

# HEARTLAND ALLIANCE

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

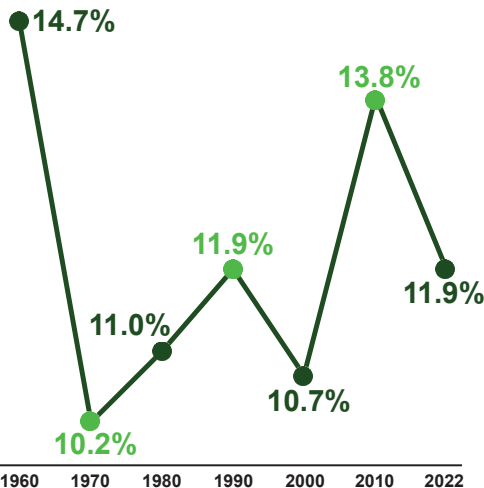
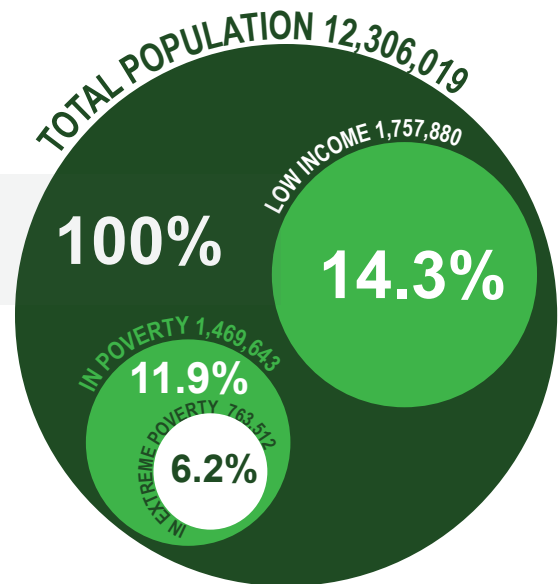


Poverty rates and household incomes remained steady from 2021 to 2022; consequently, Illinoisans' economic well-being did not improve in 2022, which reflects the expiration of pandemic-related government assistance and demonstrates the immediate need for expanded and sustained federal and state aid.

The poverty rate for the United States was 12.6% in 2022, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from 2021, totaling nearly 40 million people in poverty nationwide. In 2022, 1.5 million Illinoisans were in poverty—a rate of 11.9%. Additionally, 1.8 million Illinoisans were defined as "near poor" and economically insecure with incomes between 100% and 199% of the federal poverty threshold.

The data also revealed that uninsured rates significantly declined in Illinois in 2022, down by 0.5 percentage points from 2021 with more people relying on public insurance options.

More than **one-quarter of Illinoisans are poor or low income.**



**Illinois has yet to return to historically low pre-pandemic poverty rates.**

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



Illinois	Number of people in poverty	Rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,469,643</b>	<b>11.9%</b>
Children (0-17)	424,983	15.9%
<b>Working Age (18-64)</b>	<b>830,755</b>	<b>11.0%</b>
Seniors (65+)	213,905	10.2%
<b>White</b>	<b>605,460</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
Black	412,125	25.4%
<b>Latino</b>	<b>306,744</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
Asian	71,925	9.7%

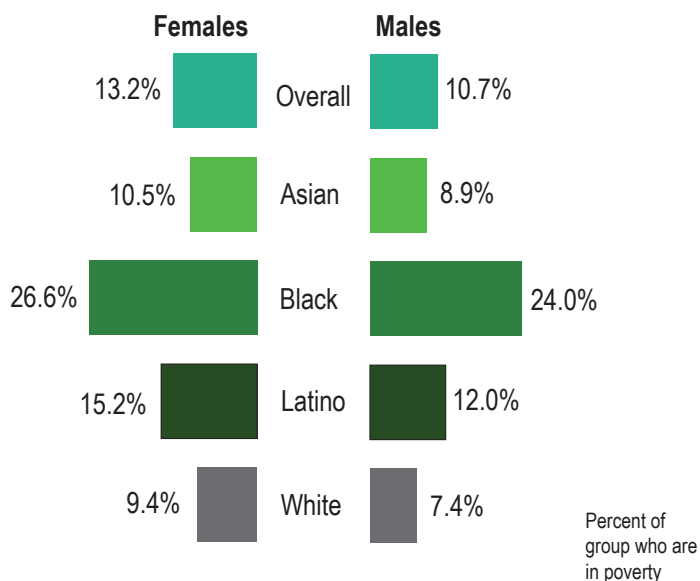
## Poverty, Income, & Insurance in Illinois

