

2023

# WELCOME

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

 **ECONOMIC ALLIANCE**  
OF KANKAKEE COUNTY



2023

# FEBRUARY

PROGRAM REPORT

 **ECONOMIC ALLIANCE**  
OF KANKAKEE COUNTY



# MISSION

The Economic Alliance of Kankakee County is a public-private partnership that works to create jobs and expand the economic base by improving the local business climate in Kankakee County.

The Alliance employs a collaborative approach to support development in the strategic areas of business retention, expansion and attraction, workforce and community development, residential needs and educational outcomes.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Michael Boyd, President, Kankakee Community College

Vice Chair Jeff Bennett, Managing Partner, McColly Bennett Real Estate

Rosemary Foster, Kankakee County Board

Jeff Hammes, President / CEO, Peoples Bank

Amanda Armer-Irps, Kankakee County Board

David Johns, Partner, GJM Advisory

Phil Kambic, President / CEO, Riverside Healthcare

Steve Magruder, IBEW retired

Pat Martin, Executive Vice President/Community Pres., Iroquois Federal

Chad Miller, Kankakee County Board

Theodis Pace, President, Kankakee County NAACP

Maureen Powell, Head of Communications, CSL Behring Kankakee

Christopher Shride, Regional President, Ascension Saint Joseph - Joliet

Ascension Saint Mary - Kankakee

Russell Tobey, Vice President, Kankakee Valley Construction Co.

Andrew Wheeler, Kankakee County Board

The Economic  
Alliance of Kankakee  
County Board of Directors  
is comprised of private-  
sector leaders and  
elected members of the  
Kankakee County  
Board.





