

Champs, charts and other stuff

Each day of the decade in review series we'll look at the year's IHSA champions and major runners-up as well as key data and some lists of interesting facts.

HOMICIDES IN 2008

Here's a list of homicides committed in 2008 by date, jurisdiction and victim. The ones that remain unsolved are in **bold**.

Jan. 1, Rockford, Jarmaine L. Malone
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Jan. 29, Rockford, James L.R. Roberson
Feb. 6, Rockford, Gregory Clark
Feb. 22, Rockford, Gabrielle M. Aranda
April 6, Ogle County, Travis H. Castle
April 11, Rockford, Kathleen M. Means
May 1, Rockford, Kala J. Dyal
May 17, Rockford, Vicki S. Fannin
May 18, Rochelle, Donna Taylor
May 27, Rockford, Alan N. Walker
May 27, Rockford, Larry D. Wright
July 1, Rockford, Michael Walker
July 5, Winnebago County, Nickolas E. Black

Aug. 10, Rockford, Scottie L. Anderson
Aug. 16, Rockford, Jeremy R. Butera
Sept. 3, Rockford, Stacey Dominguez
Sept. 6, Rockford, Corey Fuller
Sept. 24, Rockford, Jamaal Delville-Garcia
Oct. 4, Rockford, Joe Ann Meyer
Oct. 24, Rockford, Dennis Aliprandini
Nov. 19, Winnebago County, Ronald E. Harbison
Nov. 20, Winnebago County, Marcario F. Amaya
Nov. 22, Rockford, Chaundra L. Davis
Nov. 23, Rockford, Tyrone S. Thompson
Nov. 29, Rockford, Kevin M. Vega
Dec. 27, Winnebago County, Constance J. Hounsell

IHSA CHAMPIONS

Here is a list of the individuals and teams that won IHSA titles in the 2008 calendar year. We also include second-place finishes in the major team sports.

TEAM

Girls basketball: **Freeport** second in 3A, losing to Chicago Marshall, 58-47.
Boys bowling: **Freeport** wins team title.
Girls bowling: **Rockford Jefferson** wins team title.
Boys cross country: **Dixon** wins class 2A title.
Girls cross country: **Winnebago** wins Class 1A title.
Scholastic Bowl: **Byron** takes second in Class A, losing to Petersburg PORTA.
Scholastic Bowl: **Auburn** wins Class AA title, defeating Lincolnshire Stevenson.
Volleyball: **Lanark Eastland** wins 1A title, 25-22, 21-25, 25-23, over Ashland Central.
Wrestling: **Stillman Valley** second in Class A wrestling, losing 36-23 to Wilmington.

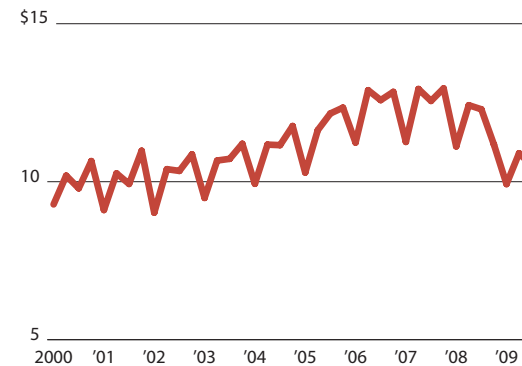
INDIVIDUAL

Boys cross country: **Sean Smith**, Winnebago, wins Class 1A individual title.
Boys swimming: **Philip Devine**, Byron, wins title.
Boys track: **Alex Thompson**, Winnebago, wins Class A discus.
Boys track: **Byron** wins Class A 4x400 relay.
Journalism: **Amber Bell**, Jefferson, wins the copy editing title.
Wrestling: **Allen Fish**, Byron, wins Class A 112 pounds.
Wrestling: **Seth Milks**, Dakota, wins Class A 119 pounds.
Wrestling: **Tony Bahrs**, Sterling Newman, wins Class A 160 pounds.
Wrestling: **Mitch Alberstett**, Durand, wins Class A 189 pounds.

SALES TAX

Retail spending grew steadily during the decade, and local municipalities became more dependent on the money until 2008 and 2009, when spending fell back to 2005 levels.

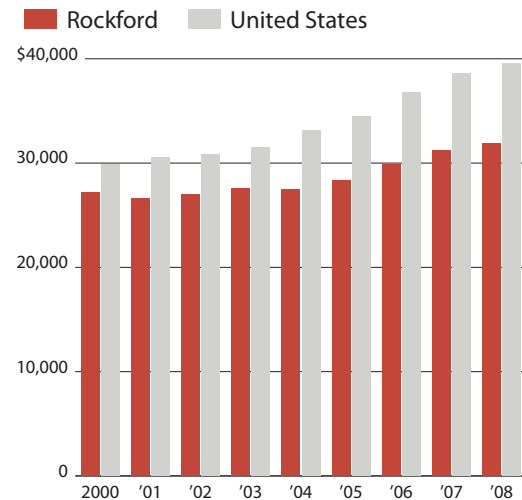
Scale in millions



Sources: Illinois Department of Revenue; Boone, Ogle and Winnebago counties

PER CAPITA INCOME

Although the area's per capita income grew steadily this decade, the wealth of local residents continued to fall further behind the U.S. as a whole.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis