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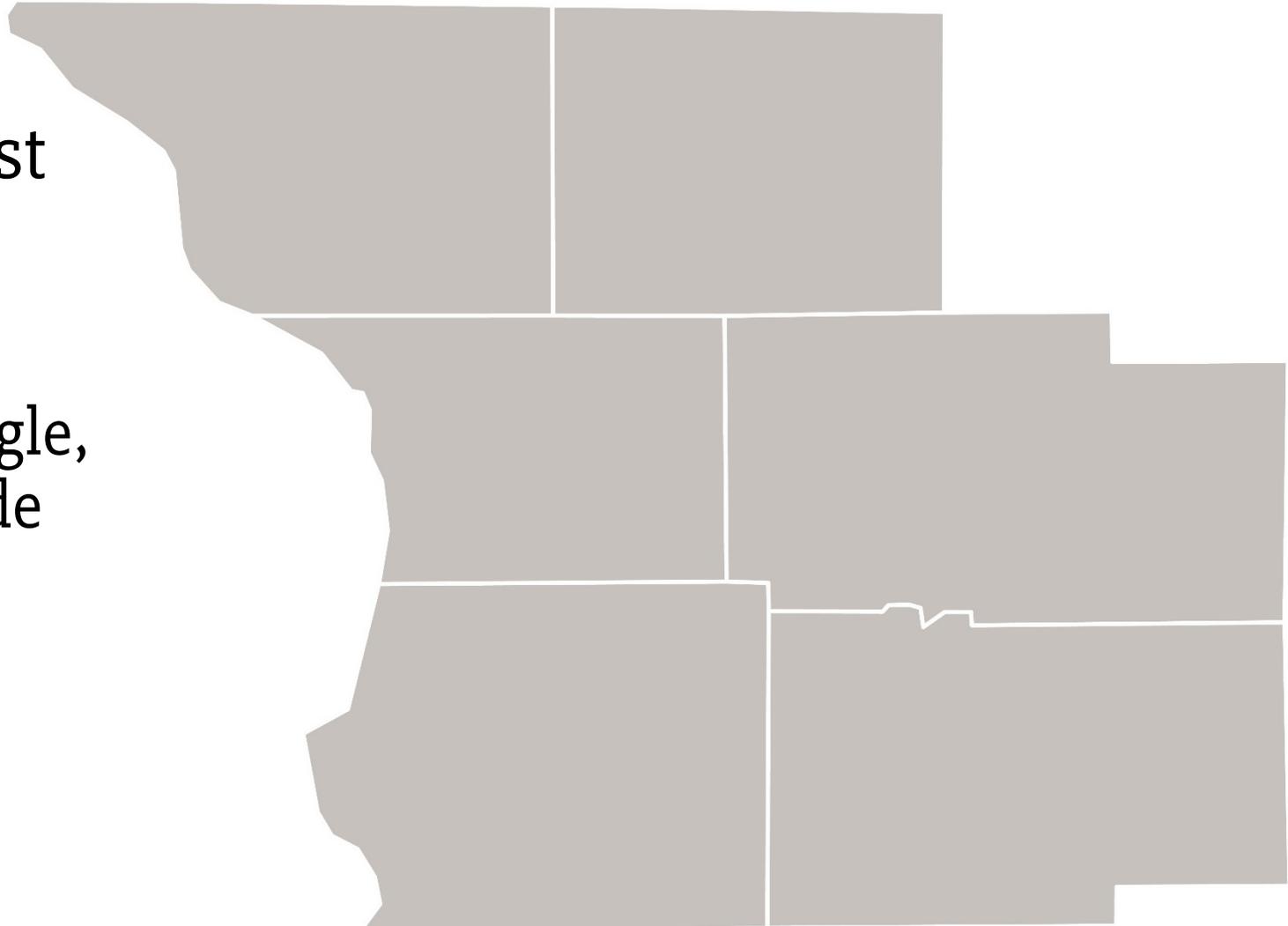
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CEDS

BHRC Overview

Organization

- Regional planning organization for Northwest Illinois (est. 1974)
- 6 counties
 - Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside
- 18-member board
 - 3 reps from each county



