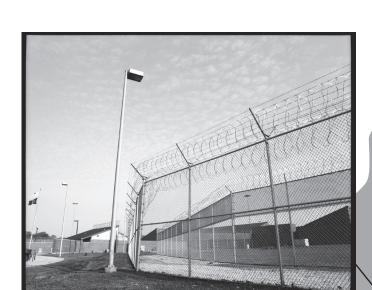
## Going Downstate

Going to prison in Illinois often means going downstate. Correctional centers are frequently located in small, rural towns quite distant from major population centers and often unserviced by public transportation, often making it very difficult and costly for families to visit. Furthermore, prison communities are frequently majority white, and in the not-so-distant past more than a few were "Sundown Towns" - communities that violently excluded African Americans from settling. Today, these towns find their populations swollen with largely minority prisoners double-bunked in overcrowded prisons. This map offers a glimpse into the complex and contradictory economies of money and (im)mobility produced by prisons in Illinois.

Map by Sarah Kanouse, Photos by Lauren Zadikow

homson Correctional Center is a thick-skinned prison built to house the state's most aggressive and violent inmates. Its design g

hound fare from Chicago to Moline: \$37 Greyhound travel time: 3 hours 30 minutes Miles from Greyl



## Centralia

Level 4: Medium-Security Adult Male Opened: October 1980 Capacity: 750 Average daily population 1,528 Total Centralia population: 14,136 (2000) Percentage of population represented by prisoners: 11% Annual cost per inmate: \$19,435 Per capita income: \$17,174 Miles from Chicago: 267 Drive time from Chicago: 4 hours 40 minutes Amtrak fare from Chicago: \$27 Amtrak travel time: 4 hours Highway miles from station to prison: 5

Estimated cab fare from station to prison: \$10

Estimated cab travel time: 10 minutes



## Menard

Maximum-Security Adult Male High Medium-Security Male Opened: March 1878 Capacity: 1,938 Average Daily Population: 3,315 Total Menard population: 5,185 (2000) Percentage of population represented by prisoners: 64% Annual cost per inmate: \$19,190 Per capita income: \$22,190 (2000) Highway miles from Chicago: 346 Drive time from Chicago: 5 hours 45 minutes Standard Amtrak fare from Chicago: \$30 Amtrak travel time: 5 hours 30 minutes Highway miles from Amtrak station to prison: 39 Estimated cab fare: \$85



Illinois Department of Corrections Adult Prison



Federal Bureau of Prisons Adult Prison



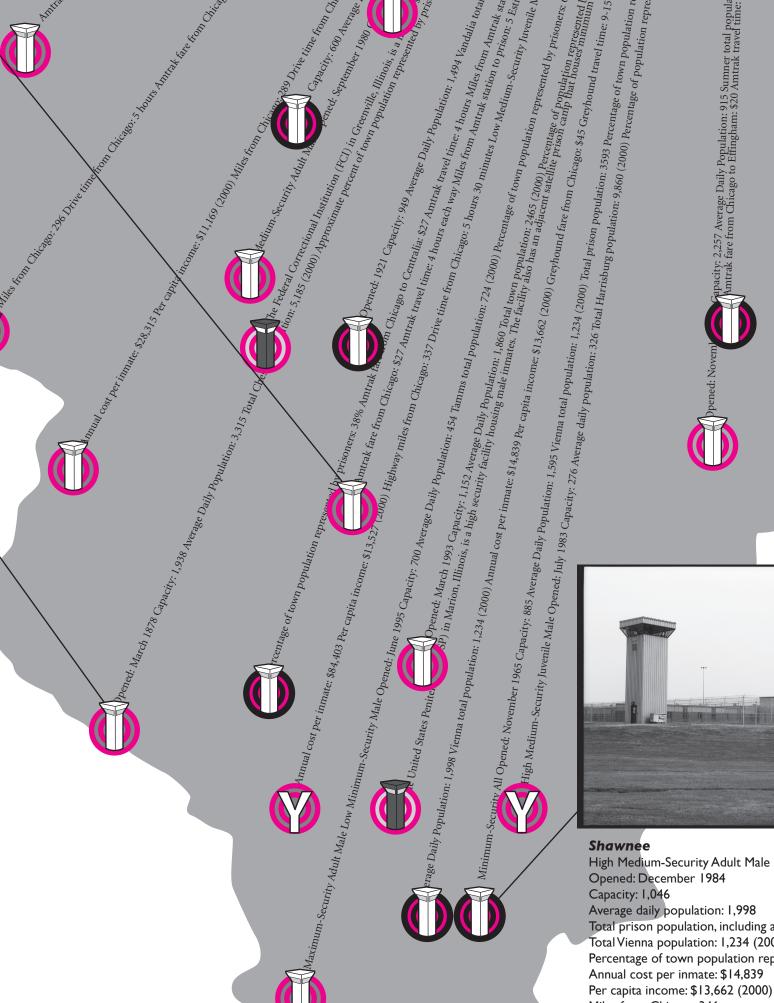
Illinois Department of Corrections Youth Prison



Illinois Adult Prison in Sundown Town



Federal Prison in Sundown Town





Estimated cab fare: \$16

Opened: December 1984 Capacity: 1,046 Average daily population: 1,998 Total prison population, including adjacent prison: 3593 (2005) Total Vienna population: 1,234 (2000) Percentage of town population represented by prisoners: 291% Annual cost per inmate: \$14,839 Per capita income: \$13,662 (2000)

Miles from Chicago: 346 Drive time from Chicago: 5 hours 30 minutes Standard Greyhound fare from Chicago: \$45 Greyhound travel time: 9-15 hours Miles from Greyhound station to prison: 7