

ILLINOIS' CHILDREN

Illinois's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	12,869,259	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	21.6%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	3,096,540	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	20.1%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	15.0%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	24.6%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, 25,832 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Illinois, a rate of 8.3 per 1,000 children, representing a 10.4% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 75.6% were neglected, 20.0% were physically abused, and 16.7% were sexually abused.⁸
- The number of child victims has decreased 16.8% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.⁹
- Illinois responds to lower risk, higher safety reports through alternative response services to address family issues. 2,245 reports were responded to in this way in 2011.¹⁰
- In 2011, 82 children in Illinois died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹¹
- In 2011, 17,641 children in Illinois lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 17,730 children in 2010. In 2011, 6,496 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 3,795 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 1.2% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹³
- Of Illinois children in out-of-home care in 2011, 39.4% were white, 53.0% black, 5.4% Hispanic, 0.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.3% Asian or Pacific Islander and 0.1% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁴

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 4,506 children exiting out-of-home care in Illinois in 2011, 41.6% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁵
- In 2011, 1,217 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Illinois, a 0.2% increase from 1,214 in 2010.¹⁶
- Of the 17,641 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 3,294 or 18.7% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2011, approximately 98,568 Illinois grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- Of the 17,641 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 6,059 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹
- Of all Illinois children in kinship care in 2010, 15.5% were white, 16.3% black, 1.7% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.1% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 16.3% of more than one race or ethnicity.²⁰

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Illinois increased from 62,009 in 2010 to 83,012 in 2011, an increase of 33.9%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 28,471, a 28.3% increase from 2010.²¹
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Illinois families living in poverty, only 11 received TANF benefits.²²
- In 2011, \$1,311,050,647 was spent in Illinois on TANF assistance, including 8% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 92% on nonassistance.²³

- In 2011, 177,201,732 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Illinois, serving 295,409 participants.²⁴
- In 2011, Illinois distributed \$824,409,921 in child support funds, a 3.2% increase from 2010.²⁵
- In 2011 in Illinois, 387,003 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 30% of them are families with children.²⁶

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Illinois had a monthly average of 71,600 children served by subsidized child care; 68,000 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 68,300 in 2008.²⁷
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Illinois, a family of three could make no more than \$34,284, which is equivalent to 51% of the state's median income.²⁸
- As of early 2012, Illinois had no waiting list for child care assistance.²⁹
- In 2011, Head Start served 41,703 Illinois children, a 5.8% increase from 2010.³⁰

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 1,630,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Illinois—64% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³¹
- In 2011, Illinois had 336,885 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 2.4% increase from 2010, when 329,104 children were enrolled.³²
- In 2011, Illinois had 191,000 uninsured children, representing 6% of its child population.³³
- In 2010, 13,666 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Illinois.³⁴
- In 2010, 1,055 infants under age 1 died in Illinois.³⁵
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Illinois was 17 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 57. This reflects a total rate of 33 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁶
- Cumulative through 2011, 40,531 adults and adolescents, as well as 287 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Illinois.³⁷
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 71,000 children ages 12–17 and 858,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Illinois.³⁸

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 917 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Illinois.³⁹
- In 2011, 61,000 Illinois teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2011, 187,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 43,000 children ages 12–17 in Illinois needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 42,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2010, 77 Illinois children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.2 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 142 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Illinois, a 8% decrease from 154 in 2009.⁴⁵
- In 2011, 24,136 children younger than 18 were arrested in Illinois, a 9.0% decrease from 26,605 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 2,380 were for violent crimes.⁴⁶
- In 2010, 2,217 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Illinois.⁴⁷

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁸

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well being for children.⁴⁹
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁵⁰
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.⁵¹

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR ILLINOIS'S CHILDREN

- Out of 17,641 children in out-of-home care in Illinois in 2011, only 8,131, or 46%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵²
- In 2010, Illinois spent \$1,231,000,669 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$625,749,677 was from federal funds, \$605,250,992 from state funds, and \$0 from local funds.⁵³
- In 2010, of the \$625,749,677 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$307,727,907 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$27,356,670 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$13,395,529 was from Medicaid, \$21,295,432 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$234,633,334 was from TANF, and \$21,340,805 came from other federal sources.⁵⁴
- Illinois received \$201,165,250 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$74,763,219 for maintenance payments, and \$83,944,855 for administration and child placement.⁵⁵
- Illinois received \$92,838,354 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$82,607,317 for assistance payments, \$9,929,351 for administration and child placement, and \$195,439 for staff and provider training.⁵⁶

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Note: The component funding streams may not equal the total, depending on additional child support, pre-placement, and demonstration funds for this state.

⁵⁶ Ibid.

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