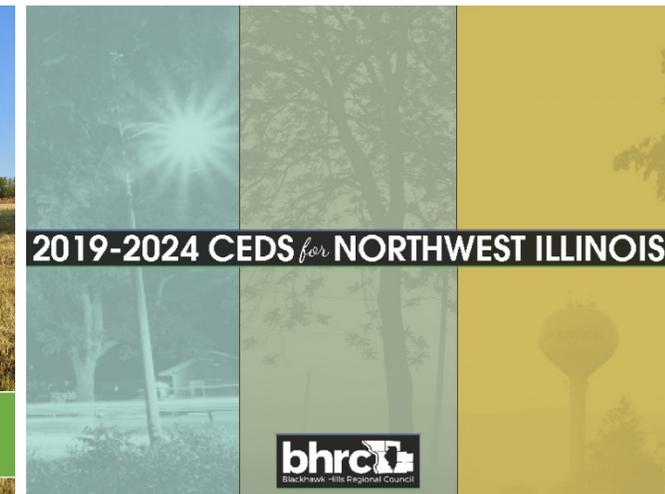
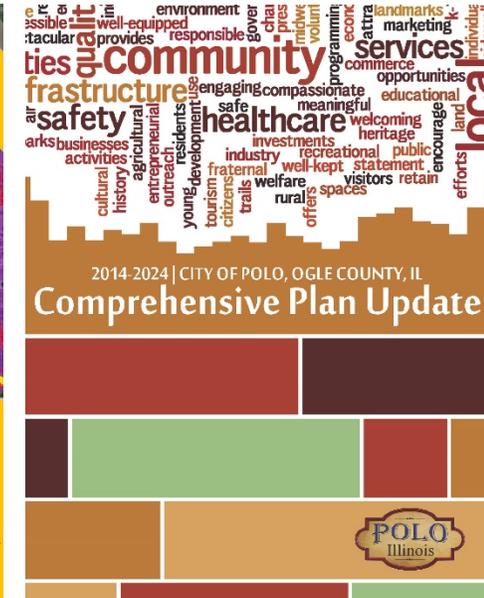
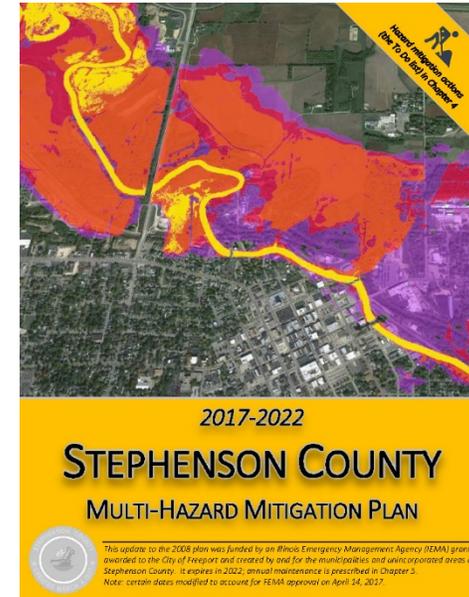
Focus

- Community & Economic Development
- Natural Resources Conservation
- Planning & Technical Assistance
 - Local and Regional



