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In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)
Table of Allotments,) MM Docket No. 01-120
FM Broadcast Stations.) RM-10126
(Lincoln and Sherman, Illinois))
)

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To: Assistant Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau

RESPONSE TO
REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Saga Communications of Illinois, LLC ("Saga"), by its attorneys, respectfully responds to the *Request for Supplemental Information*, DA 04-2857, released September 3, 2004 (*Request*).¹ The Chief, Allocations Branch, in the Report and Order, *Lincoln and Sherman, IL*, DA 02-687, 67 Fed. Reg. 16652, published April 8, 2002 (herein "R&O"), re-allotted FM Channel 230B1 from Lincoln, Illinois, to Sherman, Illinois, as its first local service and modified the license of Saga's Station WMHX(FM), Lincoln, IL, to reflect the changes. The *Request* seeks more information concerning the independence of Sherman from Springfield, Illinois. In compliance with the *Request*, Saga provides the following:

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Background

On April 22, 2002, Long Nine, Inc. ("Long Nine"), licensee of competing radio stations WMAY(AM) and WNNS (FM), Springfield, WQLZ(FM), Taylorville, and WYVR(FM), Petersburg, Illinois, filed a petition for reconsideration of the *R&O*, which Saga opposed on May

¹ This Response is timely filed by October 12, 2004.

7, 2002. Long Nine argued that Saga should have been required to file a study of the relationship between Sherman and the Springfield, Illinois, Urbanized Area, as set forth in *Faye and Richard Tuck*.² There the matter lay until the Audio Division issued its *Request*. Saga is providing the requested *Tuck* showing herewith.

The R&O resulted in the reallocation of Channel 230B1 from Lincoln to Sherman (with a population of 2,871 persons) so that Sherman received its first local service while Lincoln (with a population of 15,369 persons) will continue to receive local service from AM Station WLLM and noncommercial educational Station WLNX. The R&O ordered Saga to file an application to implement the reallocation to Sherman, and on October 22, 2002, the Audio Division granted Saga's application (File No. BPH-20020802ABA) for a construction permit to operate WMHX at Sherman. That permit was conditioned on the outcome of this docket. Saga has not yet filed an application for license to change the community of license of WMHX to Sherman.³

In the *Request*, the Audio Division noted that, based on the information then available from the Census Bureau, Sherman was not located in the Springfield Urbanized Area and Station WMHX would provide only 2.7 percent of the Urbanized Area with a 70 dBu signal; however, the Audio Division stated that the 2000 U.S Census confirms that Sherman is now located in the Springfield Urbanized Area and was located in the Urbanized Area at the time Saga filed its proposal. In order to avoid any perception of circumvention of the requirement to submit a *Tuck* showing, the Audio Division requested Saga to submit a *Tuck* showing to demonstrate that Sherman is independent of the Springfield Urbanized Area and therefore entitled to consideration

² *Faye and Richard Tuck*, 3 FCC Rcd 5374 (1988); see also *Headland, Alabama, and Chattahoochee, Florida*, 10 FCC Rcd 10352 (1995) (A reallocation proposal requires a showing pursuant to *Faye and Richard Tuck* when the proposed 70 dBu contour will encompass more than 50 percent of an Urbanized Area).

³ The permit expires on October 22, 2005.

as a first local service regardless of the location of its transmitter site. The Audio Division stated that this would enable it to resolve this matter on the basis of a complete record and address any issue with respect to a two-step procedure to implement a migration of a station from a rural to an urbanized area, citing *Chillicothe and Ashville, Ohio*, 18 FCC Rcd 11230 (MB 2003).

Tuck Showing

Under *Tuck*, the Commission considers (a) the degree to which the station would provide coverage not only to the designated community of license but to the nearby metropolis; (b) the size and proximity of the designated community vis-a-vis the central city and (c) the degree to which the proposed community is independent from the central city. The *Tuck* criteria reveal that Sherman clearly passes the Commission's tests for independence.

Factor (A) (the degree to which the station would provide coverage not only to the designated community of license but to the nearby metropolis). Attachment 1 hereto is a Technical Statement to which is attached a map that shows that, from the transmitter site authorized in the WMHX-Sherman construction permit, only 36% of the Springfield Urbanized Area would be covered by a 70 dBu contour. Attachment 1 shows that a maximum Class B1 station operating from a hypothetical site at North latitude 39° 54' 19", West longitude 89° 30' 58" could place a 70 dBu contour over 86% of the Springfield Urbanized Area. There is no guarantee that a site could be located from which a transmitter site could be obtained in order to reach 86% of the Urbanized Area, but it is illustrative of the degree to which the station could provide coverage of both Sherman and Springfield.

