

# Maternity care

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Hospital closures and a shortage of providers are driving changes in maternity care access, especially within rural areas. Data shows that in Illinois, 34.3% of counties are defined as maternity care deserts.

Care deserts are defined as counties without obstetric providers or a hospital or birth center that offers obstetric care. Across the country, 6% of counties have less access to maternity care than they had in 2018, the first year March of Dimes issued a report on maternity care.

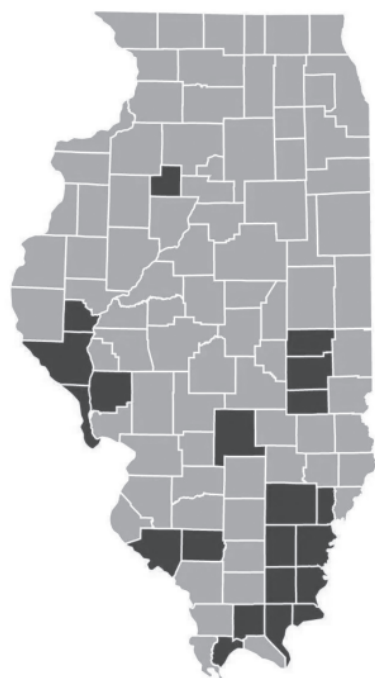
Mapping software calculated the average distance to the closest birthing hospital throughout Illinois to help identify areas where resources are needed to improve access to care. Overall in the U.S., women travel 9.7 miles to their nearest birthing hospital, with Illinois women traveling an average of 6.8 miles. However, women living in counties with the highest travel times could travel up to 47.8 miles and 59 minutes, on average, to reach their nearest birthing hospital, and 4.6% of women in Illinois had no birthing hospital within 30 minutes.

Of the 21 counties where women must travel 28.4 miles or more to the closest birth-

## DRIVE TO OB HOSPITAL

Report Highlights Counties Farthest Away from Care (in miles)

- Hardin: 47.8
- White: 44.9
- Gallatin: 42.3
- Pulaski: 40.4
- Calhoun: 39.1
- Stark: 38.7
- Saline: 38.7
- Wayne: 36
- Brown: 35.9
- Pike: 35.4
- Coles: 34.8
- Pope: 33.8
- Johnson: 33.5
- Douglas: 32.3
- Cumberland: 31.2
- Perry: 30.8
- Fayette: 30.5
- Greene: 29.2
- Randolph: 28.9
- Hamilton: 28.6
- Edwards: 28.4



Source: March of Dimes

ing hospital, Hardin County in southeast Illinois (the least populous county in the state) had the highest mileage reported at 47.8 miles.

The report also looked at availability of family planning services, disparities in prenatal care, chronic health conditions and preterm birth, and policy solutions and actions.

Other nationwide findings include:

The loss of obstetric units in hospitals was responsible

for decreased maternity care access in 369 counties since the 2018 report, nearly one in 10 counties across the U.S.

Seventy additional counties have been classified as maternity care deserts due to a loss of obstetric providers and obstetric units in hospitals, since the initial report in 2018.

More than 32 million reproductive-age women are vulnerable to poor health outcomes due to a lack of access

to reproductive health care services, like family planning clinics and skilled birth attendants.

States with the highest rates of maternity care deserts include Alaska, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

The report comes during a critical time for hospitals struggling with maternity unit closures, recruitment and staffing.

Even before the pandemic, hospitals started closing maternity units across the country because of low birth volume and rising costs. According to the American Hospital Association, more than 50% of births in maternity care deserts are reimbursed by Medicaid, which have lower reimbursement rates — forcing hospitals to make cuts that leave patients without access to care. In addition, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has reported obstetricians to have one of the highest burnout rates across medical specialties, making it difficult to recruit and retain providers.

Access the full report at [marchofdimes.org](http://marchofdimes.org).