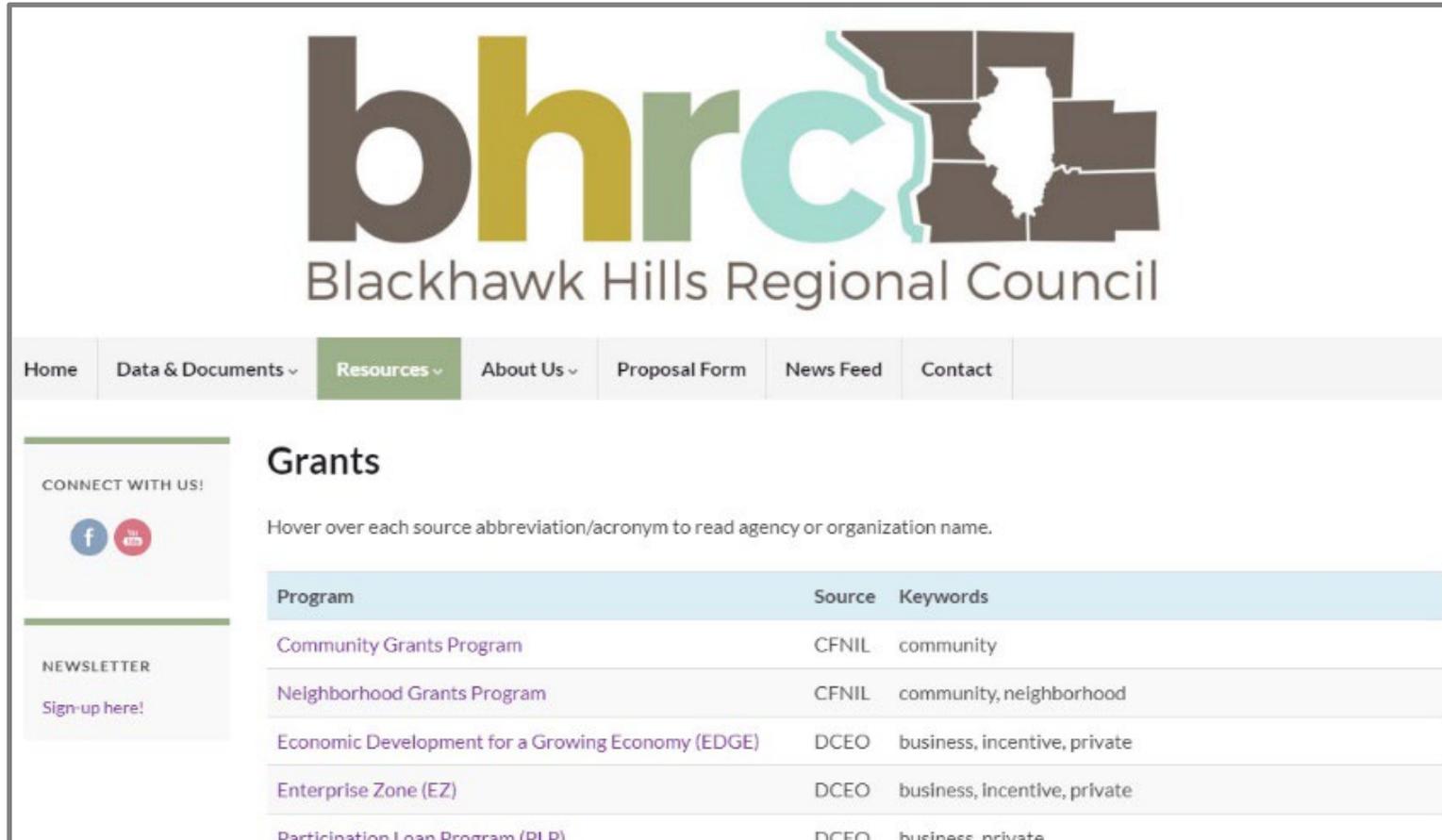
Highlighted Work

- Bi-Annual Summits on Community & Economic Development
 - Next Summit: October 25, 2019
- Comprehensive Planning
- Freight Study
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Trails Study
- Water Study
- CEDS (more later)



Resources

- www.blackhawkhills.com/grants
- www.ifiber.org/interactive-map



The screenshot shows the website for the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council. The header features the logo "bhrc" in brown, yellow, and teal, with a map of the region to the right. Below the logo is the text "Blackhawk Hills Regional Council". A navigation menu includes "Home", "Data & Documents", "Resources" (highlighted), "About Us", "Proposal Form", "News Feed", and "Contact".

The main content area is titled "Grants" and includes a sub-header: "Hover over each source abbreviation/acronym to read agency or organization name." Below this is a table listing various grant programs.