Factor (B) (Sherman's population as a percentage of the population of Springfield, and the distance between city centers). The 2000 population of Sherman was 2,871. The 2000 population of Springfield was 111,454. Attachment 1 shows that the center of Sherman is 6.7 miles (10.78 kilometers) distant from the center of Springfield.

Factor (C) (Sherman's status as an independent community). The following evidence indicates, consistent with Commission precedent, that Sherman is independent of Springfield, and that Sherman deserves a first local service preference under *Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 90 FCC Rcd 88, 91 (1988). In considering whether an outlying community is independent of a central city in the vicinity, the Commission considers eight sub-factors. Each subfactor is addressed in the following:

Sub factor 1-The extent to which community residents work in the larger metropolitan area, rather than the specified community. Because Saga has been unable to locate any published information showing exactly the extent to which Sherman residents work in Springfield rather than Sherman, it must rely on an estimate. Attachment 2 is a Declaration from the General Manager of WMHX, Leanne Arndt, who is a resident of the Springfield area. Attached to her declaration is a copy of a document she obtained from the U. S. Census website, based on travel times to work. Under the heading titled "Travel Time to Work" in the 15 to 19 minute range and the 20 to 24 minute range, the percent of the workforce from Sherman traveling these times are 31.3% and 28.6%, respectively. Ms. Arndt states that since the drive from Sherman to Springfield is approximately 15-25 minutes and Springfield is the only major employment base within this radius, it is very likely that around 60% of these people are traveling to work in Springfield. This leads to the conclusion that approximately 40% are not working in Springfield.

Sub factor 2- Whether the smaller community has its own newspaper or other media that covers the community's local needs and interests. There is no local newspaper or media. The *State Journal Register* and the *Illinois Times*, both Springfield publications, serve Sherman. Ms. Arndt states that the President (Mayor) of Sherman informed her that a local

weekly newspaper, the *Sherman Gazette*, was published in Sherman until 1996. However, the publisher is deceased and republication of such a paper has not been started.

Subfactor 3-- Whether community leaders and residents perceive the specified community as being an integral part of, or separate from, the larger metropolitan community. Attachment 3 is a statement from the Hon. Frank Meredith, the President (Mayor) of Sherman. Mr. Meredith states that he and the residents of Sherman view Sherman to be a completely separate community from Springfield. Sherman is a village, incorporated in 1959. Sherman has six elected Trustees and an employed Village Clerk. Sherman has a Volunteer Fire Department. Sherman has its own Police Department. Sherman has its own post office and Zip Code: 62684. Mr. Meredith states that the residents of Sherman support Saga's plan to bring a first radio station to Sherman. Mr. Meredith also states that Sherman's community leaders and residents perceive Sherman as separate and distinct from Springfield, and that Sherman does not rely on Springfield for municipal services such as police, fire protection, schools and libraries. He also states that Sherman also has many businesses, churches and civic organizations; that Sherman is a thriving, full service, independent city and that Sherman is in need of an FM radio station to enlighten the community. He urges the FCC to authorize Saga to locate WMHX in Sherman.

Subfactor 4-- Whether the specified community has its own local government and elected officials. As established by Attachment 3, Sherman has its own elected officials, a Mayor and Village Trustees.

Subfactor 5-- Whether the smaller community has its own zip code and/or telephone book provided by the local telephone company. Sherman does have its own zip code which is 62684. Ms. Arndt states that Sherman is currently served by two telephone companies, Verizon and SBC, and that the majority (approximately two thirds) are Verizon

customers. With Verizon they are included in the Verizon Superpages, LINCOLN edition. The Lincoln edition also includes additional small communities such as Lincoln, Athens and Elkhart. About one third of the population is served by SBC. These residents are listed in the SBC Springfield Smartpages. There is no separate Sherman phone book.

Subfactor 6-- Whether the community has its own commercial establishments, health facilities and transportations systems. Sherman has its own commercial establishments. Counsel is informed that Sherman has the following commercial establishments, churches, and a dental office and a chiropractor's office:

1. JEFFREY A. BIERMAN, DMD-GENERAL DENTISTRY
2. SHERMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3. GOOD SHEPARD LUTHERAN CHURCH
4. GROTTO FAMILY DINING
5. VILLA RETIREMENT CENTER-CORP OFFICE
6. BARBI'S STYLING STUDIO & THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE
7. FUNKY'S TROPHY PLACE
8. ALL HIS CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT CENTER
9. SPRINGFIELD CLINIC
10. SHERMAN MINI-STORAGE
11. FINAL FOUR TAVERN
12. WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK
13. SHELL GAS STATION
14. FAMILY VIDEO
15. ANTONIO'S PIZZA
16. EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS
17. CANCUN MEXICAN RESTAURANT
18. SHERMAN CHIROPRACTIC
19. FINKS CLEANERS
20. SUBWAY
21. VILLA HEALTHCARE COMPLEX
22. SUPERWASH CAR WASH
23. ILLINOIS SHERIFF ASSOCIATION
24. ILLINI BANK
25. GRAUE RTE 66 MOTORS
26. STATE FARM INSURANCE
27. DOUBLE H BAR
28. SHERMAN POST OFFICE
29. JUST FOR KIDS DAYCARE
30. END OF THE RAINBOW
31. CARTER BROTHERS LUMBER

32. CARTERS RIDING STABLES
33. RAIL GOLF COURSE
34. LARSON CARPENTRY
35. COUNTRY INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
36. AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE
37. SECOND TIME AROUND
38. SAM'S TOO ITALIAN PIZZA
39. CURVES FOR WOMEN
40. THE HEDGE ROSE
41. THE CLOTHING RACK
42. JUST KIDS

Subfactor 7-- The extent to which the specified community and the central city are a part of the same advertising market. Sherman and Springfield are part of the same advertising market.

Subfactor 8-- The extent to which the specified community relies on the larger metropolitan area for various municipal services such as police, fire protection, schools and libraries. The President (Mayor) states that "Sherman does not rely on Springfield for municipal services such as police, fire protection, schools and libraries."⁴

Summary

In sum, WMHX could cover a substantial portion of the Springfield Urbanized Area.⁵ The centers of Springfield and Sherman are 6.7 miles apart. Under the most important *Tuck* factor, independent community status expressed in *Tuck* sub factors 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8, Sherman is clearly eligible for a first local preference, despite inconclusive findings under *Tuck* sub factors 2 and 7. Under Subfactor 2, Sherman should not be penalized because its weekly newspaper is no longer

⁴ Attachment 4 consists of various documents printed from the internet showing Sherman's status as an independent community.

⁵ In *Arlington, Oregon, et al.*, 19 FCC Rcd 12803 (2004), the Audio Division found the community of Gladstone, Oregon, was entitled to a local service preference even though the relocating station would serve 80 percent of the Portland, Oregon, Urbanized Area.

being published.⁶

In *Chillicothe and Ashville, Ohio*, cited by the Audio Division *supra*, the Audio Division required the petitioner there, like Saga here, to provide a supplemental *Tuck* showing to determine whether Ashville, Ohio, was independent of Columbus, Ohio. On Sub factor 1, the Audio Division found in favor of Ashville where data similar to Saga's showed that 39 percent of Ashville residents work in the county where Ashville is located rather than the county where Columbus is found. On similar evidence, Saga estimates about 40% of the residents of Sherman work somewhere other than Springfield.⁷

In regard to Subfactor 2, whether the smaller community has its own local newspaper or other media providing news and advertising for Ashville, the Audio Division could not make a favorable finding because there was no local newspaper. Here Ashville and Sherman are similarly situated, although Saga believes the Commission should take into consideration the fact that up to 1996 there was a local Sherman weekly paper.

On Subfactor 3, perception of community leaders and residents, and Subfactor 4, local government and elected officials, the Audio Division found in favor of Ashville which was governed by a mayor and a six-member village council. The local government has its own police, utility, recreation, tax and zoning departments. Saga has submitted evidence to show that Sherman's characteristics are similar to Ashville's on these Subfactors.

On Sub factor 5, the Audio Division could not make a favorable finding because Ashville residents are listed in the Circleville, Ohio, phone book and Ashville shares a zip code with

⁶ In *Crisfield, Maryland; Belle Haven, Cape Charles, Exmore, Nassawadox and Poquoson, Virginia*, 18 FCC Rcd 19199 (MB 2003), the Audio Division found that Poquoson, Virginia, was independent of other larger cities in the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, Virginia Urbanized Area, where Poquoson's findings on *Tuck* factors 1 and 7 were inconclusive. The Audio Division stated that of the three *Tuck* criteria, the interdependence of the proposed community to the urbanized area is the most important.

⁷ See *Anniston and Ashland, Alabama, and College Park, Covington, Milledgeville and Social Circle, Georgia*, 16 FCC Rcd 3411 (M.M. Bur. 2001) (16% of workforce employed in community sufficient to support a favorable finding on this factor).

nearby South Bloomfield. However, unlike Ashville, Sherman has its own zip code, so the Audio Division should find favorably on Sub factor 5.

Under Subfactor 6, the availability of commercial establishments, health facilities and transportation system there was a finding of independence for Ashville, and Saga's evidence should result in the same finding for Sherman.

