

# Springfield Central Area Parking Study 2019



The Study Area is bounded on the north by Carpenter Street, on the east by Eleventh Street, on the south by Lawrence Avenue, and on the west by Pasfield Street, jogging one block west along Capitol Avenue and continuing north along Lewis Street beyond its end at Madison Street to Carpenter.

Report prepared for the Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS) by the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

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## Summary of Available Parking

	2019	2017	2015	2013
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>27,296</b>	<b>26,907</b>	<b>27,489</b>	<b>27,954</b>
<b>On-Street</b>	<b>2,208</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,304</b>
<b>Unmetered</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>820</b>
Unrestricted	178	189	214	193
Parallel	3	3	3	3
Perpendicular	70	70	77	78
Disabled	68	65	69	68
10-minute	10	11	13	12
13-minute	2	2	2	3
20-minute	33	29	32	40
30-minute	37	37	37	45
Two-hour	411	375	371	350
Five-hour	15	28	28	28
Eight-Hour	2	0	0	0
<b>Metered</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>1,484</b>
30-minute	84	83	96	102
One-hour	34	34	28	28
90-minute	5	5	5	5
Two-hour	719	708	735	787
Five-hour	229	255	241	242
Eight-hour	12	14	14	14
Nine-hour	296	297	285	306
<b>Off-Street</b>	<b>25,088</b>	<b>24,702</b>	<b>25,239</b>	<b>25,650</b>
Formal	17,837	17,479	17,447	17,692
Informal	4,798	4,937	5,407	5,517
General Public	1,634	1,522	1,695	1,714
Residential	819	764	690	727



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## 2019 Central Area Parking Survey Highlights

Based upon the results of the 2019 Central Area Parking Survey, the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) found:

- The number of parking spaces in the Parking Survey Study Area in 2019 totaled 27,278, an increase of 371 spaces from 2017, 92% of which are located off-street.
- Off-street parking available to the general public increased by 112 (1,522 to 1,634) from 2017 to 2019.
- Formal parking, limited to visitors or employees of a specific business or agency, increased by 354 spaces to 17,833, and comprises 71% of all off-street parking.
- Since 2011, off-street spaces have accounted for approximately 92% of the total, while eight percent were on-street.
- Since 2008, metered parking has made up five percent of the total, while unmetered has accounted for 95% of the total.
- Sixty-three percent of on-street parking is metered.

### Overall Trends

- There has been an overall decrease in parking over this ten-year period in most categories.
- General public, residential, and spaces reserved for persons with disabilities each increased respectively by 6.2%, 15.2%, and 17.3%.
- Since 2017, 371 spaces were added to the Study Area, 354 which were off-street formal.

### On-Street Trends

- Metered on-street parking in the Study Area decreased by 152 spaces (-9.9%).
- Unmetered on-street parking decreased by 137 spaces (-14.4%).
- Overall, on-street parking decreased by a total of 289 spaces (-11.6%).

### Off-Street Trends

- Formal off-street parking was down only 103 spaces (-0.6%) since 2009, but informal spaces saw a loss of 1,050 spots (-18.0%). The decrease in informal parking alone accounted for 84.8 percent of parking lost since 2009.
- Due to the addition of sixteen two-hour metered spaces in the underground structure at Lincoln Library, off-street metered spaces increased by five times the previous total of four.
- Off-street public parking increased by 96 spaces over the preceding decade and by 112 spaces since 2017, owing largely to completion of renovations at the Seventh and Monroe parking ramp.
- Residential parking increased 55 spaces (7%) from 2017 to 2019, 43 of which came from conversion of a former office building at Third and Monroe to luxury apartments and an expansion to the residential lot serving Sangamon Towers. This represented more than half the total change since 2009.

### Other Trends

- Parking for persons with disabilities increased by 122 spaces since 2009, with 56 of those alone (7.2%) added since 2017.
- Bike parking more than doubled (120.6%) since 2009, and increased by six (6%) parking locations since 2017.