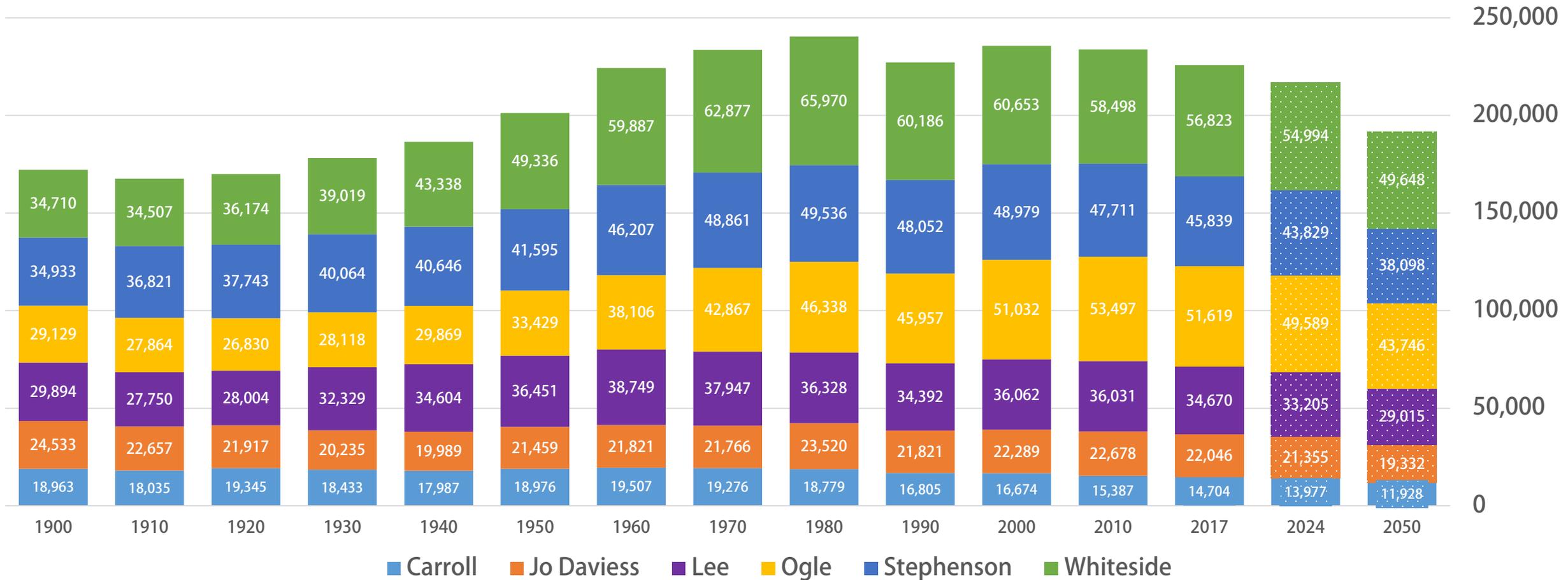
Program	Source	Keywords
Community Grants Program	CFNIL	community
Neighborhood Grants Program	CFNIL	community, neighborhood
Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE)	DCEO	business, incentive, private
Enterprise Zone (EZ)	DCEO	business, incentive, private
Participation Loan Program (PLP)	DCEO	business, private

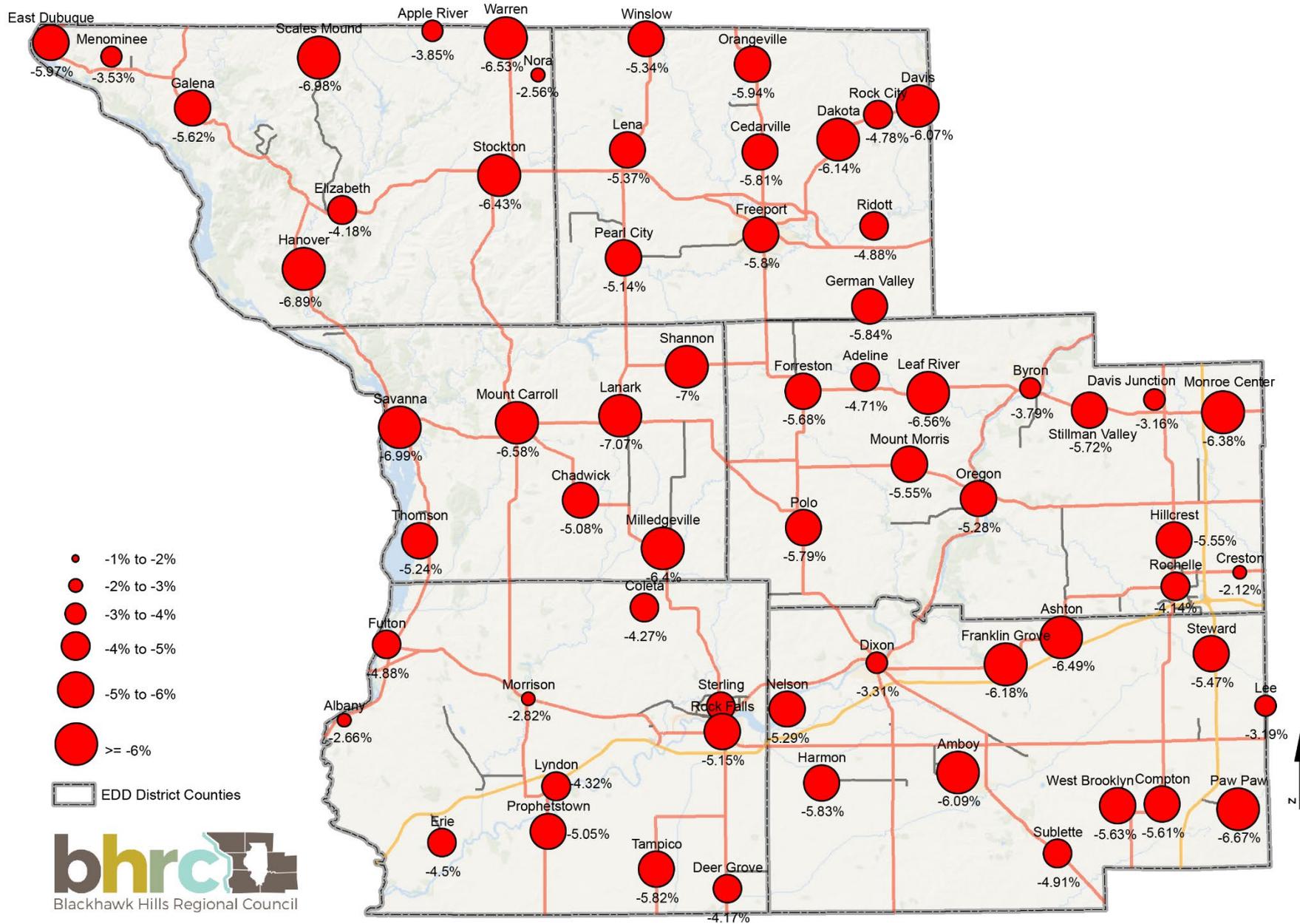
On the left side of the page, there are two sections: "CONNECT WITH US!" with social media icons for Facebook and YouTube, and "NEWSLETTER" with a "Sign-up here!" link.

