



2009 Report on Illinois Poverty: *Data for Counties in Senate District 56*

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
Jersey	94.8%	-2.0%	35.2	7.1	7.8%	2.0%	9.7%	0.7%	watch list
Madison	89.8%	1.5%	43.0	4.8	8.1%	2.4%	11.3%	-0.9%	watch list
St. Clair	89.8%	1.2%	57.2	6.0	8.8%	2.2%	15.8%	2.8%	warning 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%
Jersey	2,090	13.1	1.9	0.1	\$54,031	13.2%	37.6%
Madison	29,678	15.4	4.2	0.8	\$52,073	14.1%	47.6%
St. Clair	40,543	25.9	4.9	0.4	\$46,428	20.0%	58.8%

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%
Jersey	86	\$20	1.5%	\$26,879	919	30.9%
Madison	493	\$128	7.2%	\$35,224	11,252	39.7%
St. Clair	-18	\$255	17.3%	\$27,317	11,045	32.2%

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
Jersey	22%	\$737	\$7.44	\$387	\$14.17	183%	73
Madison	26%	\$737	\$10.20	\$530	\$14.17	183%	73
St. Clair	33%	\$737	\$10.90	\$567	\$14.17	183%	73

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
Jersey	100.0%	0.0%	31.7%	8.6%	34	7.0%	13.6%
Madison	83.4%	-0.2%	37.3%	7.5%	762	8.3%	13.8%
St. Clair	78.8%	15.6%	40.5%	1.4%	629	3.6%	12.4%