



2009 Report on Illinois Poverty: *Data for Counties in Senate District 1*

Four key indicators of well-being are assessed in each of Illinois' 102 counties: high school graduation rates, unemployment rates, teen birth rates, and poverty rates. Counties in Illinois are evaluated using a point system, with a higher number of points indicating a worse score. A county receives a point if its rate is worse than the state average and/or if they have worsened since the previous year. For each indicator a total of 2 points is possible, and overall a total of 8 points is possible. Counties that score 4 or 5 points are placed on the Watch List and counties that score 6, 7, or 8 points are placed on the Warning List.

County Well-Being Index

| County | High School Grad Rate, 2007-2008 | Point Change in Grad Rates from Previous Year | Teen Births (live births per 1,000 women age 15-19), 2006 | Point Change in Teen Births Previous Year | Unemployment Rate, Dec 2008 | Point Change in Unemployment Rate from Previous Dec | Poverty Rate, 2007 | Point Change in Poverty Rate from Previous Year | Watch or Warning List Status |
|----------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Illinois | 86.5% | 0.6% | 39.5 | 0.9 | 7.4% | 2.1% | 11.9% | -0.4% | N/A |
| Cook | 79.6% | 1.1% | 47.8 | 2.0 | 7.1% | 2.0% | 14.6% | -0.8% | Watch List |

Income and Poverty

| County | Number of People in Poverty, 2007 | Poverty Rate for Population Under Age 18, 2007 | Bankruptcies per 1,000 People, 2007 | Change in Bankruptcies per 1,000 People, 2006 to 2007 | Median Household Income, 2007 | Percent of Tax Filers Receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), 2006 | Percent of EITC Tax Filers Receiving a Refund Anticipation Loan or a Refund Anticipation Check, 2006 |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Illinois | 1,496,152 | 16.6 | 3.1 | 0.8 | \$54,141 | 15.1% | 46.4% |
| Cook | 759,038 | 21.6 | 3.2 | 0.9 | \$52,554 | 18.5% | 49.6% |

Employment

| County | Net Job Flow, 2007 | Change in Average New Hire Monthly Earnings, 2006 to 2007 | Percent Change in Average New Hire Monthly Earnings, 2006 to 2007 | Average Wage per Job, 2007 | Number of Unemployed Individuals, Dec 2008 | Percent Change in Number of Unemployed Individuals, Dec 2007 to Dec 2008 |
|----------|--------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| Illinois | 47,268 | \$90 | 3.9% | \$47,021 | 488,806 | 37.5% |
| Cook | 13,579 | \$71 | 2.8% | \$53,785 | 185,677 | 37.4% |

Housing

| County | Renters as a Percent of Total Households, 2000 | Fair Market Rent (FMR) for 2BR, 2009 | Estimate of Mean Renter Hourly Wage, 2009 | Monthly Rent Affordable at Mean Renter Wage, 2009 | Wage Needed to Afford 2BR FMR, 2009 | 2BR Housing Wage as a Percent of IL Minimum Wage, 2009 | Work Hours per Week at IL Minimum Wage to Afford 2BR FMR, 2009 |
|----------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Illinois | 33% | \$893 | \$15.33 | \$797 | \$17.17 | 222% | 89 |
| Cook | 42% | \$1,004 | \$18.64 | \$969 | \$19.31 | 249% | 100 |

Health and Education

| County | High School Grad Rate for Low-Income Students, 2007-2008 | Point Change in Grad Rate for Low-Income Students from Previous Year | Percent of Children Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2008 | Point Change in Percent of Children Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2000 to 2008 | Funded Head Start Enrollment, 2007 | Percentage of Babies Born Low Birth Weight, 2006 | Percentage of Adults Not Getting Needed Medication Due to Cost in the last Year, 2007-2009 |
|----------|--|--|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Illinois | 78.2% | 3.3% | 47.1% | 5.6% | 34,310 | 8.6% | n/a |
| Cook | 77.5% | 5.4% | 64.7% | 4.0% | 20,438 | 9.5% | 13.7% |