



2009 Report on Illinois Poverty: *Data for Counties in House District 21*

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%