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POVERTY, INCOME, & HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE ILLINOIS AND CHICAGO REGION

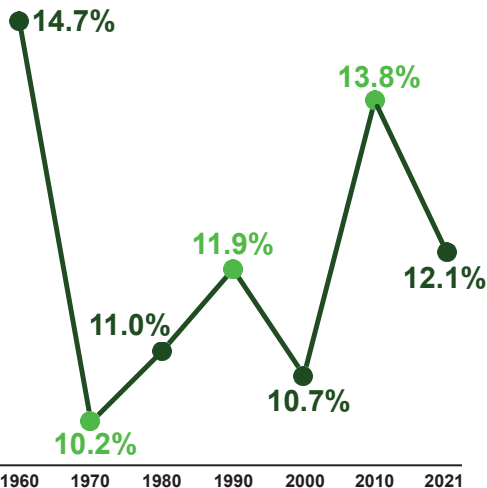
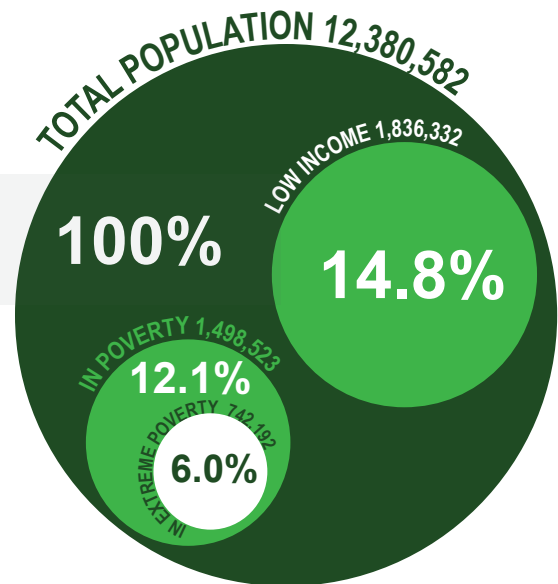


Poverty rates increased and household incomes were stagnant in Illinois from 2019 to 2021. This data reflects 2021, when COVID-19 pandemic-related government assistance provided some relief, suggesting that the financial picture is likely much worse today.

The poverty rate for the United States was 12.8% in 2021, an increase of 0.5 percentage points from 2019, equaling a total of 41.4 million people in poverty nationwide. In 2021, 1.5 million Illinoisans were in poverty—a rate of 12.1%. Additionally, 1.8 million Illinoisans are near poor and economically insecure with incomes between 100% and 199% of the federal poverty threshold.

The data also revealed that uninsured rates declined in Illinois and throughout the nation in 2021 with more people relying on public insurance options.

Over **one-fourth of Illinoisans are poor or low income.**



Illinois lost the gains it had made in **reducing poverty in 2019**; when the poverty rate fell below pre-2008 recession levels for the first time since.

Children, women, and people of color have the highest poverty rates.



Group	Number of people in poverty	Rate
Total	1,498,523	12.1%
Children	442,261	16.0%
Working Age	851,062	11.2%
Seniors	205,200	10.0%
White	617,328	8.5%
Black	408,495	24.8%
Latino	332,164	14.8%
Asian	75,121	10.5%

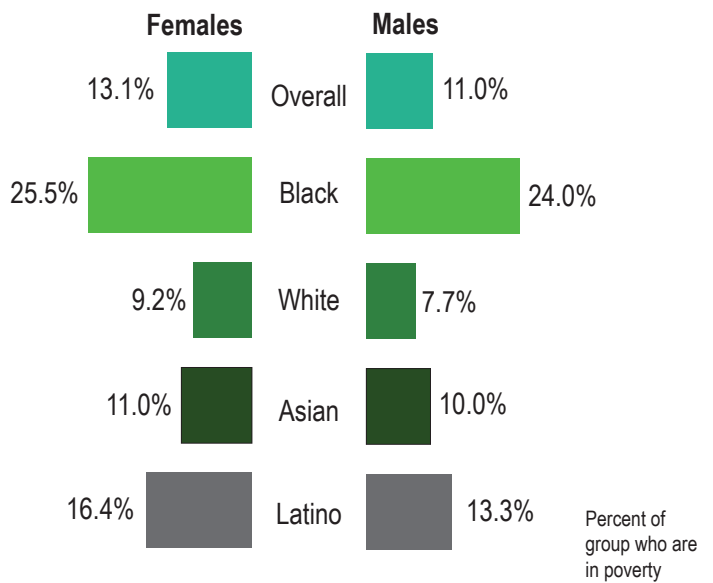
Poverty, Income, & Insurance in Illinois