Local & Regional Data

Population

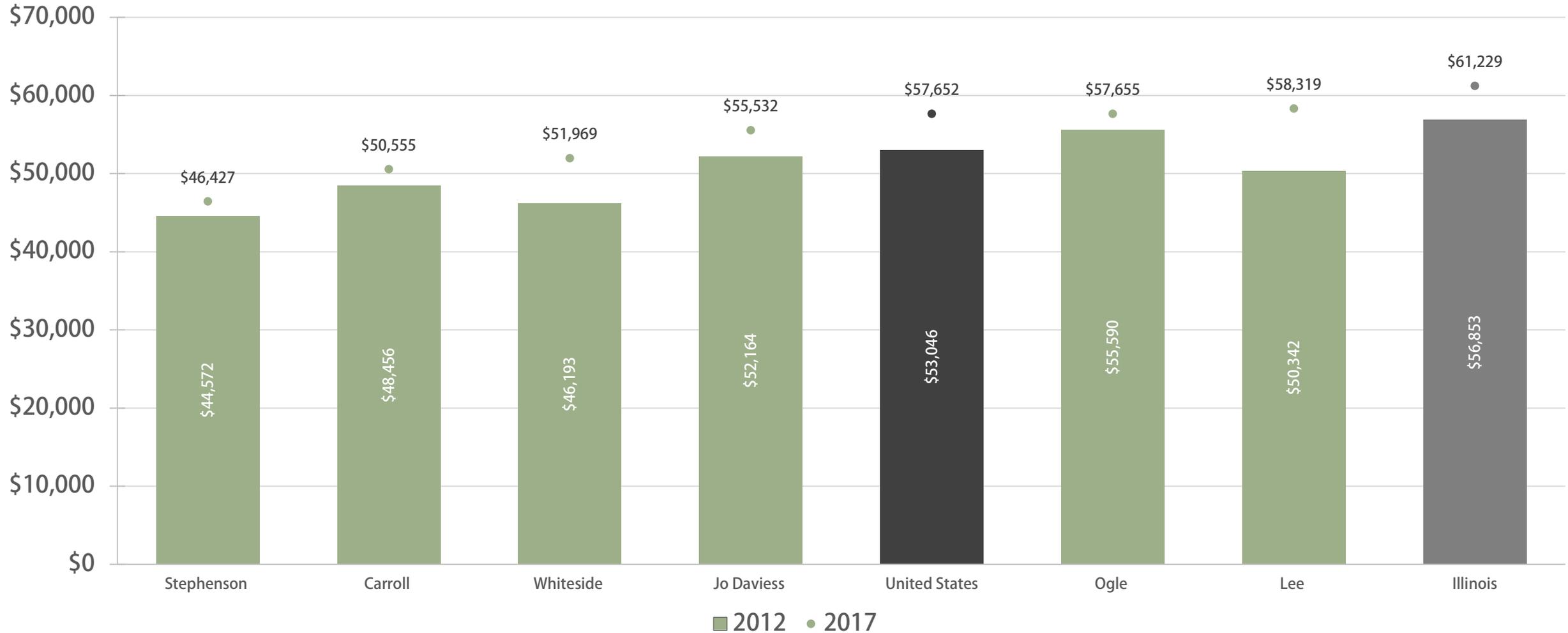
Northwest Illinois - Population: 1900-2017
Projections: 2024, 2050