# 2022

**27** NEW PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

**16** PROPERTY/SITE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

**\$113.5 M** TOTAL CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT





# LEADING INDICATORS

**\$1.5B** CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OVER FIVE YEARS

**\$7B+** EXPORTED FROM KANKAKEE COUNTY OVER FIVE YEARS

**128** SITE AND PROJECT SUBMISSIONS OVER FIVE YEARS



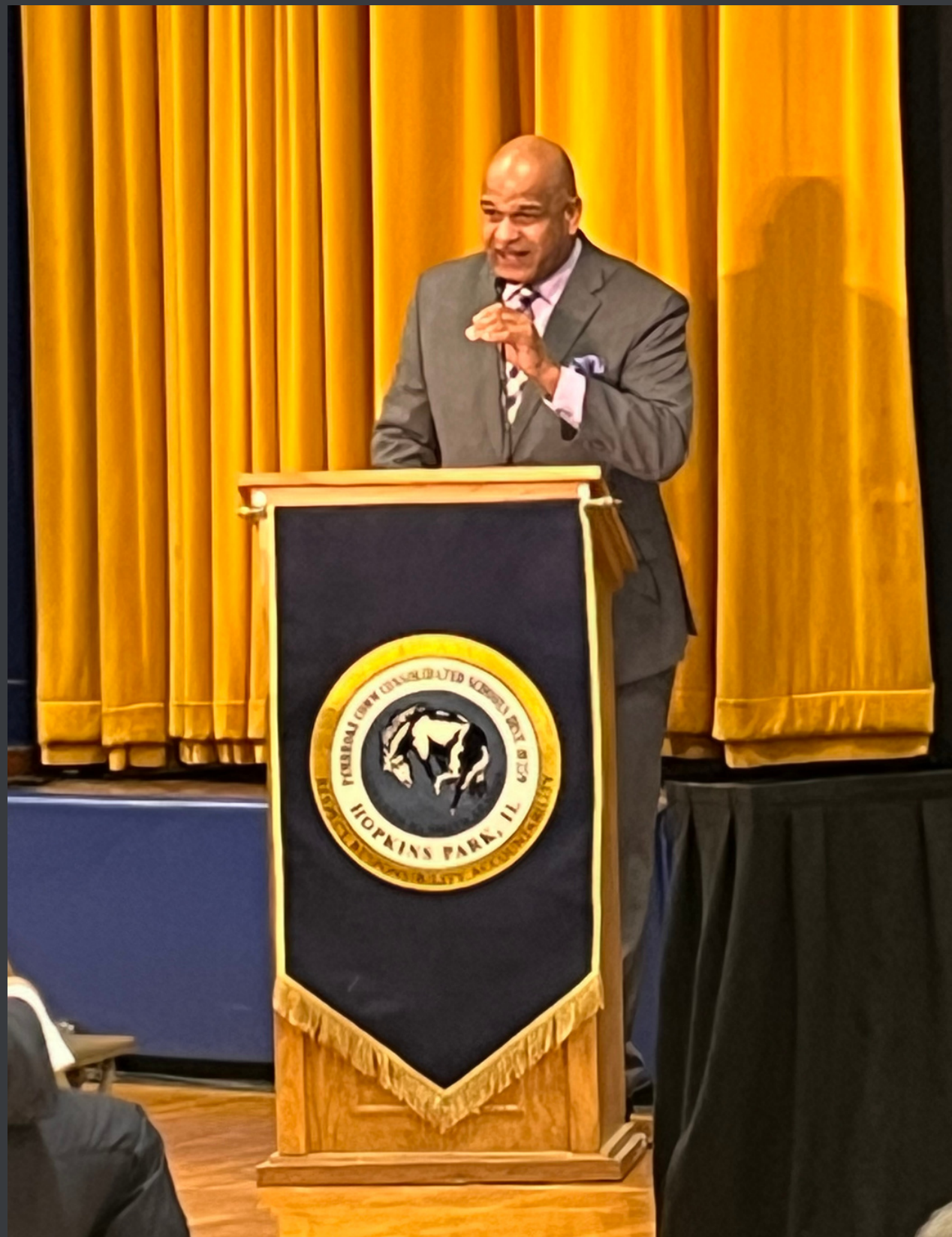


# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT





# PEMBROKE







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## Natural Gas Pipeline Expansion

- All easements collected, phase 1A construction underway
- 26,142 ft. gas main installed
- Collaboration between Nicor Gas, and local, state and federal partners
- Grant application process for assistance in home connections





# KANKAKEE



- \$20 M Ricky Rockets Fuel Center, truck wash, restaurant(s) in East Kankakee
- Additional 6,000 sq. ft. Illinois-Works operated dispensary to open with fuel center
- Expected completion June 2023



- \$2.4M second fire station nearing completion at Newtowne Road
- Armour Road widening and bridge reconstruction underway



BRADLEY







- Police Station remodeling underway, expected completion Summer 2023
- New public works facility nearing completion on North Maple Street
- Lighted archways and renovations completed on Main Street

MANTENO





# BOURBONNAIS



- Community Campus & Village Green construction underway behind Bourbonnais Village Hall and Police Department
- Performance stage, pedestrian walkway, connected paths, splash pad, family changing rooms, ADA playground, sitting area







