



## 2009 Report on Illinois Poverty: Data for Counties in Senate District 37

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                          |
| Bureau   | 87.2%                            | -2.3%   | 28.7  | 1.2                                       | 8.2%                        | 2.2%  | 9.9%               | -0.9%   | watch list                   |
| Henry    | 89.8%                            | -2.1%   | 38.8  | 11.4                                      | 7.6%                        | 2.4%  | 9.8%               | 0.4%  | watch list                   |
| Knox     | 85.6%                            | 1.7%  | 42.0  | -5.5                                      | 7.1%                        | 1.0%  | 17.6%              | 2.0%  | watch list                   |
| Marshall | 88.5%                            | -9.1%   | 15.0  | -23.7                                     | 6.4%                        | 1.2%  | 8.1%               | -1.3%   | not on a list                |
| Peoria   | 88.8%                            | -2.4%   | 51.7  | 1.6                                       | 6.6%                        | 1.3%  | 13.6%              | -0.1%   | watch list                   |
| Woodford | 93.1%                            | -1.5%   | 17.2  | -6.8                                      | 5.0%                        | 1.0%  | 5.9%               | -0.5%   | not on a 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%  |
| Bureau   | 3,436                             | 14.0   | 3.4                                 | 1.2   | \$45,794                      | 14.1%   | 31.4%  |
| Henry    | 4,781                             | 13.3   | 2.7                                 | 0.6   | \$46,209                      | 13.4%   | 30.7%  |
| Knox     | 8,399                             | 25.8   | 4.1                                 | 0.9   | \$37,880                      | 17.7%   | 36.8%  |
| Marshall | 1,012                             | 12.4   | 3.4                                 | 0.4   | \$48,338                      | 12.2%   | 39.2%  |
| Peoria   | 23,935                            | 19.1   | 4.6                                 | 1.2   | \$47,150                      | 17.4%   | 58.0%  |
| Woodford | 2,179                             | 7.7  | 2.6                                 | 1.2   | \$62,349                      | 9.0%  | 38.1%  |

## 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%  |
| Bureau   | 38                 | \$116   | 7.0%  | \$32,138                   | 1,599                                      | 34.9%  |
| Henry    | 43                 | \$80  | 5.3%  | \$28,932                   | 2,140                                      | 44.9%  |
| Knox     | 32                 | \$104   | 7.2%  | \$29,892                   | 1,817                                      | 13.7%  |
| Marshall | -39                | \$263   | 17.9%   | \$29,751                   | 479  | 22.2%  |
| Peoria   | 1,286              | -\$43   | -2.1%   | \$41,258                   | 6,433                                      | 22.5%  |
| Woodford | 37                 | \$54  | 3.0%  | \$31,166                   | 1,068                                      | 22.1%  |

## 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   |
| Bureau   | 24%  | \$593                                | \$11.42                                   | \$594   | \$11.40                             | 147%   | 59   |
| Henry    | 21%  | \$642                                | \$9.45                                    | \$492   | \$12.35                             | 159%   | 64   |
| Knox     | 28%  | \$579                                | \$8.23                                    | \$428   | \$11.13                             | 144%   | 57   |
| Marshall | 20%  | \$684                                | \$9.46                                    | \$492   | \$13.15                             | 170%   | 68   |
| Peoria   | 32%  | \$684                                | \$11.87                                   | \$617   | \$13.15                             | 170%   | 68   |
| Woodford | 17%  | \$684                                | \$10.00                                   | \$520   | \$13.15                             | 170%   | 68   |

## 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  |
| Bureau   | 78.9%  | 10.6%  | 35.0%   | 11.1%   | 18                                 | 1.9%   | 8.5%   |
| Henry    | 75.0%  | -7.3%  | 32.9%   | 9.4%  | 128                                | 5.0%   | n/a  |
| Knox     | 74.4%  | 6.8%   | 47.6%   | 14.0%   | 0                                  | 8.2%   | 13.2%  |
| Marshall | 73.3%  | -13.7%   | 34.2%   | 10.4%   | 18                                 | 12.1%  | n/a  |
| Peoria   | 66.1%  | -20.9%   | 42.8%   | 4.6%  | 670                                | 8.7%   | 11.3%  |
| Woodford | 84.8%  | -6.0%  | 17.2%   | 3.3%  | 14                                 | 5.4%   | 6.1%   |