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**JACK ADAMS-OSBORN, 11, of Arcola, earned his 2nd degree black belt Saturday, Aug. 26. The son of Sarah Osborn and Tammy Adams, Jack is a second generation 2nd degree; Sarah earned hers "years ago." He had to pass a difficult fitness test a week earlier and complete a community service project for the Douglas County Animal Shelter, which included volunteering, making videos and raising money for the dogs and cats as well as awareness. He attends Leaders for Life Taekwondo in Champaign. Submitted photo.**

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9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
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Rev. Ivan Jess  
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Sunday  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. – Morning Worship (Sign Language Interpreter)  
6:00 p.m. – Sunday Evening Service  
Wednesday  
6:00 p.m. – Bible Study  
Missionary Meeting  
Second Wednesday of the month

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219 North Walnut Street  
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Sunday  
10:30 a.m. – Morning Worship

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220 W. Springfield Rd.  
Arcola, IL 61910  
Pastor Todd Nolen  
Phone 217-346-2707  
<http://tmnolen.wixsite.com/ambc>  
Facebook: Arcola Missionary Baptist Church  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. – Church Service  
10:15 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

**ARCOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
305 E. Jefferson St., Arcola, IL 61910  
Phone 217-268-3212  
Pastor: Rev. Paula Carmichael  
William Blackwell, Clerk of Session  
Email: [arcolapc@consolidated.net](mailto:arcolapc@consolidated.net)  
<https://arcola.presbyterian.usa.org>  
Sunday, September 3  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Communion

**ARCOLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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121 S. Locust, Arcola  
Pastor Seth Emerson  
Phone 217-268-4287  
Website: [www.arcolaumchurch.org](http://www.arcolaumchurch.org)  
Sunday, September 3  
9:00 a.m. – Encounter Worship

**BOURBON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bourbon, IL  
Pastor David Babb  
[bourbon.baptist@yahoo.com](mailto:bourbon.baptist@yahoo.com)  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. – Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF HINDBORO**  
Sunday  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. – Bible Study

**CHURCH OF CHRIST AT KEMP, IL**  
132 W. Kemp St., Arcola, IL 61910  
Phone 217-508-6456  
Sunday  
9:30 a.m. – Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. – Worship  
6:00 p.m. – Worship  
Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
1100 E. North Line Rd, Tuscola, IL  
Phone 217-253-3896  
Branch Pres. - Rafael Ruggieri  
1st Counselor - Kevin Johnson  
2nd Counselor - Keven Lewis  
Sunday  
9:30 a.m. – Sacrament  
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School

**EAGLE MOUNTAIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
401 Sale Street, Tuscola  
Phone 217-253-4444  
Darin Elder, Pastor  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. – Worship  
Sunday Evening  
6:30 p.m. – Worship  
Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. – Worship

**FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF ARTHUR**  
320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, IL 61911  
Pastor Timothy Froese  
Phone 217-543-3024  
Email: [facarthur@yahoo.com](mailto:facarthur@yahoo.com)  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. – Worship & The Word  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. – Bible Study

**HINDBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Third Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. – UM Women Meet  
Sunday  
9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School

**HUMBOLDT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
419 Jefferson Street  
Humboldt, IL 61931  
Phone 217-856-2369  
Pastor Mitch Ramey  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. – Worship Service  
Second Wednesday  
2:00 p.m. – UMW meeting in the church  
First Saturday  
7:30 a.m. – Men's breakfast at Pagliacci's Restaurant in Mattoon

**IGLESIA DEL NAZARENO**  
Spanish Church of the Nazarene  
Rev. Waldemar Perez-Lopez  
217 N. Ridge St., Arcola, IL 61910  
Phone 217-268-4653  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. – Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. – Youth Group  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. – Bible study and prayer  
Friday  
6:00 p.m. – Women's Worship & Bible Study

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD**  
Pastor Jason Braaten  
600 E. Northline Road, Tuscola, IL  
Phone 217-253-4341  
Website: <http://immanueltuscola.org>  
Saturday  
5:30 p.m. – Church Service  
Sunday  
9:00 a.m. – Church Service  
10:30 a.m. – Bible Class

