## is a state in the Midwestern region of the United States.It is the 6th most populous state and 25th largest state in terms of land area, and is often noted as a microcosm of the entire country. Although today the state's largest population center is around Chicago in the northeastern part of the state, the state's European population grew first in the west, with French who settled along the Mississippi River, and gave the area the name Illinois country. After the American Revolutionary War established the United States, American settlers began arriving from Kentucky in the 1780s via the Ohio River, and the population grew from south to north. >3000 >3500 >2500 >2000 50 100 Miles 50 100 Kilometers Samantha Castro 23 January 2018 Projection: Albers Equal Area