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Poverty & Well-Being in Illinois Senate District 57 2019

Sen. Christopher Belt

27,143 people live in poverty and 20,900 live in extreme poverty in Senate District 57.

7,852 households in Senate District 57 are severely rent burdened, meaning they pay more than half of their income toward housing. In Illinois, nearly 1 in 4 renters is severely rent burdened.

Across the state, 381,542 working Illinoisans live in poverty. 8,027 of these workers live in Senate District 57.

15,053 households in Senate District 57 receive SNAP (food stamps) to help feed their families.

8,540 children are living in extreme poverty in Senate District 57. There are 242,525 children living in extreme poverty in Illinois.

402 people in Senate District 57 are on parole, and an estimated 5.0 million adults in Illinois (50%) have an arrest or conviction record, which act as substantial barriers to work, housing, and well-being.

47,521 children, parents, and other eligible adults (ages 19-64) are insured by Medicaid in Senate District 57, 12,451 of whom are eligible due to the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion.

Federal Poverty Level for a family of 3 (Annual Income):

Extreme Poverty: $9,758

Poverty: $19,515

Poverty undermines the basic human rights of your constituents, who are part of the 1.2 million Illinoisans living in poverty – 781,507 of whom live in extreme poverty. Together we can work to end poverty in Illinois.

Federal Poverty Thresholds (Weighted Average), 2018

Family Size	Extreme Poverty (0-49% FPL)	Poverty (0-99% FPL)	Low Income (100-199% FPL)
	$6,244	$12,488	$24,976
	$7,939	$15,877	$31,754
	$9,758	$19,515	$39,030
	$12,547	$25,094	$50,188

U.S. Census Bureau's poverty thresholds for 2018 by size of family and number of related children under 18 years.

Data Sources and Notes

Legislative district fact sheets were compiled by the Social IMPACT Research Center at Heartland Alliance.

Poverty, extreme poverty, working poor, severe rent burden, SNAP, and Medicaid data come from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-year estimates program.

Parole data comes from the Illinois Department of Corrections, on file with the author. The number of Illinoisans with a record comes from the National Employment Law Project's analysis of Bureau of Justice Statistics' data. Available here: https://s27147.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/FairChanceLicensing-v3-2018.pdf. The estimated percent and number of Illinois adults with arrest and conviction records was updated on March 25, 2019 to reflect the most recent estimates.

Visit www.heartlandalliance.org/policy-and-advocacy for other Illinois Senate and House District fact sheets on poverty and well-being.

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