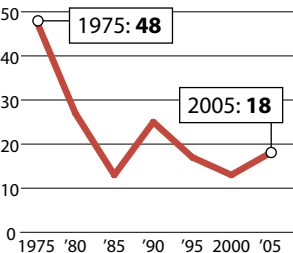


Main Street's demise

A pedestrian mall completed in 1975 along two blocks of South Main Street and two blocks of West State Street failed to rescue the downtown's faltering retail district.

RETAIL STORES, RESTAURANTS AND SALONS



Notes: Offices and theaters are not included. Stewart Square was renovated in 1988, enclosing three downtown buildings. Five restaurants opened in a food court at Stewart Square in 1990 but soon closed.

Sources: Rockford Register Star archives and 1975 to 2005 city directories.