# POWER PRODUCERS



# 48

**SOLAR & WIND PROJECTS  
PERMITTED OR BUILT IN  
KANKAKEE COUNTY**

**POTENTIAL ENERGY PROJECTS  
TO POWER**

# 250,000

**HOMES**

**45,000 homes in Kankakee County**

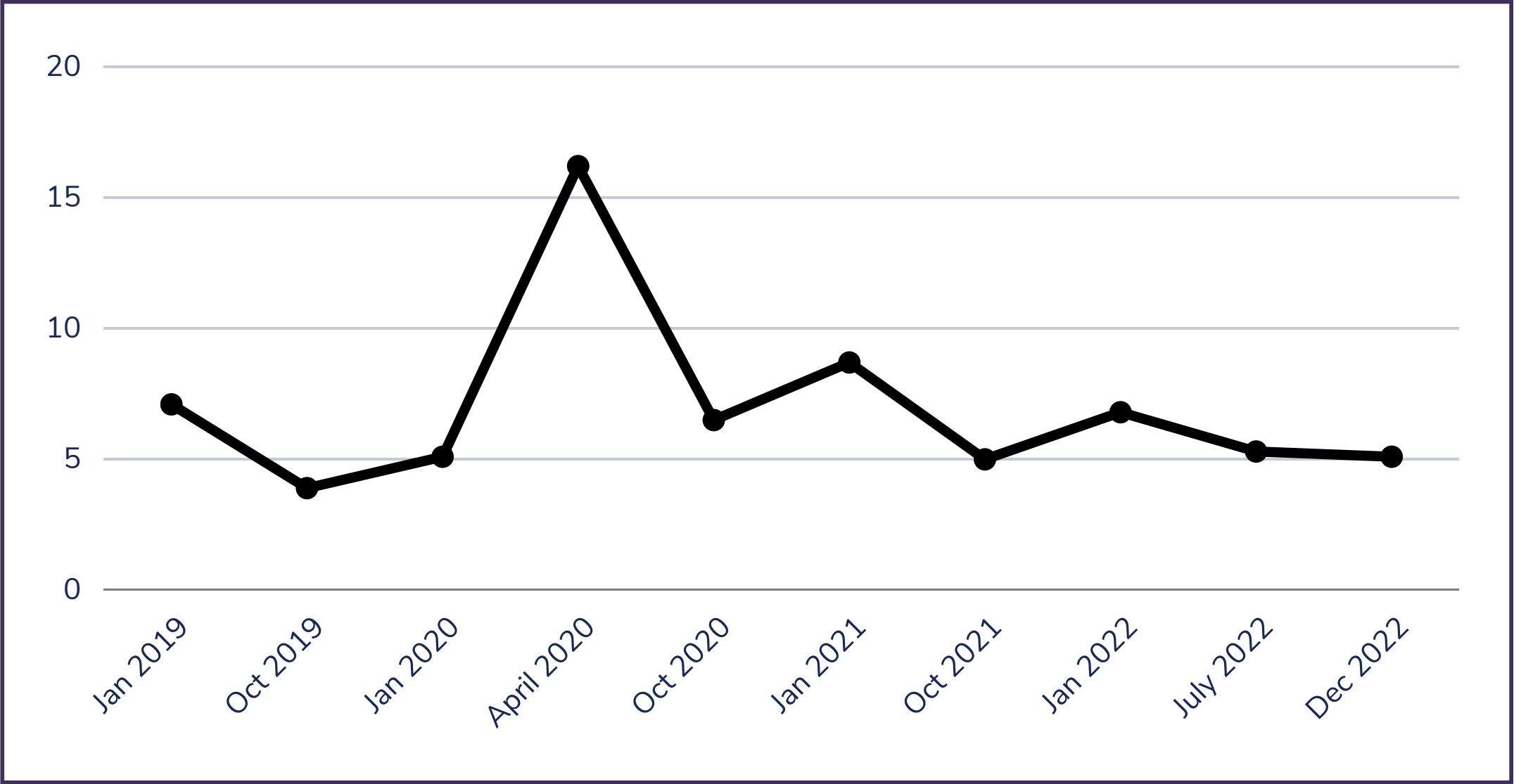


# WORKFORCE





# UNEMPLOYMENT



Kankakee County Unemployment Rate  
Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

