net](mailto:dbrink@dupage88.net).

*Please note:* On Wednesday, Aug. 4, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker implemented a state mandate that all P-12 schools and day cares in Illinois must follow the CDC guidance of universal masking inside, regardless of vaccine status. Everyone – whether vaccinated or unvaccinated – is required to wear a mask while indoors at all District 88 facilities.

# Census data shows more urban concentration, population drops in most counties in Illinois

## Detailed numbers to be used in redistricting of state's congressional districts

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Nearly every county in Illinois lost population over the past decade, mirroring a national trend of greater concentrations of people leaving rural areas and moving to larger metropolitan areas.

That's according to the latest numbers released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau showing detailed population numbers from the 2020 census for cities, counties and small geographic areas.

In April, the Census Bureau released statewide numbers that determine how many congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state receives. That report showed Illinois' overall population had shrunk by 18,124 people, to a little more than 12.8 million.

That was a much smaller decline than many people had expected, but it did result in Illinois losing one congressional seat, meaning there will be only 17 districts instead of 18 when the 2022 elections are held.

The new data released Thursday shows in much greater detail exactly where the population changes occurred. Those numbers are intended to be used to redraw congressional and state legislative district lines so that all residents are represented as equally as possible in both state and

federal governments.

But the data also has a number of other purposes beyond local representation in government.

"Results from the 2020 census will be used for the next 10 years to shape the future of our country," Acting Census Bureau Director Ron Jarmin said during a video news conference. "Local leaders can use this data to make decisions such as where to build roads and hospitals, and how to help our nation recover from the pandemic. These results will also help inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds will be distributed each year nationwide."

The data were released in what the Census Bureau calls its "legacy format," meaning it can be read only in sophisticated programs that are used mainly by academics, government officials and others who work with large databases. It was distributed to state officials and legislative leaders in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

But some of the summary data that was released showed the broad trends.

For example, all 10 of the largest cities in the United States gained population since the 2010 census. That includes Chicago, which grew by a little less than 2 percent.

New York City remained the larg-

est city in the U.S., with 8.8 million people, while Los Angeles County remained the largest county, with more than 10 million people.

Nationally, the areas with the most growth areas were located in the southern and western portions of the country. But more than half of all counties in the U.S. saw population declines.

Within Illinois, Cook County and its surrounding collar counties all grew by less than 5 percent. The same was true for Carroll County in northwestern Illinois, McLean and Champaign counties in central Illinois, and Effingham and Williamson counties in southern Illinois.

Grundy County, on the southwest edge of the Chicago metropolitan area, was the fastest-growing county in the state at over 10 percent. And Johnson County in southern Illinois had a growth rate between 5 and 10 percent.

Also in 2020, the Census Bureau refined the way it tracks race and ethnicity. That information is also important for redistricting in order to prevent minority populations from being broken up or diluted among districts, or from being overly concentrated in too few districts.

People who identify themselves as white continue to be the largest racial group in the country at 61.6 percent of the population, while people who identify as white alone or in combination with some other race make up 71 percent.

Illinois is slightly less white than the nation as a whole, with 61.4 percent nationally identifying as white alone and 69.7 percent identifying as white alone or in combination with another race.

People of Hispanic or Latino origin make up the largest ethnic minority group in Illinois at 18.2 percent, or just over 2.3 million people.

Blacks make up 14.1 percent of the Illinois population, higher than the national average of 12.4 percent, while Asian Americans make up 5.9 percent and 8.9 percent identify as being from two or more races.

The Census Bureau also developed what it calls a "diversity index," which attempts to measure how racially diverse a given population is. It is based on the probability that any two people chosen at random from the population would be from different races.

Illinois' diversity index was listed as 60.3 percent, which is just below the national average but still in the second-highest quintile of states. Hawaii was ranked as the most diverse, with an index value of 76 percent, while Maine was the least diverse, at 18.5 percent.

The release of 2020 census data

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