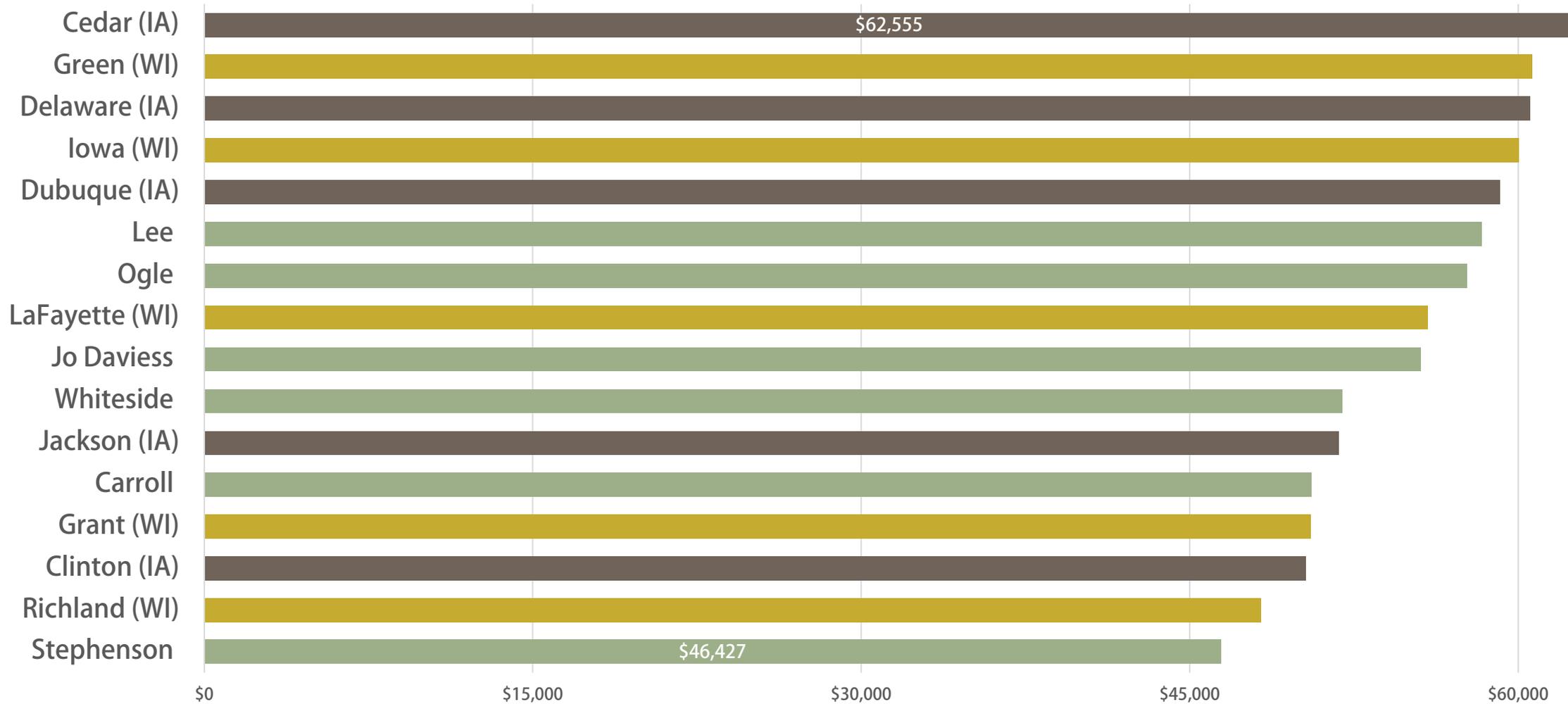
Income

Median Household Income



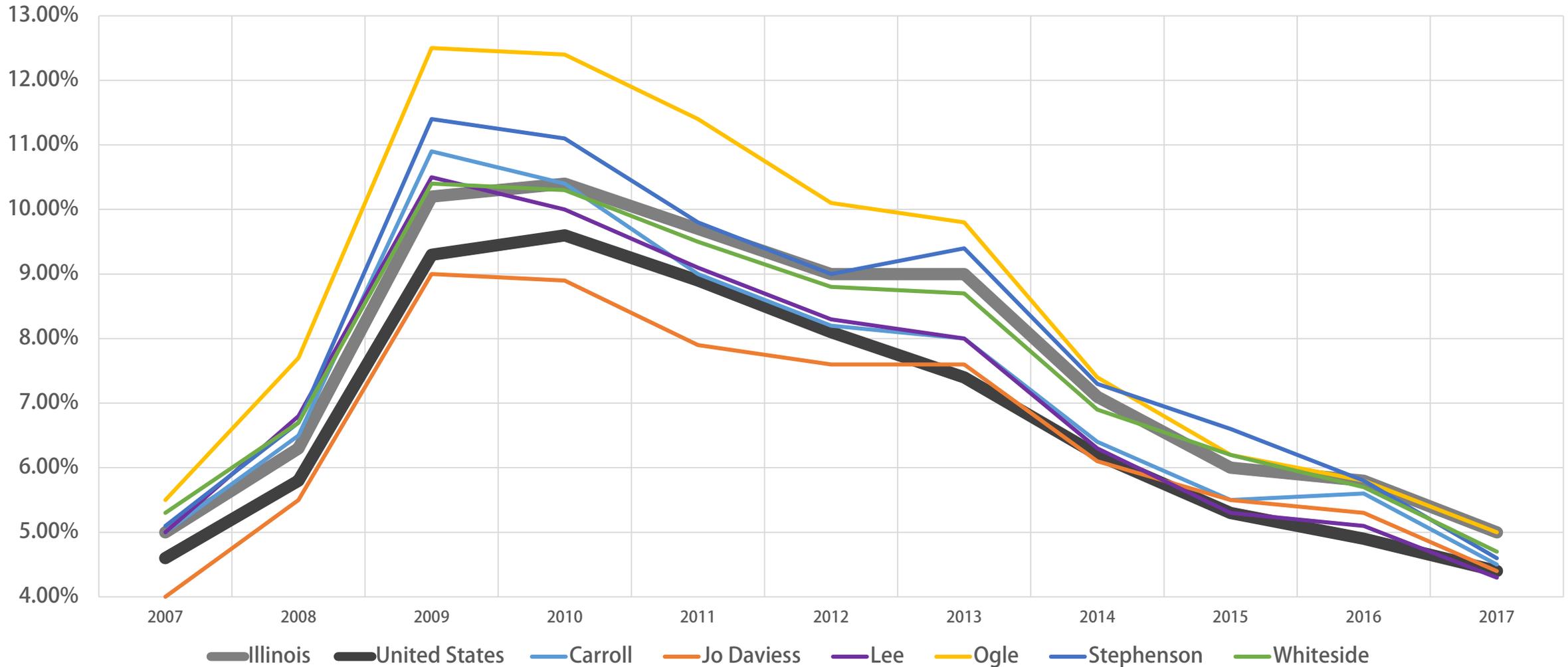
Income

Median Household Income - Tri-State Comparison (EDD Counties)



Unemployment

Northwest Illinois - Annual Average Unemployment Rate: 2007-2017



Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

What is the CEDS?

- The CEDS sets community and economic development goals and objectives for the region
- The CEDS enables access to Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding



Who is involved in the CEDS process?

- As Northwest Illinois' Economic Development District, BHRC is responsible for maintaining & updating our region's CEDS
- We work with the Regional CEDS (RCEDS) Committee, BHRC Board of Directors, and stakeholders across Northwest Illinois to maintain and update the CEDS

2019-2024 Principles & Goals

Principles

Investment
Prioritization...

based on
Planning...

leading to
local and regional
Resiliency...

and Opportunity
for all persons...

Goals

1. Position & promote Northwest Illinois as an interconnected region
2. Preserve, expand, & invest in the workforce
3. Preserve, expand, & diversify the local economy
4. Support & develop initiatives that enrich quality of life for all persons