**5.1%** Kankakee County  
unemployment  
December 2022

**4.7%** Illinois unemployment  
December 2022

**3.5%** U.S. unemployment  
December 2022





# UNEMPLOYMENT

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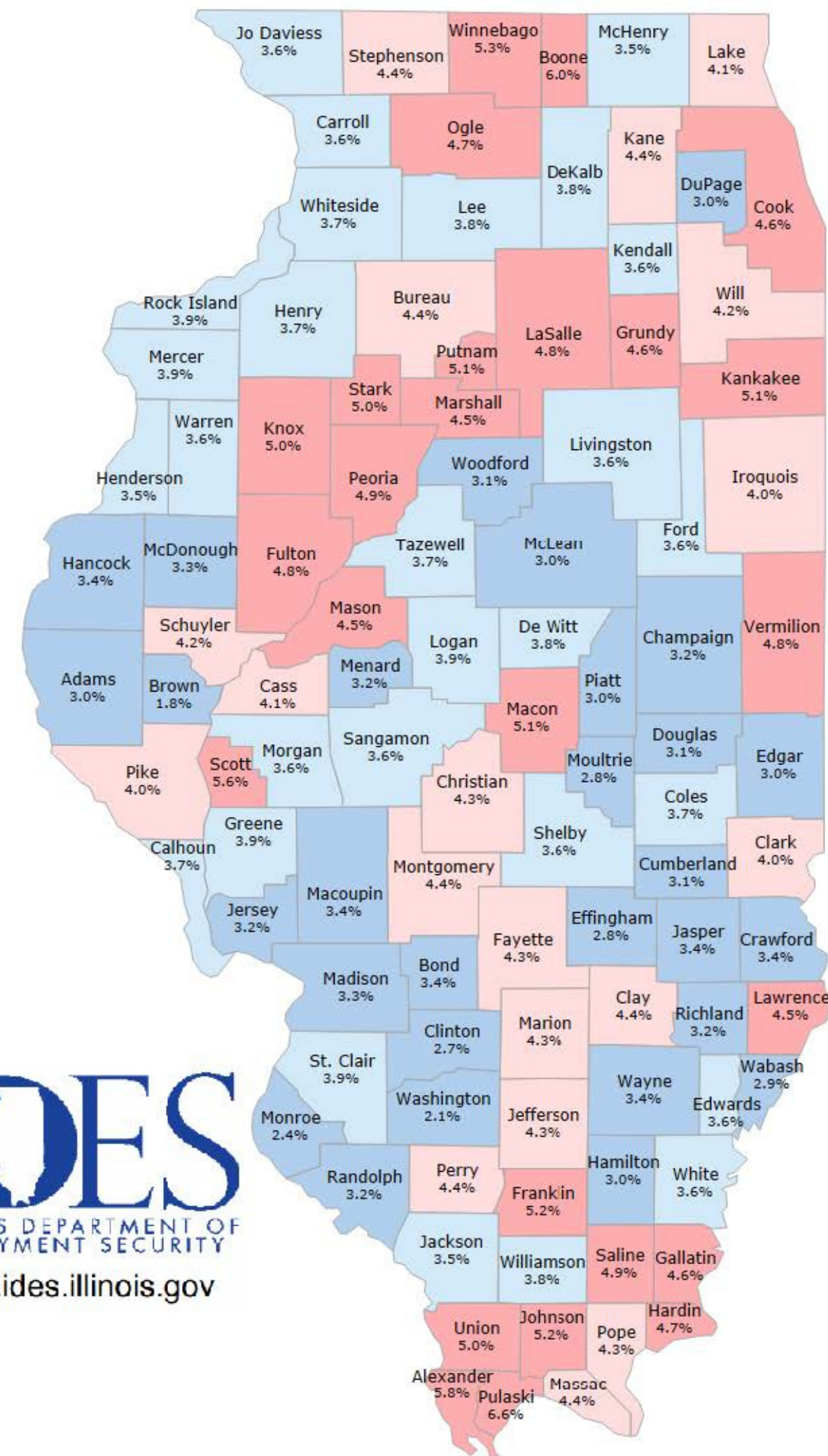
4.7%

Illinois unemployment  
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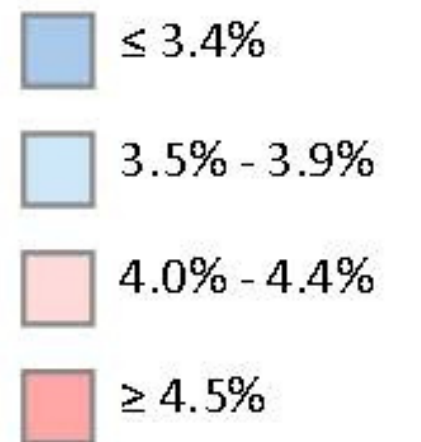
3.5%

U.S. unemployment  
December 2022

**IDES**  
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF  
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY  
[www.ides.illinois.gov](http://www.ides.illinois.gov)



## Unemployment Rate





# DEVELOPING THE WORKFORCE



Illinois Technical Education Vocational Diploma and transcripts to acknowledge level of completed coursework by students to local employers.

Working with local employers for direct-hire opportunities.