Under Subfactor 7, the Audio Division was unable to make a favorable finding concerning the extent Ashville and Columbus are part of the same advertising market, which is the same case for Sherman and Springfield.

Under Subfactor 8, the extent to which Ashville relies on the larger metropolitan area for municipal services, the Audio Division made a favorable finding. Saga has presented evidence to support a similar finding.

Based on the foregoing, and under existing precedent, Saga has offered evidence to show that Sherman is independent of Springfield. There is no reason for the Audio Division to change the allotments made in the *R&O*. Sherman deserves its own local radio station.

Respectfully submitted,

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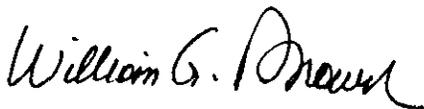
ATTACHMENT 1

Technical Comments
Response to Request for Supplemental Information
MM Docket No. 01-120
RM-10126
October 2004

These Technical Comments are in support of the Response to Request for Supplemental Information filed by Saga communications of Illinois, LLC.

We have attached a U.S. Census map showing the Urbanized Area for Springfield, Illinois. Overlaid on that map we show the WMHX (FM) Channel 230B1, Sherman, Illinois Construction Permit facility 70 dBu contour (assuming uniform terrain). As can be seen from the map, the WMHX (FM) Construction Permit facility provides city grade service to 36% of the Springfield, Illinois Urbanized Area. We have also overlaid the 70 dBu contour (assuming uniform terrain) of a maximum class B1 facility from an optimum site close to Springfield. The coordinates of this optimum site are North Latitude 39° 52' 19" and West Longitude 89° 30' 58". This hypothetical facility would provide city grade coverage to 86% of the Springfield, Illinois Urbanized Area.

Both 70 dBu contours cover 100% of Sherman (2000 U.S. Census population of 2,871 persons), the community of license. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the population of Springfield, Illinois is 111,454 persons. The distance between the communities of Sherman and Springfield is 6.7 miles.



William G. Brown
Bromo Communications, Inc.

October 12, 2004

WMHX
CP Site

URBANIZED AREA OUTLINE MAP (CENSUS 2000)
Springfield, IL

Sherman, IL
Community of License

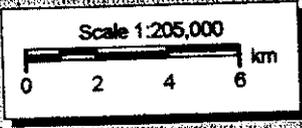
WMHX
Optimum Site

WMHX (CP)
70 dBu

WMHX 70 dBu
From Optimum Site

TABLE

STATE	COUNTY	POPULATION
ALABAMA
ALASKA
ARIZONA
ARKANSAS
CALIFORNIA
COLORADO
CONNECTICUT
DELAWARE
FLORIDA
GEORGIA
IDAHO
ILLINOIS
INDIANA
IOWA
KANSAS
KENTUCKY
Louisiana
MAINE
MARYLAND
MASSACHUSETTS
MICHIGAN
MINNESOTA
MISSISSIPPI
MISSOURI
MONTANA
NEBRASKA
NEVADA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW JERSEY
NEW YORK
NORTH CAROLINA
NORTH DAKOTA
OHIO
OKLAHOMA
OREGON
PENNSYLVANIA
RHODE ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
TENNESSEE
TEXAS
UTAH
VERMONT
VIRGINIA
WASHINGTON
WEST VIRGINIA
WISCONSIN
WYOMING



Springfield, Illinois
Urbanized Area Map
(Census 2000)

ATTACHMENT 2

DECLARATION OF LEANNE ARNDT

Leanne Arndt, under penalty of perjury, declares as follows:

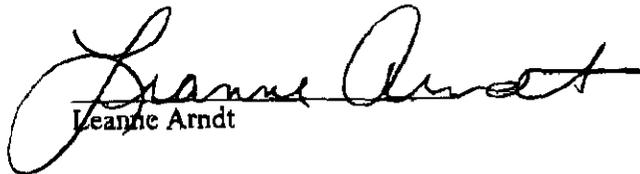
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Executed this 12th day of October, 2004.


Leanne Arndt

QT-P23. Journey to Work: 2000

Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

Geographic Area: Sherman village, Illinois

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

Subject	Number	Percent
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND CARPOOLING		
Workers 16 and over	1,440	100.0
Car, truck, or van	1,408	97.8
Drove alone	1,234	85.7
Carpooled	174	12.1
In 2-person carpool	143	9.9
In 3-person carpool	17	1.2
In 4-person carpool	2	0.1
In 5- or 6-person carpool	12	0.8
In 7-or-more-person carpool	0	0.0
Workers per car, truck, or van	1.07	(X)
Public transportation	3	0.2
Bus or trolley bus	3	0.2
Streetcar or trolley car (público in Puerto Rico)	0	0.0
Subway or elevated	0	0.0
Railroad	0	0.0
Ferryboat	0	0.0
Taxicab	0	0.0
Motorcycle	0	0.0
Bicycle	0	0.0
Walked	0	0.0
Other means	0	0.0
Worked at home	29	2.0
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK		
Workers who did not work at home	1,411	100.0
Less than 10 minutes	110	7.8
10 to 14 minutes	121	8.6
15 to 19 minutes	441	31.3
20 to 24 minutes	403	28.6
25 to 29 minutes	78	5.5
30 to 34 minutes	119	8.4
35 to 44 minutes	37	2.6
45 to 59 minutes	32	2.3
60 to 89 minutes	43	3.0
90 or more minutes	27	1.9
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.4	(X)
TIME LEAVING HOME TO GO TO WORK		
Workers who did not work at home	1,411	100.0
5:00 to 5:59 a.m.	73	5.2
6:00 to 6:29 a.m.	48	3.4
6:30 to 6:59 a.m.	173	12.3
7:00 to 7:29 a.m.	255	18.1
7:30 to 7:59 a.m.	482	34.2
8:00 to 8:29 a.m.	149	10.6
8:30 to 8:59 a.m.	34	2.4
9:00 to 11:59 a.m.	59	4.2
12:00 to 3:59 p.m.	49	3.5
All other times	89	6.3

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrices P30, P31, P33, P34, and P35.

ATTACHMENT 3

STATEMENT OF FRANK MEREDITH

My name is Frank Meredith, and I am the elected President (Mayor) of Sherman, Illinois.

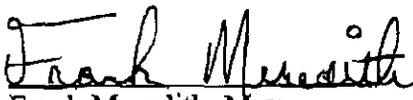
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Sherman is a thriving, full service, independent city and in need of an FM radio station to enlighten the community. I urge the FCC to authorize Saga Communications of Illinois, LLC, to locate WMHX in Sherman.


Frank Meredith, Mayor

ATTACHMENT 4



FACT SHEET

Sherman village, Illinois

Highlights from the Census 2000 Demographic Profiles:

General Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Total population	2,871	100.0	100%	map	brief
Male	1,367	47.6	49.1%	map	brief
Female	1,504	52.4	50.9%	map	brief
Median age (years)	39.3	(X)	35.3	map	brief
Under 5 years	167	5.8	6.8%	map	
18 years and over	2,107	73.4	74.3%		
65 years and over	433	15.1	12.4%	map	brief
One race	2,859	99.6	97.6%		
White	2,806	97.7	75.1%	map	brief
Black or African American	9	0.3	12.3%	map	brief
American Indian and Alaska Native	12	0.4	0.9%	map	brief
Asian	29	1.0	3.6%	map	brief
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2	0.1	0.1%	map	brief
Some other race	1	0.0	5.5%	map	
Two or more races	12	0.4	2.4%	map	brief
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	15	0.5	12.5%	map	brief
Average household size	2.78	(X)	2.59	map	brief
Average family size	3.13	(X)	3.14	map	
Total housing units	989	100.0	100.0%	map	
Occupied housing units	962	97.3	91.0%		brief
Owner-occupied housing units	811	84.3	66.2%	map	
Renter-occupied housing units	151	15.7	33.8%	map	brief
Vacant housing units	27	2.7	9.0%	map	
Social Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Population 25 years and over	1,952	100.0			
High school graduate or higher	1,761	90.2	80.4%	map	brief
Bachelor's degree or higher	665	34.1	24.4%	map	
Civilian veterans (civilian population 18 years and over)	297	14.1	12.7%	map	brief
Disability status (population 21 to 64 years)	179	11.5	19.2%	map	brief
Foreign born	43	1.5	11.1%	map	brief
Now married (population 15 years and over)	1,320	58.8	54.4%		brief
Speak a language other than English at home (5 years and over)	79	2.9	17.9%	map	brief
Economic Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
In labor force (population 16 years and over)	1,500	67.9	63.9%		brief
Mean travel time to work in minutes (population 16 years and over)	22.4	(X)	25.5	map	brief
Median household income (dollars)	71,393	(X)	41,994	map	
Median family income (dollars)	75,164	(X)	50,046	map	
Per capita income (dollars)	27,491	(X)	21,587	map	
Families below poverty level	0	0.0	9.2%	map	brief
Individuals below poverty level	81	3.0	12.4%	map	
Housing Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Single-family owner-occupied homes	761	100.0			brief
Median value (dollars)	127,600	(X)	119,600	map	brief
Median of selected monthly owner costs	(X)	(X)			brief
With a mortgage	1,189	(X)	1,088	map	
Not mortgaged	430	(X)	295		

Sherman, Illinois

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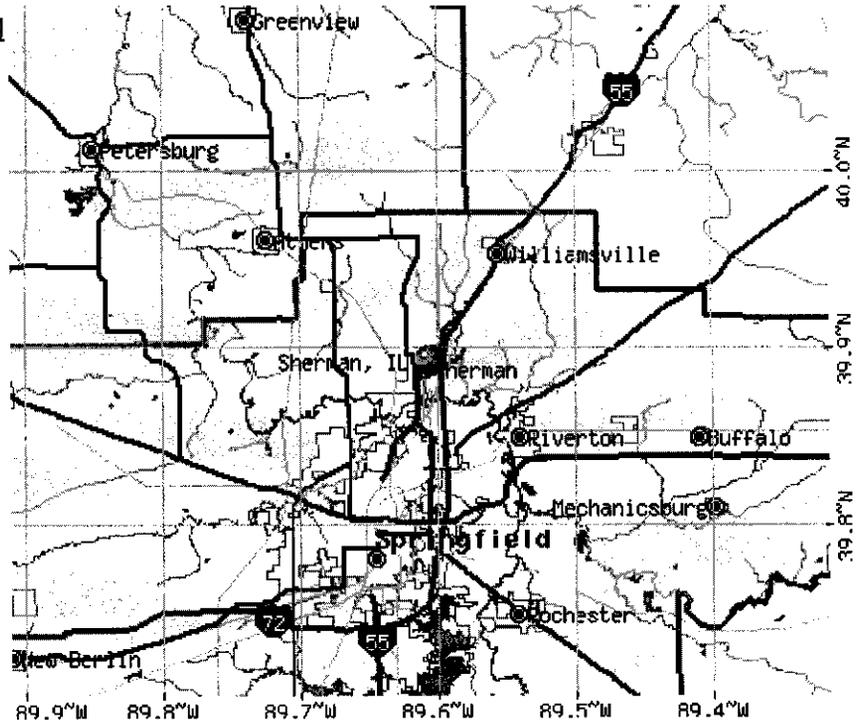
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Population (year 2000): 2,871, Est. population in July 2002: 3,147
(+9.6% change)

Males: 1,367 (47.6%), Females: 1,504 (52.4%)

Elevation: 580 feet

County: [Sangamon](#)

Land area: 3.1 square miles

Zip code: [62684](#)



Profiles Sherman,
Sangamon County,
Illinois local houses,
apartments, residents,
hotels, hospitals, jobs,

Median resident age: 39.3 years
Median household income: \$71,393 (year 2000)
Median house value: \$127,600 (year 2000)

schools...

New: Sherman, IL residents, houses, and apartments details

Races in Sherman:

- White Non-Hispanic (97.2%)
- American Indian (0.6%)
- Hispanic (0.5%)

Ancestries: German (31.7%), Irish (18.7%), English (13.0%), Italian (8.6%), United States (4.0%), Scotch-Irish (3.2%).

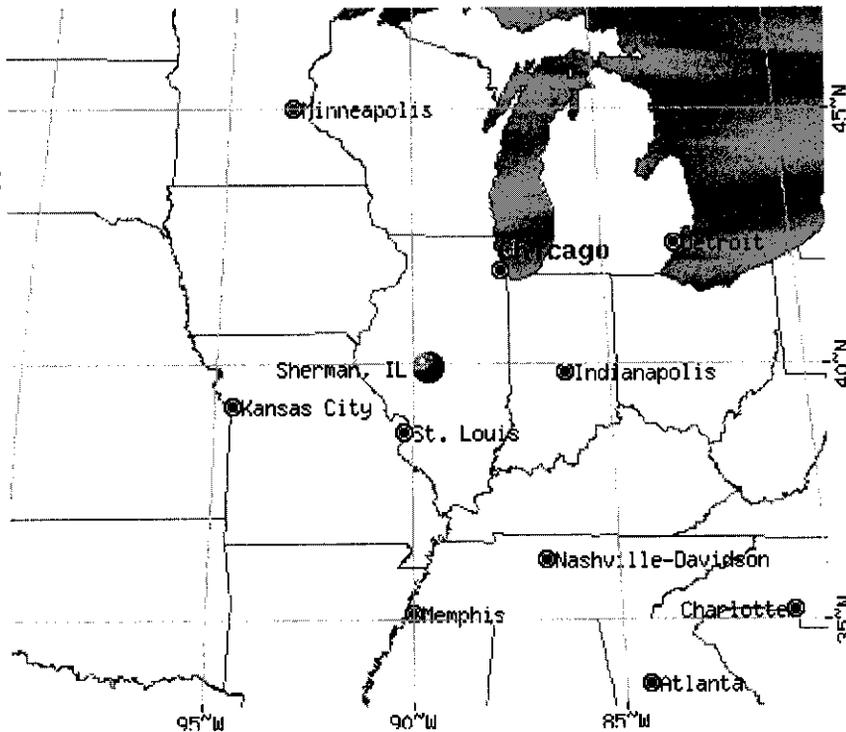
For population 25 years and over in Sherman

- High school or higher: 90.2%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 34.1%
- Graduate or professional degree: 12.5%
- Unemployed: 2.3%
- Mean travel time to work: 22.4 minutes

For population 15 years and over in Sherman village

- Never married: 21.2%
- Now married: 58.8%
- Separated: 0.6%
- Widowed: 10.3%
- Divorced: 9.1%

1.5% Foreign born



Nearest city with pop. 50,000+:
Springfield, IL (8.2 miles, pop.
111,454).

Nearest city with pop. 200,000+: St.
Louis, MO (97.8 miles, pop. 348,189).

Nearest city with pop. 1,000,000+:
Chicago, IL (188.8 miles, pop.
2,896,016).

Nearest cities: Spaulding, IL (4.7
miles), Grandview, IL (5.3 miles),
Riverton, IL (5.4 miles), Williamsville,
IL (5.5 miles), Clear Lake, IL (6.0
miles), Springfield, IL (8.2 miles),
Athens, IL (9.5 miles), Leland Grove, IL (9.6 miles).



Single-family new house construction building permits:

- 1996: 21 buildings, average cost: \$157,400
- 1997: 39 buildings, average cost: \$107,700
- 1998: 36 buildings, average cost: \$138,600
- 1999: 29 buildings, average cost: \$135,800
- 2000: 33 buildings, average cost: \$137,800
- 2001: 57 buildings, average cost: \$145,900
- 2002: 45 buildings, average cost: \$150,000
- 2003: 45 buildings, average cost: \$150,000

Area code: 217

New: Sherman, Illinois business data: stores, dealers, real estate agents, wholesalers, restaurants...

Industries providing employment: Educational, health and social services (23.2%), Public administration (17.9%).

Crime in Sherman (2002):

- 0 murders (0.0 per 100,000)
- 0 rapes (0.0 per 100,000)
- 0 robberies (0.0 per 100,000)
- 0 assaults (0.0 per 100,000)
- 3 burglaries (104.5 per 100,000)
- 25 larceny counts (870.8 per 100,000)

- 2 auto thefts (69.7 per 100,000)
- City-data.com crime index = 47.7 (higher means more crime, US average = 330.6)

Crime in Sherman (2001):

- 0 murders (0.0 per 100,000)
- 0 rapes (0.0 per 100,000)
- 0 robberies (0.0 per 100,000)
- 0 assaults (0.0 per 100,000)
- 6 burglaries (209.0 per 100,000)
- 23 larceny counts (801.1 per 100,000)
- 1 auto theft (34.8 per 100,000)
- City-data.com crime index = 49.5 (higher means more crime)

Average weather in Sherman, Illinois

Based on data reported by over 4,000 weather stations

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average temp. (°F)	25.0	30.4	41.6	52.7	63.5	72.5	76.2	74.1	66.9	55.4	42.2	30.2
High temperature (°F)	33.1	38.9	51.1	63.5	74.5	83.4	86.5	84.5	78.6	66.7	50.9	38.0
Low temperature (°F)	16.8	21.9	32.0	41.8	52.4	61.7	65.7	63.6	55.2	44.1	33.4	22.4
Precipitation (in)	1.6	1.8	3.1	3.4	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.5	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.5

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Normal climate around Sherman, Illinois

Based on data reported by main weather stations

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Days with precip.	9	8	11	12	11	10	9	8	8	8	9	10
Wind speed (mph)	12.2	12.2	13.2	13.0	11.1	9.6	8.3	7.9	8.7	10.1	12.2	12.0
Morning humidity (%)	80	80	81	79	81	83	86	89	88	83	82	83
Afternoon humidity (%)	71	70	66	60	58	59	63	64	61	59	67	73
Sunshine (%)	48	52	51	56	63	68	71	70	68	63	48	44
Days clear of clouds	7	7	6	7	8	8	10	11	12	12	8	7
Partly cloudy days	6	6	7	8	9	9	11	10	8	7	6	6

Cloudy days	17	15	18	15	14	12	10	10	10	12	16	18
Snowfall (in)	6.0	5.8	3.9	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	5.0

Hospitals/medical centers near Sherman:

