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Extreme Poverty in Illinois Senate District 56

There are 30,687 people in poverty and 15,385 in extreme poverty in Illinois Senate District 56.

16,976 people in Senate District 56 received EITC, helping to raise them out of poverty.

Across the state, 382,247 working Illinoisans live in poverty. 7,164 of these workers live in Senate District 56.

6,387 households in Senate District 56 are severely rent burdened, meaning that they pay more than 50% of their income toward housing. In Illinois, 1 in 4 renters are severely rent burdened.

The average consumer debt in Senate District 56 is 9,433 *

34,071 people in Senate District 56 receive SNAP (food stamps) to help feed their families and themselves.

39,187 children, parents and other eligible adults (age 19-64) are insured by Medicaid in Senate District 56.

Poverty undermines the basic human rights of your constituents. Together we can work to end poverty in Illinois.

In Illinois, **1.85 million** residents are living in poverty, with incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Threshold. At least **855,000** of these Illinoisans are living in extreme

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Federal Poverty Thresholds, 2013

Family Size	Extreme Poverty (0-49% FPL)	Poverty (0-99% FPL)	Low Income (100-199% FPL)
	$5,944	$11,888	$23,776
	$7,571	$15,142	$30,284
	$9,276	$18,552	$37,104
	$11,917	$23,834	$47,668

U.S. Census Bureau's poverty thresholds for 2013 by size of family and number of related children under 18 years.

*Based on average debt per tradeline in the district area. A person may have multiple tradelines that include auto loans, credit card debt, student loans, mortgages, and other types of debt.