Contact: Matt Kelley  
kellym@kacc.org or 815-939-4971







# KCC One Workforce Grant

- \$8.9M regionally distributed through the Department of Labor for the Calumet Area Industrial Commission
- Pays tuition, books, fees and materials for manufacturing students
- 31 students enrolled at KCC







# Emsi

## CAREER COACH

Free web-based tool connecting  
available local jobs and training with  
user interests.

[www.continuinged.kcc.edu](http://www.continuinged.kcc.edu)

# 9,271

Unique Career Coach  
users since 2020 launch

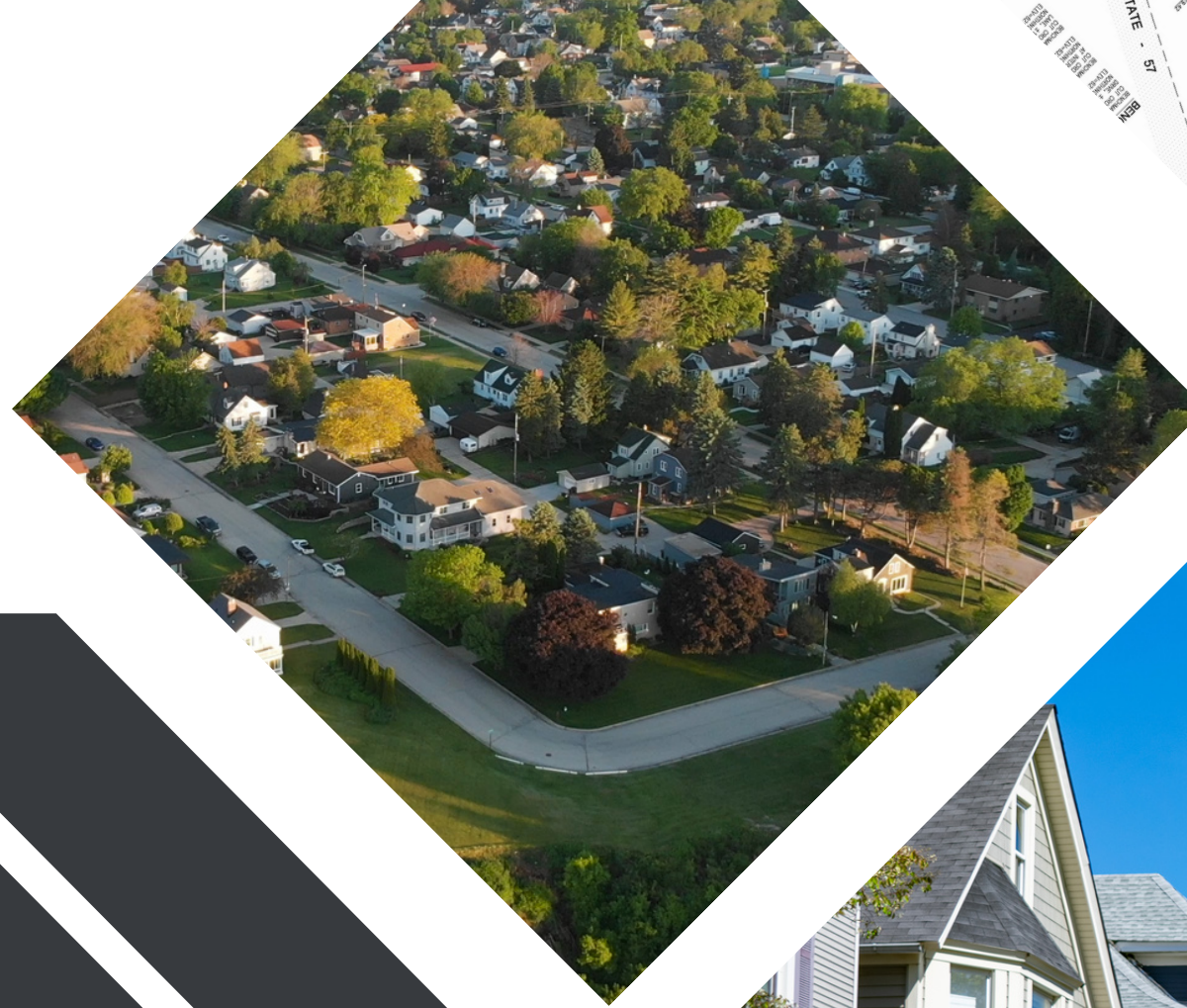
# 4,592

Self-assessments  
completed within system





# LIVABILITY & HOUSING





# COST OF LIVING

Housing 75.7%

Groceries 96.3%

Utilities 97.6%

Health Care 99.9%

Transportation 107.3%

Misc. Goods & Service 93.6%



COLI is a comparative benchmark of after-tax consumer costs contributing to a professional/managerial standard of living.

# 90.8%

of U.S. Average

2022 Average Composite Cost of Living





# KANKAKEE COUNTY HOUSING

Bourbonnais, Bradley, Kankakee, Kankakee County, Manteno, Momence

	2022	2021	2020
Number of Listings Sold	1250	1358	1284
Avg. Price of Sold Listings	\$205,004	\$198,516	\$173,333
Number of Listings Available	209	165	268

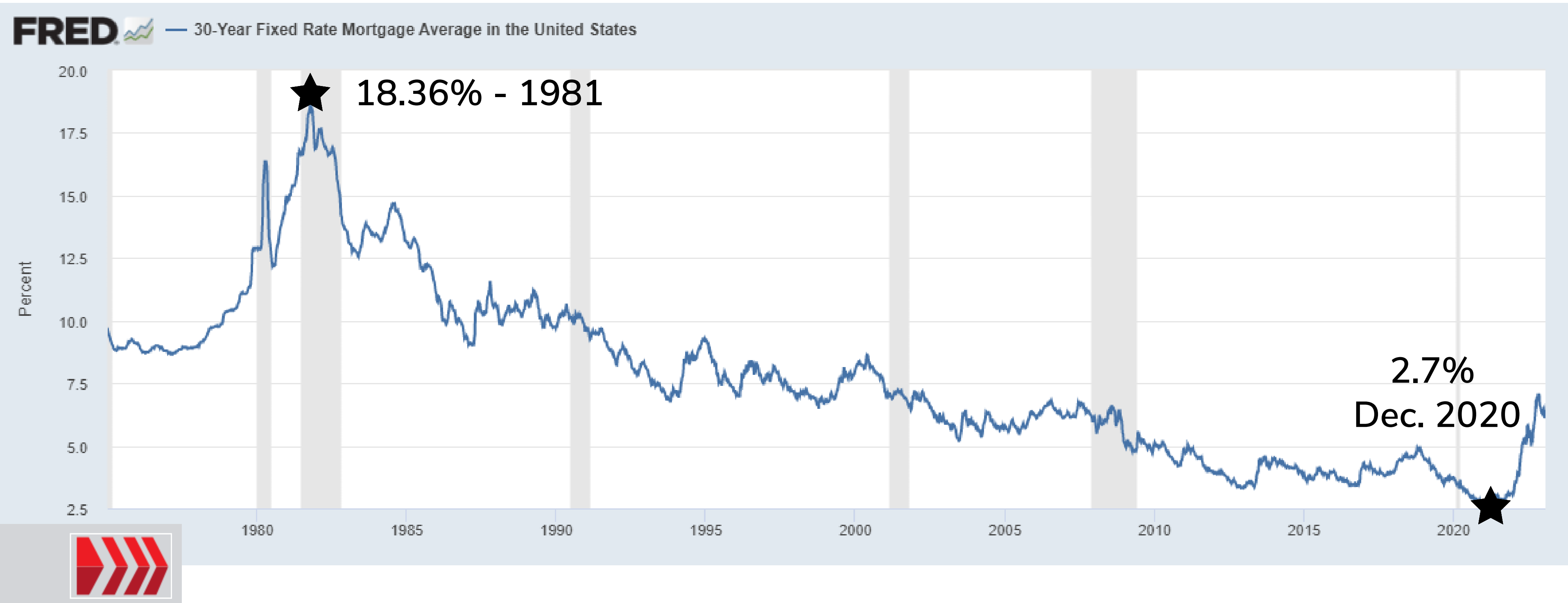




# MORTGAGE RATES

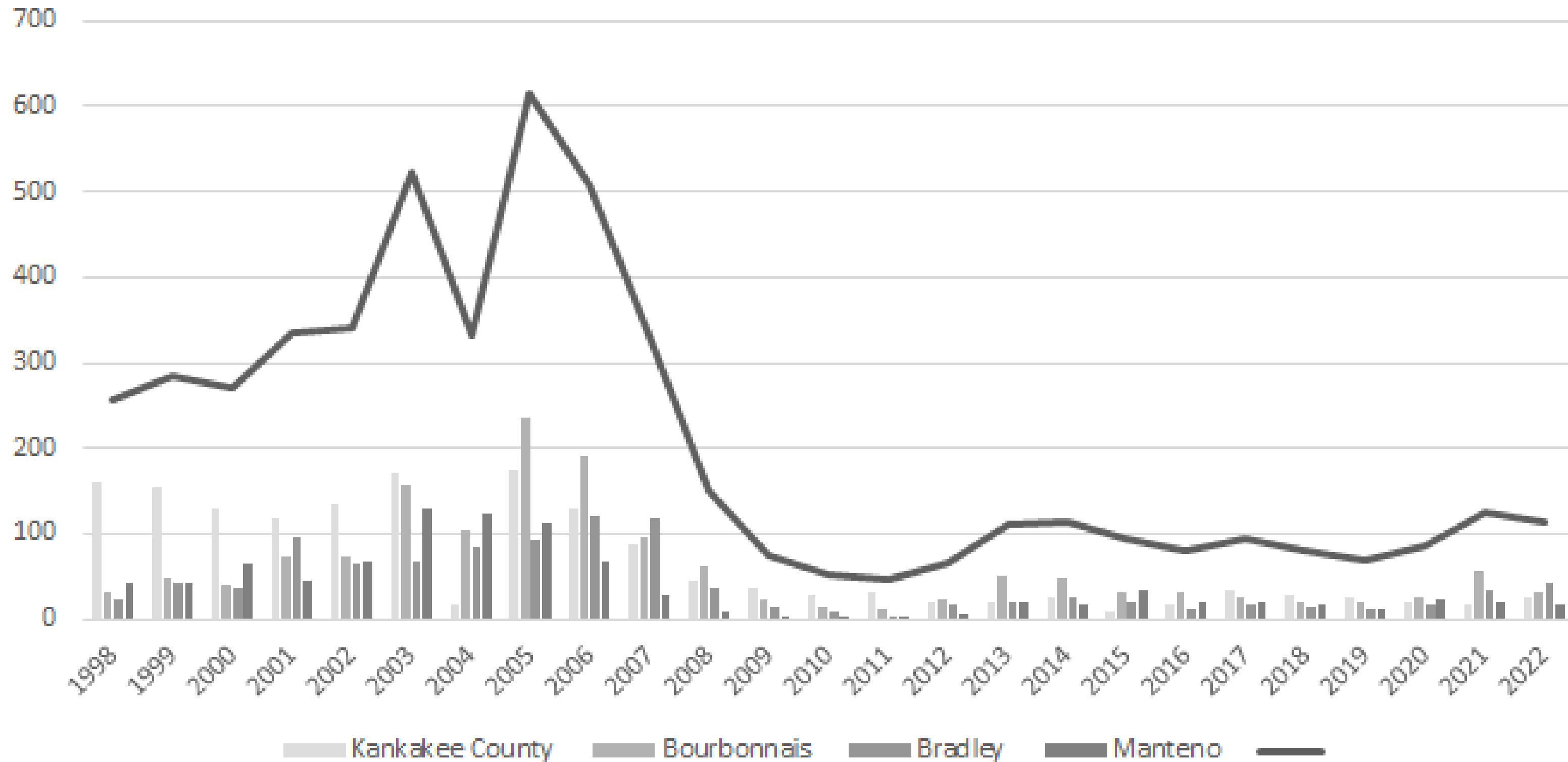
**6.78%**  
30-Year Fixed

**5.47%**  
15-Year Fixed





# HOUSING PERMITS ISSUED





# HOUSING MARKET STUDY

Housing study performed by Tracy Cross & Associates, Inc. showcased STRONG need for new housing across Kankakee County