- ST JOHNS HOSPITAL (about 6 miles; SPRINGFIELD, IL)
- ANDREW MCFARLAND MENTAL HLTH CTR (about 9 miles; SPRINGFIELD, IL)
- DOCTORS HOSPITAL (about 10 miles; SPRINGFIELD, IL)

Airports certified for carrier operations nearest to Sherman:

- CAPITAL (about 6 miles; SPRINGFIELD, IL; ID: SPI)
- GREATER PEORIA REGIONAL (about 53 miles; PEORIA, IL; ID: PIA)
- DECATUR (about 53 miles; DECATUR, IL; ID: DEC)

Other public-use airports nearest to Sherman:

- LOGAN COUNTY (about 26 miles; LINCOLN, IL; ID: AAA)
- TAYLORVILLE MUNI (about 32 miles; TAYLORVILLE, IL; ID: TAZ)
- HAVANA REGIONAL (about 37 miles; HAVANA, IL; ID: 9I0)

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Colleges/universities with over 2000 students nearest to Sherman:

- LINCOLN LAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE (about 10 miles; SPRINGFIELD, IL; Full-time enrollment: 3,756)
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD (about 10 miles; Springfield, IL; FT enrollment: 2,357)
- MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY (about 42 miles; DECATUR, IL; FT enrollment: 2,274)
- BRADLEY UNIVERSITY (about 56 miles; PEORIA, IL; FT enrollment: 5,262)
- ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE (about 60 miles; EAST PEORIA, IL; FT enrollment: 6,404)
- ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY (about 60 miles; NORMAL, IL; FT enrollment: 18,785)
- HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE (about 61 miles; Normal, IL; FT enrollment: 2,390)

Public primary/middle school in Sherman:

- **SHERMAN ELEM SCHOOL** (Students: 389; Location: 312 SOUTH ST; Grades: PK - 03)

Library in Sherman:

- **SHERMAN P.L.D.** (Operating income: \$236,420; Location: 2100 EAST ANDREW ROAD; 8,629 books; 306 audio materials; 143 video materials; 11 serial subscriptions)

Sherman compared to Illinois state average:

- Median household income **above** state average.
- Unemployed percentage **below** state average.
- Black race population percentage **significantly below** state average.
- Hispanic race population percentage **significantly below** state average.
- Foreign-born population percentage **below** state average.
- Renting percentage **significantly below** state average.
- Number of rooms per house **above** state average.
- House age **significantly below** state average.
- Percentage of population with a bachelor's degree or higher **above** state average.

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Strongest AM radio stations in Sherman:

- WMAY (970 AM; 1 kW; SPRINGFIELD, IL)
- WTAX (1240 AM; 1 kW; SPRINGFIELD, IL; Owner: SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ILLINOIS, LLC)
- WFMB (1450 AM; 1 kW; SPRINGFIELD, IL; Owner: CAPSTAR TX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)
- KXEN (1010 AM; 50 kW; FESTUS-ST. LOUIS, MO; Owner: BDJ RADIO ENTERPRISES, LLC)
- KMOX (1120 AM; 50 kW; ST. LOUIS, MO; Owner: INFINITY BROADCASTING OPERATIONS, INC.)
- WSCR (670 AM; 50 kW; CHICAGO, IL; Owner: INFINITY BROADCASTING OPERATIONS, INC.)
- WGN (720 AM; 50 kW; CHICAGO, IL; Owner: WGN CONTINENTAL BROADCASTING CO.)
- WLS (890 AM; 50 kW; CHICAGO, IL; Owner: WLS, INC.)
- WBBM (780 AM; 50 kW; CHICAGO, IL; Owner: INFINITY BROADCASTING OPERATIONS, INC.)
- WVLE (1140 AM; daytime; 5 kW; PEKIN, IL)
- WMVP (1000 AM; 50 kW; CHICAGO, IL; Owner: ABC, INC.)
- WMBD (1470 AM; 5 kW; PEORIA, IL; Owner: MONTEREY LICENSES, LLC)
- WWFS (1290 AM; 5 kW; PEORIA, IL; Owner: MONTEREY LICENSES, LLC)

Strongest FM radio stations in Sherman:

- WDBR (103.7 FM; SPRINGFIELD, IL; Owner: SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ILLINOIS, LLC)
- WLUJ (89.7 FM; SPRINGFIELD, IL; Owner: CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY RADIO, INC.)
- WMHX (93.9 FM; LINCOLN, IL; Owner: SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ILLINOIS, LLC)
- WYVR (97.7 FM; PETERSBURG, IL; Owner: LONG NINE, INC.)
- WFMB-FM (104.5 FM; SPRINGFIELD, IL; Owner: CAPSTAR TX LIMITED