**LIFEPOINTE CHURCH**  
Nondenomination / Spirit-Filled  
Pastor Scott Howell  
700 E. Main St. • Arcola, Illinois  
Phone 217-268-4586  
Sunday Service  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. – Bible Study

**PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Cooks Mills, IL  
Interim Pastor:  
Rev. Stephanie Johansen  
Sunday  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

**SPANISH SERVICE**  
Spanish Pastor: Rogelio Gutierrez  
Phone 217-636-4838  
Sunday  
5:00 p.m. – Bible Study  
Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. – Service

**THE LIGHT HOUSE**  
Pastor: Paul Etherton  
215 E. Pembroke St. • Tuscola, IL  
Phone 217-246-8020  
Sunday Services  
9:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship

**ROMAN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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3 Miles North & 2 Miles West of Arthur  
Interim Pastor Jack Barton  
Sunday  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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Washington & Pine Streets  
Phone: 217-268-3766  
Email: [johnbaptist@consolidated.net](mailto:johnbaptist@consolidated.net)  
Sunday  
9:30 a.m. – Mass  
Weekday Mass Wednesday  
5:15 p.m. – Confessions  
5:30 p.m. – Mass

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2 Miles East of Dorans  
Rev. Paul Hopkins  
Sunday  
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. – Church Service

**SUNNYSIDE CONSERVATIVE MENNONITE CHURCH**  
1/2 Mile East of Chesterville  
Larry Locke, Pastor  
Luke Goss, Asst.  
Sunday  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. – Church Services  
6:00 p.m. – Sunday Evening Services

**TUSCOLA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Minister: Rev. Ralph Deal  
114 E. Pembroke, Tuscola  
Phone 217-253-2532  
Sunday  
9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship  
Sunday School immediately after worship service.

**WALNUT GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Administration Pastor: Aaron Boothe  
4 Miles East of Arcola,  
4 Miles South on Filson Road  
12930 E. Co. Rd. 1700 N.  
Phone 217-856-2155  
[www.walnutgrovecc.org](http://www.walnutgrovecc.org)  
Sunday  
8:30 a.m. – Fellowship Time  
9:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
Following Worship, Adult Small Groups and Children's Sunday School

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Pastor: Dennis Hanner  
701 N CR 250 E, Arthur, IL  
4 miles west and 2 miles north of Arcola  
Phone 217-578-2203  
Sunday  
9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m. – Sunday School

## SCHOOL MENUS

Below are the hot lunch and breakfast menus for the upcoming week at Arcola schools.

**LUNCH**  
• Cold milk, fruit and condiments for sandwiches available daily  
Thurs., Aug. 31 — Hamburger or hot dog, bun, french fries.

Fri., Sept. 1 — Tony's cheese pizza, salad, dressing or PBJ sandwich, carrot sticks.  
Mon., Sept. 4 — NO SCHOOL.

Tues., Sept. 5 — Grilled chicken on bun or ham sandwich, baked beans.  
Wed., Sept. 6 — Country fried steak, potatoes, gravy, green beans or PBJ Sandwich.

Thurs., Sept. 7 — Taco salad, PBJ sandwich, boiled egg, corn.  
Fri., Sept. 8 — Noon dismissal - only K-6 students eat. Corn dog, tator tots or PBJ sandwich

**BREAKFAST**  
• Cold milk, cold cereal, juice and fruit available daily.  
Thurs., Aug. 31 — Bacon scrambler.  
Fri., Sept. 1 — Mini waffles, syrup.  
Mon., Sept. 4 — NO SCHOOL.

Tues., Sept. 5 — French toast, syrup.  
Wed., Sept. 6 — Mini waffles, syrup.  
Thurs., Sept. 7 — Pancakes, sausage on a stick, syrup.  
Fri., Sept. 8 — Bacon scrambler pizza.

## GRAIN MARKETS

As reported by Total Grain Marketing - Arcola at 4:41 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2023.

Corn		Beans	
Cash	\$4.99	Cash	\$14.36
December 23 (futures)	\$4.71	December '23 (futures)	\$13.92

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