



2009 Report on Illinois Poverty: *Data for Counties in Senate District 47*

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
Adams	90.7%	0.7%	31.9	-9.3	5.7%	1.3%	11.8%	0.1%	not on a list
Brown	92.3%	-5.8%	44.1	8.6	3.8%	0.8%	16.1%	2.9%	warning list
Cass	92.4%	-3.2%	48.7	-0.5	5.6%	0.8%	12.0%	-1.2%	watch list
Fulton	88.1%	2.5%	37.0	2.5	7.7%	1.5%	12.6%	-1.4%	watch list
Hancock	98.1%	2.8%	47.8	9.5	9.7%	4.0%	10.8%	0.0%	watch list
Henderson	94.4%	-2.6%	24.8	5.2	8.1%	1.9%	11.4%	-0.1%	watch list
Mason	84.0%	-4.8%	52.8	7.0	9.4%	1.9%	12.5%	0.3%	warning list
McDonough	88.0%	-6.8%	11.6	-1.9	5.5%	1.1%	23.4%	0.5%	watch list
Mercer	97.2%	3.2%	22.1	-9.5	8.9%	2.6%	8.1%	-1.1%	not on a list
Pike	97.7%	12.5%	43.7	-0.4	6.3%	0.8%	13.7%	-0.9%	not on a list
Schuyler	97.1%	1.3%	23.8	19.1	5.6%	0.5%	12.1%	0.7%	watch list
Scott	91.3%	-1.8%	30.3	-4.6	7.8%	1.4%	10.5%	-1.4%	not on a list
Warren	89.6%	0.2%	29.9	6.4	6.2%	1.2%	12.9%	-0.4%	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%
Adams	7,562	16.1	2.8	0.5	\$43,602	15.4%	37.9%
Brown	736	15.4	2.1	0.9	\$42,205	13.5%	33.4%
Cass	1,616	16.1	2.6	0.9	\$40,318	17.8%	45.1%
Fulton	4,307	18.7	3.8	0.6	\$40,668	16.3%	39.5%
Hancock	2,000	15.7	2.0	-0.1	\$45,213	14.4%	22.6%
Henderson	854	17.9	1.9	-0.5	\$40,939	16.7%	29.4%
Mason	1,867	19.4	3.6	1.2	\$42,946	16.4%	46.6%
McDonough	6,293	21.8	2.2	0.6	\$34,690	16.2%	33.7%
Mercer	1,307	12.0	3.4	1.4	\$48,778	12.8%	26.9%
Pike	2,187	20.2	2.2	0.4	\$39,219	17.5%	46.2%
Schuyler	834	17.0	2.7	0.4	\$41,023	16.8%	32.3%
Scott	543	15.2	2.3	1.0	\$44,254	15.0%	37.2%
Warren	2,080	17.1	3.9	1.2	\$41,477	17.2%	27.3%

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%
Adams	701	\$73	4.5%	\$32,267	2,155	23.3%
Brown	81	\$13	0.6%	\$35,330	132	26.9%
Cass	33	\$86	5.1%	\$28,998	425	15.5%
Fulton	0	\$96	7.3%	\$26,344	1,400	21.8%
Hancock	16	\$6	0.4%	\$26,703	939	61.9%
Henderson	13	\$73	5.5%	\$24,205	339	29.9%
Mason	56	\$146	11.9%	\$27,891	697	22.5%
McDonough	46	-\$21	-1.5%	\$28,786	955	22.3%
Mercer	42	\$20	1.5%	\$26,316	817	40.9%
Pike	-311	\$78	5.6%	\$25,183	531	12.3%
Schuyler	17	-\$452	-23.7%	\$34,968	240	6.2%
Scott	150	\$109	6.5%	\$32,418	216	18.7%
Warren	234	\$244	15.2%	\$27,847	556	19.1%

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
Adams	26%	\$546	\$10.14	\$527	\$10.50	135%	54
Brown	26%	\$546	\$9.68	\$504	\$10.50	135%	54
Cass	25%	\$546	\$10.24	\$532	\$10.50	135%	54
Fulton	24%	\$546	\$7.62	\$396	\$10.50	135%	54
Hancock	20%	\$546	\$9.46	\$492	\$10.50	135%	54
Henderson	21%	\$546	\$8.09	\$421	\$10.50	135%	54
Mason	23%	\$546	\$9.05	\$471	\$10.50	135%	54
McDonough	37%	\$546	\$6.14	\$319	\$10.50	135%	54
Pike	23%	\$546	\$8.03	\$418	\$10.50	135%	54
Schuyler	21%	\$546	\$14.85	\$772	\$10.50	135%	54
Scott	22%	\$549	\$12.05	\$627	\$10.56	136%	54
Mercer	20%	\$642	\$9.10	\$473	\$12.35	159%	64
Warren	26%	\$546	\$10.08	\$524	\$10.50	135%	54

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
Adams	91.7%	11.0%	41.3%	6.1%	350	6.7%	9.5%
Brown	100.0%	0.0%	37.8%	13.3%	0	1.0%	7.0%
Cass	98.5%	8.5%	54.6%	15.3%	54	9.0%	n/a
Fulton	78.2%	5.8%	42.3%	5.5%	144	11.1%	9.3%
Hancock	74.7%	-11.2%	38.9%	8.8%	21	3.3%	10.4%
Henderson	92.6%	28.6%	44.2%	9.7%	0	8.5%	10.0%
Mason	69.3%	-14.8%	41.2%	9.7%	54	8.6%	n/a
McDonough	75.8%	-17.4%	42.1%	9.3%	54	6.4%	14.8%
Mercer	85.7%	-10.5%	29.6%	6.0%	38	6.7%	8.3%
Pike	98.0%	24.5%	39.5%	7.6%	58	4.9%	12.5%
Schuyler	68.0%	-25.8%	43.0%	9.3%	0	4.6%	11.3%
Scott	66.7%	-8.3%	33.7%	8.5%	0	8.8%	n/a
Warren	69.6%	-3.1%	45.9%	13.7%	0	8.0%	7.8%