



## 2009 Report on Illinois Poverty: *Data for Counties in Senate District 54*

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
Clay	91.8%	1.8%	57.2	9.3	9.4%	2.6%	13.7%	-2.0%	watch list
Clinton	93.9%	0.4%	37.7	13.3	7.4%	2.2%	9.5%	0.9%	not on a list
Edwards	88.9%	-11.1%	25.9	-9.3	7.3%	1.4%	11.6%	-0.1%	not on a list
Effingham	89.0%	-0.6%	42.1	11.0	6.3%	1.8%	10.1%	0.6%	watch list
Fayette	93.4%	4.8%	43.8	5.7	10.5%	3.2%	14.3%	-3.6%	watch list
Hamilton	93.0%	0.7%	41.0	23.4	8.2%	1.8%	12.5%	-3.8%	watch list
Jasper	97.9%	-2.1%	36.5	7.6	7.7%	2.1%	11.1%	-0.7%	watch list
Jefferson	83.1%	2.5%	51.0	1.0	7.8%	2.2%	15.7%	0.7%	warning list
Marion	84.0%	4.0%	59.5	-7.2	10.4%	3.1%	15.6%	-1.6%	watch list
Richland	97.9%	5.0%	24.1	-16.6	7.6%	2.2%	14.3%	-0.1%	not on a list
Wabash	89.3%	-8.5%	25.3	-14.1	8.2%	2.0%	12.6%	-1.1%	watch list
Wayne	91.8%	7.0%	64.5	6.6	7.7%	2.1%	14.7%	0.8%	warning list
White	97.5%	10.3%	55.3	13.6	7.9%	1.7%	14.1%	-1.4%	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%
Clay	1,846	18.8	2.0	0.0	\$36,401	20.5%	36.9%
Clinton	3,242	11.0	2.0	0.3	\$52,996	10.9%	34.0%
Edwards	756	15.4	1.8	-0.6	\$40,970	15.5%	27.1%
Effingham	3,425	12.9	2.4	-0.4	\$48,003	14.2%	33.9%
Fayette	2,828	21.0	2.8	1.4	\$38,527	19.5%	43.2%
Hamilton	1,008	20.3	2.7	0.8	\$37,500	16.4%	40.4%
Jasper	1,071	17.0	3.1	1.3	\$42,723	14.7%	31.6%
Jefferson	5,887	22.1	3.0	0.1	\$41,705	19.9%	51.2%
Marion	6,015	24.9	4.0	0.7	\$38,262	19.9%	52.3%
Richland	2,203	19.0	3.3	1.9	\$38,467	17.7%	37.5%
Wabash	1,509	19.7	2.2	0.9	\$45,931	16.4%	40.6%
Wayne	2,405	19.2	2.1	0.8	\$37,783	18.0%	37.5%
White	2,004	20.3	2.9	1.4	\$39,797	17.4%	42.0%

## 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%
Clay	-126	-\$62	-3.7%	\$29,181	646	34.9%
Clinton	271	\$119	8.6%	\$28,823	1,440	40.9%
Edwards	-191	-\$33	-2.1%	\$30,605	241	19.3%
Effingham	-164	-\$52	-3.3%	\$30,568	1,142	36.1%
Fayette	-13	-\$18	-1.3%	\$27,460	1,065	38.9%
Hamilton	24	\$316	23.5%	\$25,780	334	20.1%
Jasper	1	-\$299	-13.0%	\$30,711	409	41.5%
Jefferson	-202	\$10	0.6%	\$32,766	1,577	32.1%
Marion	-724	-\$82	-4.9%	\$30,755	1,947	43.9%
Richland	60	\$16	1.2%	\$27,551	576	38.1%
Wabash	-204	\$113	6.7%	\$30,960	510	30.1%
Wayne	44	\$154	12.0%	\$26,847	627	33.1%
White	-117	-\$5	-0.3%	\$29,281	630	27.8%

## 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
Clay	20%	\$546	\$9.58	\$498	\$10.50	135%	54
Clinton	20%	\$737	\$8.45	\$439	\$14.17	183%	73
Edwards	19%	\$546	\$9.47	\$492	\$10.50	135%	54
Effingham	24%	\$579	\$9.77	\$508	\$11.13	144%	57
Fayette	20%	\$546	\$8.56	\$445	\$10.50	135%	54
Hamilton	18%	\$546	\$6.64	\$345	\$10.50	135%	54
Jasper	17%	\$546	\$9.19	\$478	\$10.50	135%	54
Jefferson	26%	\$571	\$9.66	\$503	\$10.98	142%	57
Marion	23%	\$546	\$7.69	\$400	\$10.50	135%	54
Richland	24%	\$546	\$8.07	\$419	\$10.50	135%	54
Wabash	25%	\$546	\$8.08	\$420	\$10.50	135%	54
Wayne	20%	\$546	\$8.78	\$457	\$10.50	135%	54
White	22%	\$546	\$9.27	\$482	\$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
Clay	87.3%	2.5%	45.0%	12.2%	43	6.0%	n/a
Clinton	87.2%	20.5%	22.5%	3.3%	20	6.2%	8.7%
Edwards	61.1%	-38.9%	29.1%	0.4%	34	8.8%	16.3%
Effingham	72.3%	-18.2%	28.4%	6.3%	94	6.8%	n/a
Fayette	97.2%	5.6%	48.3%	14.2%	64	11.2%	n/a
Hamilton	85.2%	9.0%	40.1%	7.6%	24	10.0%	17.4%
Jasper	90.3%	-9.7%	38.1%	8.4%	34	14.5%	n/a
Jefferson	64.3%	-7.4%	47.7%	10.8%	473	10.1%	n/a
Marion	73.3%	2.1%	53.4%	16.0%	212	8.5%	18.3%
Richland	94.7%	18.4%	40.3%	4.3%	66	5.9%	n/a
Wabash	90.6%	-0.8%	33.0%	9.7%	31	9.5%	n/a
Wayne	87.1%	21.5%	41.5%	7.9%	57	6.0%	9.4%
White	100.0%	31.4%	42.3%	4.2%	32	6.7%	11.6%