

Downtown

Site Characteristics

Boundaries

From the Mississippi River to 7th Avenue and 15th Street to 24th Street.

Location Maps

[Click here](#) to see where the neighborhood is located in the City of Rock Island. [Click here](#) for a street and parcel map of the neighborhood.

Size

Approximately 42 city blocks make up the downtown area. It covers 136 acres or .21 square miles.

Population

According to the 2000 Census and estimates of new housing added since the census, there are approximately 772 people in the area.

Schools in Downtown

- [Rock Island Intermediate Academy](#)

Natural Features

The Mississippi River curves along the northern boundary of the downtown. Bridges bracket the downtown riverfront. One is the Centennial Bridge, which is an icon of the Quad Cities. The other is the Sylvan Slough crossing to Arsenal Island. A bike trail atop a floodwall follows the course of the river, providing a fantastic view of the Mississippi. The topography of the land is characteristic of a floodplain near a major river.

Housing and Architecture

In Downtown Rock Island, there has been a surge of new housing development. Many condos, lofts and apartments are being built to provide convenient downtown living. Many of these places have beautiful views of the Mississippi River year round.

The buildings in Downtown Rock Island were built as early as 1850. The charm of Downtown comes from these buildings and their preserved historical qualities. To view this outstanding architecture, pick up a copy of *History & Architecture: Downtown Rock Island* or [click here](#).

Institutions Located in Downtown

- Apostolic Truth Temple
- Christian Family Care Center
- [City Hall](#)
- [The Downtown Rock Island Arts and Entertainment District \(The District\)](#)
- Elks Lodge #1648
- Girl Scouts of Mississippi Valley
- Greater Antioch Baptist Church
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- King Solomon Lodge #20
- Lincoln Homes
- Living Waters Gospel Temple
- [Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center](#)

- Memorial Christian Church
- Metro Youth Program
- Modern Woodmen of America
- Olivet Baptist Church
- Painter Local Union 676
- Project Now
- Rock Island Argus
- Rock Island County Courthouse
- Rock Island County Justice Center
- Rock Island Denkmann Park
- Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation
- Rock Island Elks #980
- Rock Island Postal Employee Credit Union
- [Rock Island Public Library](#)
- Royal Neighbors of America
- Second Baptist Church
- Spencer Towers
- Solid Rock Spiritual
- St. Mary's Catholic Church
- United States Postal Service
- Word of Life Christian Center

Shopping Areas

- [Downtown Rock Island – The District](#)

[Organized Neighborhoods In Downtown](#)

Neighborhood Name

[The District](#)

[Partnerships](#)

Capital Improvements Expected in Next Five Years

- Resurfacing of 7th Avenue from Mill Street to 22nd Street

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