- 96.5% housing stock built prior to 2010
- 65% built prior to 1980

Downtown Kankakee: Can support urban, high-density apartments

Bradley, Bourbonnais, Kankakee, Manteno: Can support market-rate rentals, townhomes, villas, small-lot and traditional single-family residents





# RESIDENTIAL ENTERPRISE ZONE

- Map developed, public hearing held for enterprise zone boundary changes
- Ordinances in processing and will be voted on by Kankakee County Enterprise Zone municipalities
- Potential property tax abatement, free or discounted building permits, tax exemptions on building materials, incentives are boundary specific





# RETENTION & EXPANSION





# BUSINESS RETENTION



- 65 full time employees in Kankakee
- Produce 1M ft./month of finished wire, 250k lbs./month of copper
- 20-30% increase post-Covid
- Supply/demand challenges with shrinking copper supply
- [www.electronbeam.com](http://www.electronbeam.com)





# BUSINESS RETENTION



- AHF Products, formerly Armstrong World Industries
- 275 Employees at Kankakee location
- 220M sq. ft. commercial and residential flooring produced each year
- Product is distributed nationwide
- [www.ahfproducts.com](http://www.ahfproducts.com)





# BUSINESS RETENTION



- Locations in Manteno, Grant Park
- 260 Employees in Kankakee County
- Produce 84M lbs./year of products
- Export 19.3M lbs./year
- [www.pactivevergreen.com](http://www.pactivevergreen.com)





# MARKETING





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# MARKET PROFILE

KANKAKEE COUNTY, IL

 ECONOMIC ALLIANCE  
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**AVAILABLE  
SOON**

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# **PERFIL DE MERCADO**

KANKAKEE COUNTY, IL



# *IMPACT AWARD*

- Proclamation before Kankakee County Board honoring Joe Franco for his contributions to the community and region
- Designation of December 13, 2022 as Joe Franco Day







# Board and Committee Participation

79th District Economic Opportunity & Advisory Council, IL Representative Jackie Haas  
Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley  
Great Lakes Economic Development Council  
Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board Talent Outreach  
Illinois Industrial Biotechnology Coalition  
International Economic Development Council  
Kankakee Area Career Center Executive Advisory Committee  
Kankakee Development Corporation  
Kankakee Co.LAB Advisory Committee  
Kankakee Community College Business/Office Professional Advisory Committee  
Kankakee Community College Manufacturing Technology Advisory Committee  
Kankakee Community College Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity President's Council  
Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee  
Kankakee County CEO  
Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Pembroke Township & Village of Hopkins Park Utility Infrastructure Initiative  
United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties  
U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly's Economic Development Task Force



COMING IN 2023







**March 10, 2023**

**Kankakee Community College**  
**9:00am - 4:30pm**

- Updates on removal of sand and sediment
- Water capacity, use, quality and quantity
- Biodiversity, nutrients and agriculture
- River recreation and initiatives

**2023**  
**KANKAKEE RIVER**



**WATERSHED CONFERENCE**  
**THE TIME IS NOW**



REGISTER HERE







- Partnership for 4-part manufacturing series
- Topics include: automation, building a lean operation, networking, workforce retention and attraction

April 27, 2023

June 22, 2023

September 21, 2023

November 30, 2023

More information to follow







Launch in August 2023

- Kankakee High School
- Bishop McNamara High School
- Momence High School
- St. Anne High School
- Trinity Academy, Kankakee

Responding to Community Needs

Assessment critical areas of workforce and youth development

[kankakeecountyceo.com](http://kankakeecountyceo.com)





# 2023 MEETING DATES

April 13, 2023 - Kankakee Area Career Center

June 8, 2023

September 14, 2023

November 9, 2023

7:30am, Location TBD



200 East Court Street, Suite 507

Kankakee, IL 60901

Phone: 815.935.1177

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THANK YOU

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