	2007		2019		2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poverty	1,496,248	11.9	1,420,542	11.5	1,498,523*	12.1*
Extreme Poverty	667,578	5.3	630,012	5.1	742,192*	6.0*
Low Income/Near Poor	2,029,262	16.2	1,854,973	15.0	1,836,332	14.8
Related Child Poverty	511,142	16.3	427,008	15.5	434,684	15.8
No Health Insurance [†]	1,556,067	13.9	906,600	8.6	858,816	8.2*
Median Household Income [^]	\$71,410	--	\$72,864	--	\$72,205	--
Med. earnings, full-time year-round workers [^]	--	--	\$ 54,611	--	\$ 57,623*	--



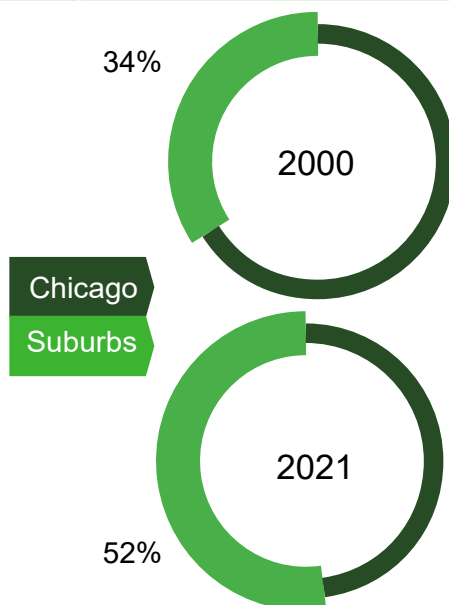
Certain gender and racial groups are much more likely to experience poverty than others: black children in Illinois are almost four times as likely as white children to live in poverty.

In Illinois, black women experience poverty at a rate 3.3 times higher than white men, while black men's poverty rate is 3.1 times higher and Latina women's is 2.1 times higher than white men's.



Poverty, Income, & Insurance in Chicago

	2007		2019		2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poverty	550,580	20.5	432,385	16.4	451,479	17.1
Extreme Poverty	244,498	9.1	191,655*	7.3	223,769	8.5*
Low Income/Near Poor	554,636	20.6	476,919	18.1	464,748	17.6
Related Child Poverty	201,748	30.6	125,202	22.9	128,224	24.1
No Health Insurance [†]	514,853	21.2	253,337	11.0	254,680	11.0
Median Household Income [^]	\$60,038	--	\$65,096	--	\$66,576	--
Med. earnings, full-time year-round workers [^]	--	--	\$56,183	--	\$62,010*	--



The share of the Chicago region's poor in the suburbs has grown substantially between 2000 and 2021.

6-County Chicago Region

	2007		2019		2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poverty	936,259	11.3	861,308	10.6	939,819	11.5*
Extreme Poverty	416,119	5.0	372,543	4.6	466,762	5.7*
Low Income/Near Poor	1,277,860	15.4	1,149,371	14.1	1,146,310	14.0
Related Child Poverty	339,216	15.8	267,666	14.6	274,969	15.1
No Health Insurance [†]	1,125,811	15.1	670,435*	9.6*	627,914	9.0*

Poverty by County (6-County Region)





	2007		2019		2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Cook County	758,802	14.6	657,797	13.0	703,587*	13.8*
DuPage County	41,366	4.5	53,282	5.9	62,873	6.9
Kane County	37,750	7.6	43,021	8.2	43,052	8.5
Lake County	42,197	6.1	48,035	7.1	58,120	8.4
McHenry County	17,943	5.7	15,508	5.1	17,379	5.6
Will County	38,201	5.8	43,665	6.4	54,808*	8.0*

Measuring Poverty

Official poverty data are based on the federal poverty thresholds, which are used to determine poverty status. The measure is not geographically specific and does not reflect what it takes for families to make ends meet.

Far more people struggle to make ends meet than the official poverty data suggest. The Living Wage Calculator shows that it takes a family of 3 (adult and two children) \$90,469 to be economically secure in Illinois.

2021 FEDERAL POVERTY THRESHOLDS (WEIGHTED AVERAGE)

Family Size	Extreme Poverty (0-49% FPL)	Poverty (0-99% FPL)	Low Income (100-199% FPL)
	\$7,049	\$14,097	\$28,194
	\$9,073	\$18,145	\$36,290
	\$10,598	\$21,196	\$42,391
	\$13,974	\$27,949	\$55,898

* Denotes change from prior year in table is statistically significant. † Health insurance coverage estimates reflect 2008—the first year they were collected—rather than 2007. Estimates are for the population under age 65. 2008 data revised to reflect recent revisions from the Census. ^ Dollar amounts reported in 2021 dollars. 6-County region includes the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will.

National data come from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. All sub-national data are derived from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 1-year estimates program. The most recent American Community Survey estimates reflect 2021 income, poverty, and health insurance coverage, which are the most current data available for geographies with populations over 65,000. For more information on the American Community Survey, visit www.census.gov/acs/www/.

Statistical significance refers to the probability that the observed changes are "true" rather than the result of an error in sampling or estimation. Data included here are statistically significant at the 90th percentile.

The Living Wage Calculator was created by Dr. Amy K. Glasmeier at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Available at <http://livingwage.mit.edu/>