	2007		2021		2022	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poverty	1,496,248	11.9	1,498,523	12.1	1,469,643	11.9
Extreme Poverty	667,578*	5.3*	742,192	6.0	763,512	6.2
Low Income/Near Poor	2,029,262*	16.2*	1,836,332*	14.8	1,757,880	14.3
Related Child Poverty	511,142*	16.3	434,684	15.8	414,933	15.6
No Health Insurance†	1,556,067*	13.9*	858,816*	8.2*	796,570	7.7
Median Household Income^	\$76,092	--	\$76,729	--	\$ 76,708	--
Med. earnings, full-time year-round workers^	--	--	\$61,233*		\$60,437	



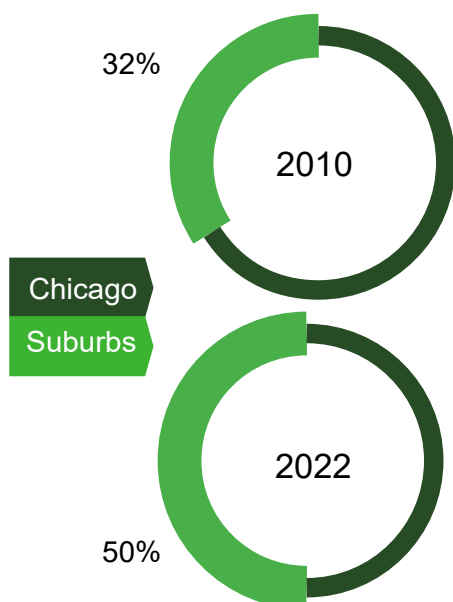
**Certain gender and racial groups are much more likely to experience poverty than others:** black children in Illinois are four times as likely as white children to live in poverty.

In Illinois, black women experience poverty at a rate 3.6 times higher than white men, while black men's poverty rate is 3.2 times higher and Latina women's is 2.1 times higher than white men's.



## Poverty, Income, & Insurance in Chicago

	2007		2021		2022	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poverty	550,580*	20.5*	451,479	17.1	450,869	17.2
Extreme Poverty	244,498	9.1	223,769	8.5	239,627	9.2
Low Income/Near Poor	554,636*	20.6*	464,748	17.6	438,721	16.8
Related Child Poverty	201,748*	30.6*	128,224	24.1	131,111	25.7
No Health Insurance†	514,853*	21.2*	254,680	11.0	240,662	10.6
Median Household Income^	\$63,974*	--	\$70,747	--	\$70,386	--
Med. earnings, full-time year-round workers^	--	--	\$65,895	--	\$63,046*	--



The share of the Chicago region's poor in the suburbs has grown substantially resulting in similar rates.

# 6-County Chicago Region

	2007		2021		2022	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Poverty	936,259	11.3	939,819	11.5	903,544	11.1
Extreme Poverty	416,119*	5.0*	466,762	5.7	471,032	5.8
Low Income/Near Poor	1,277,860*	15.4*	1,146,310*	14.0*	1,085,651	13.3
Related Child Poverty	339,216*	15.8	274,969	15.1	260,422	14.8
No Health Insurance†	1,125,811*	15.1*	627,914	9.0*	606,685	8.8

## Poverty by County (6-County Region)





	2007		2021		2022	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Cook County	758,802*	14.6*	703,587	13.8	682,858	13.6
DuPage County	41,366*	4.5*	62,873	6.9	61,047	6.7
Kane County	37,750	7.6	43,052	8.5	39,462	7.8
Lake County	42,197*	6.1*	58,120	8.4	55,201	8.0
McHenry County	17,943	5.7	17,379	5.6	17,153	5.5
Will County	38,201*	5.8	54,808*	8.0*	47,823	6.9

## 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) \$97,365 to be economically secure in Illinois.

### 2022 FEDERAL POVERTY THRESHOLDS (WEIGHTED AVERAGE)

Family Size	Extreme Poverty (0-49% FPL)	Poverty (0-99% FPL)	Low Income (100-199% FPL)
	\$7,613	\$15,225	\$30,450
	\$9,799	\$19,597	\$39,194
	\$11,446	\$22,892	\$45,784
	\$15,093	\$30,186	\$60,372

\* Denotes statistical significance in difference between estimates in 2007 (or 2021) and estimates in 2022. † 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 2022 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 2022 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/](http://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/>