



2009 Report on Illinois Poverty: *Data for Counties in Senate District 55*

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
Champaign	91.7%	-1.0%	22.1	-0.5	6.0%	1.2%	18.2%	-1.0%	not on a list
Clark	98.5%	6.8%	28.7	-7.9	10.7%	4.1%	11.5%	-0.4%	not on a list
Coles	88.1%	-0.7%	26.4	7.7	7.5%	2.5%	20.0%	2.3%	warning list
Crawford	92.6%	-2.7%	34.4	-3.2	7.8%	1.5%	14.7%	-0.8%	watch list
Cumberland	97.2%	-0.8%	21.7	-14.7	9.3%	3.4%	12.3%	0.4%	watch list
Douglas	98.2%	3.5%	35.2	10.2	7.3%	2.2%	8.7%	-0.9%	not on a list
Edgar	85.4%	-4.0%	56.7	8.4	9.3%	3.0%	12.9%	-0.1%	warning list
Effingham	89.0%	-0.6%	42.1	11.0	6.3%	1.8%	10.1%	0.6%	watch list
Lawrence	89.4%	2.4%	40.9	12.7	8.7%	3.1%	15.3%	-1.3%	watch list
Piatt	95.5%	-0.1%	25.2	9.4	5.7%	2.0%	6.8%	-0.5%	not on a list
Shelby	92.4%	0.9%	38.5	4.5	8.6%	2.9%	12.1%	1.5%	watch list
Wabash	89.3%	-8.5%	25.3	-14.1	8.2%	2.0%	12.6%	-1.1%	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%
Champaign	31,753	18.4	2.4	0.6	\$44,237	14.1%	46.9%
Clark	1,915	18.0	4.1	0.5	\$44,826	16.2%	45.0%
Coles	9,474	16.4	3.6	1.1	\$36,007	16.8%	45.6%
Crawford	2,664	20.9	4.3	1.3	\$41,724	15.8%	34.9%
Cumberland	1,317	17.4	3.7	1.2	\$40,875	16.2%	35.8%
Douglas	1,682	13.5	4.3	2.3	\$46,166	13.2%	39.0%
Edgar	2,335	18.3	4.0	0.9	\$40,544	17.8%	48.5%
Effingham	3,425	12.9	2.4	-0.4	\$48,003	14.2%	33.9%
Lawrence	2,184	21.2	3.1	1.3	\$37,921	17.3%	48.9%
Piatt	1,107	8.8	3.6	1.6	\$55,009	10.9%	34.4%
Shelby	2,597	14.7	2.3	0.8	\$41,337	15.4%	31.1%
Wabash	1,509	19.7	2.2	0.9	\$45,931	16.4%	40.6%

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%
Champaign	1,743	\$137	8.1%	\$34,363	6,342	24.6%
Clark	-130	\$134	9.1%	\$29,323	953	61.0%
Coles	-300	\$58	4.2%	\$28,177	2,020	42.2%
Crawford	-490	\$131	7.1%	\$36,259	759	22.0%
Cumberland	149	\$309	21.7%	\$25,761	537	51.3%
Douglas	144	\$157	10.2%	\$31,224	764	42.3%
Edgar	301	\$103	7.0%	\$29,476	960	42.9%
Effingham	-164	-\$52	-3.3%	\$30,568	1,142	36.1%
Lawrence	74	\$226	14.5%	\$29,155	702	48.7%
Piatt	154	\$251	17.6%	\$28,235	540	51.3%
Shelby	45	-\$55	-3.7%	\$25,944	945	47.4%
Wabash	-204	\$113	6.7%	\$30,960	510	30.1%

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
Champaign	44%	\$684	\$9.43	\$490	\$13.15	170%	68
Clark	22%	\$546	\$9.86	\$513	\$10.50	135%	54
Coles	38%	\$581	\$7.26	\$377	\$11.17	144%	58
Crawford	20%	\$546	\$13.17	\$685	\$10.50	135%	54
Cumberland	18%	\$569	\$7.86	\$409	\$10.94	141%	56
Douglas	23%	\$569	\$10.22	\$532	\$10.94	141%	56
Edgar	25%	\$546	\$9.31	\$484	\$10.50	135%	54
Effingham	24%	\$579	\$9.77	\$508	\$11.13	144%	57
Lawrence	23%	\$546	\$10.63	\$553	\$10.50	135%	54
Piatt	20%	\$684	\$10.15	\$528	\$13.15	170%	68
Shelby	19%	\$546	\$8.46	\$440	\$10.50	135%	54
Wabash	25%	\$546	\$8.08	\$420	\$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
Champaign	78.8%	-6.4%	41.0%	9.6%	278	8.3%	10.3%
Clark	95.5%	12.2%	36.1%	10.5%	46	6.8%	n/a
Coles	75.2%	-9.0%	37.9%	9.8%	112	6.1%	12.1%
Crawford	92.2%	9.1%	41.1%	11.6%	45	9.3%	n/a
Cumberland	95.8%	7.8%	31.4%	9.0%	30	9.5%	10.6%
Douglas	82.5%	-9.5%	30.4%	13.0%	34	5.9%	9.3%
Edgar	86.8%	-8.3%	43.0%	12.8%	61	6.6%	16.4%
Effingham	72.3%	-18.2%	28.4%	6.3%	94	6.8%	n/a
Lawrence	81.6%	-3.0%	46.6%	9.0%	67	7.8%	14.7%
Piatt	86.5%	7.1%	22.5%	5.0%	13	7.3%	n/a
Shelby	75.0%	7.8%	32.5%	5.5%	34	6.0%	n/a
Wabash	90.6%	-0.8%	33.0%	9.7%	31	9.5%	n/a