



2009 Report on Illinois Poverty: *Data for Counties in Senate District 59*

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
Alexander	87.2%	-8.0%	76.4	-17.8	8.2%	-0.5%	27.7%	1.0%	watch list
Franklin	90.7%	-1.2%	58.3	20.6	10.0%	1.7%	17.6%	-1.5%	warning list
Gallatin	100.0%	0.0%	84.7	9.4	9.5%	1.9%	19.9%	0.8%	warning list
Hamilton	93.0%	0.7%	41.0	23.4	8.2%	1.8%	12.5%	-3.8%	watch list
Hardin	100.0%	5.9%	37.3	-0.9	9.9%	1.0%	20.9%	2.8%	watch list
Johnson	99.3%	3.7%	52.3	26.9	8.7%	1.9%	14.2%	-2.9%	watch list
Massac	95.7%	2.5%	60.5	3.1	7.9%	1.9%	15.0%	1.3%	warning list
Pope	81.8%	-6.0%	22.6	-21.2	9.0%	1.4%	21.0%	3.4%	warning list
Pulaski	91.3%	-8.7%	87.7	15.5	9.6%	2.1%	24.2%	-1.1%	warning list
Saline	82.4%	-2.5%	57.7	-2.9	8.8%	1.3%	18.6%	-2.8%	warning list
Union	86.0%	-0.5%	62.3	23.7	9.7%	1.3%	20.9%	4.7%	warning list
White	97.5%	10.3%	55.3	13.6	7.9%	1.7%	14.1%	-1.4%	watch list
Williamson	94.8%	-3.3%	35.2	-6.9	7.4%	0.9%	16.3%	0.5%	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%
Alexander	2,195	43.2	7.5	1.3	\$28,443	35.1%	64.1%
Franklin	6,834	26.1	6.1	1.2	\$33,963	21.9%	52.7%
Gallatin	1,187	29.1	2.7	-1.2	\$33,799	19.7%	46.5%
Hamilton	1,008	20.3	2.7	0.8	\$37,500	16.4%	40.4%
Hardin	893	32.8	1.8	-0.8	\$33,455	20.5%	58.4%
Johnson	1,519	18.4	3.8	0.6	\$42,277	17.0%	41.5%
Massac	2,210	21.9	4.4	0.1	\$38,461	21.9%	60.0%
Pope	855	30.1	3.8	3.1	\$36,421	17.7%	37.6%
Pulaski	1,502	37.2	6.6	0.8	\$31,087	30.4%	57.9%
Saline	4,621	28.1	3.3	-0.1	\$33,724	21.5%	57.9%
Union	3,748	23.6	2.9	-0.3	\$37,923	19.2%	44.3%
White	2,004	20.3	2.9	1.4	\$39,797	17.4%	42.0%
Williamson	10,184	23.0	5.4	0.9	\$38,914	19.0%	48.0%

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%
Alexander	-27	\$101	6.1%	\$30,624	292	-7.6%
Franklin	177	-\$11	-0.8%	\$29,343	1,758	14.2%
Gallatin	-102	\$73	3.9%	\$39,736	253	22.2%
Hamilton	24	\$316	23.5%	\$25,780	334	20.1%
Hardin	18	\$114	7.6%	\$25,828	167	6.4%
Johnson	57	\$47	2.7%	\$29,557	444	23.3%
Massac	102	-\$157	-8.5%	\$36,033	586	28.8%
Pope	-61	\$501	44.5%	\$25,909	175	16.7%
Pulaski	-52	\$223	12.9%	\$29,345	292	24.3%
Saline	192	\$364	22.6%	\$30,783	1,089	13.4%
Union	-90	-\$30	-2.3%	\$28,059	816	10.0%
White	-117	-\$5	-0.3%	\$29,281	630	27.8%
Williamson	-813	\$48	3.1%	\$31,901	2,619	9.1%

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
Alexander	28%	\$546	\$6.86	\$357	\$10.50	135%	54
Franklin	22%	\$546	\$8.40	\$437	\$10.50	135%	54
Gallatin	19%	\$546	\$10.92	\$568	\$10.50	135%	54
Hamilton	18%	\$546	\$6.64	\$345	\$10.50	135%	54
Hardin	20%	\$546	\$8.02	\$417	\$10.50	135%	54
Johnson	15%	\$546	\$6.07	\$316	\$10.50	135%	54
Massac	21%	\$546	\$10.75	\$559	\$10.50	135%	54
Pope	18%	\$546	\$5.77	\$300	\$10.50	135%	54
Pulaski	24%	\$546	\$8.85	\$460	\$10.50	135%	54
Saline	24%	\$546	\$8.91	\$463	\$10.50	135%	54
Union	25%	\$546	\$6.81	\$354	\$10.50	135%	54
White	22%	\$546	\$9.27	\$482	\$10.50	135%	54
Williamson	26%	\$546	\$8.76	\$456	\$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
Alexander	80.6%	-7.1%	78.0%	-0.5%	132	9.8%	20.8%
Franklin	89.0%	6.6%	50.1%	10.1%	153	7.5%	n/a
Gallatin	78.9%	-21.1%	47.1%	3.7%	32	7.7%	18.6%
Hamilton	85.2%	9.0%	40.1%	7.6%	24	10.0%	17.4%
Hardin	63.0%	-2.0%	54.6%	5.2%	38	17.0%	23.8%
Johnson	100.0%	4.9%	48.1%	13.3%	95	7.4%	11.5%
Massac	97.1%	5.7%	48.9%	10.2%	121	13.1%	19.1%
Pope	76.5%	-5.9%	49.9%	15.9%	18	0.0%	20.2%
Pulaski	82.0%	-18.0%	77.3%	-6.8%	78	9.0%	29.2%
Saline	76.0%	8.9%	54.9%	19.3%	152	9.2%	11.3%
Union	88.8%	9.7%	47.5%	5.6%	105	8.1%	21.3%
White	100.0%	31.4%	42.3%	4.2%	32	6.7%	11.6%
Williamson	94.8%	-1.5%	42.0%	3.7%	211	8.8%	n/a