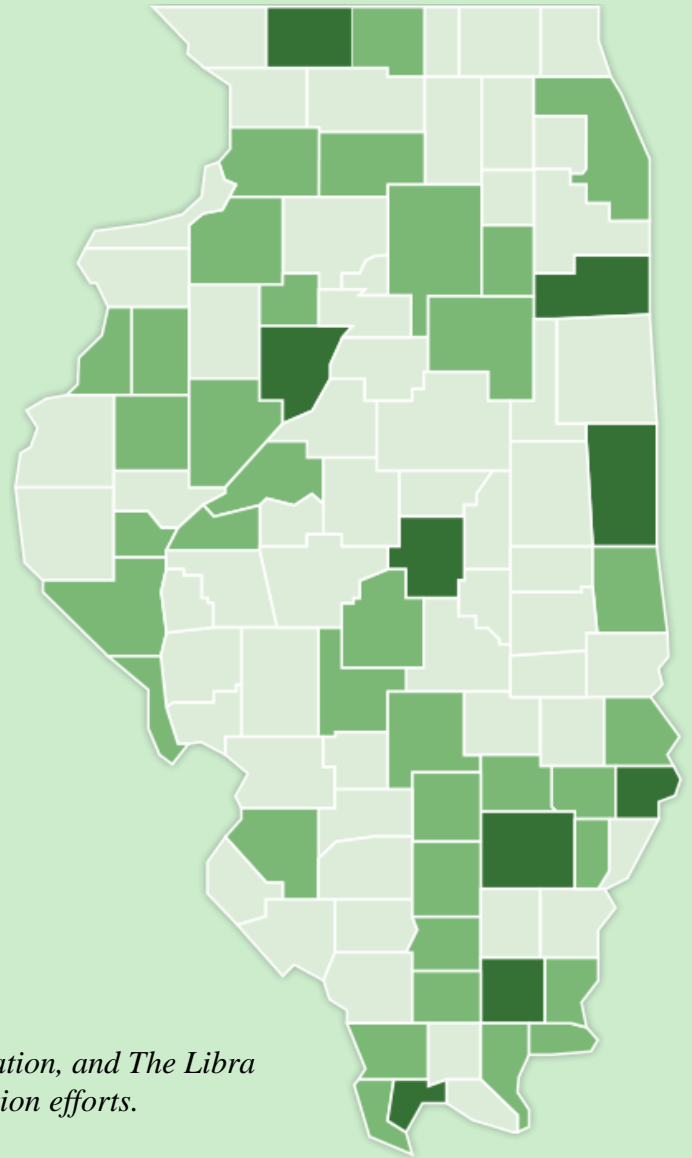


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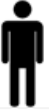



## Report on Illinois Poverty

February 2014

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# Federal Poverty Thresholds, 2012

Family Size	Extreme Poverty (0%-49% FPL)	Poverty (0%-99% FPL)	Low Income (100%-199% FPL)
	<b>\$5,860</b>	<b>\$11,720</b>	<b>\$23,440</b>
	<b>\$7,469</b>	<b>\$14,937</b>	<b>\$29,874</b>
	<b>\$9,142</b>	<b>\$18,284</b>	<b>\$36,568</b>
	<b>\$11,746</b>	<b>\$23,492</b>	<b>\$46,984</b>

# TOWARD A GREAT SOCIETY

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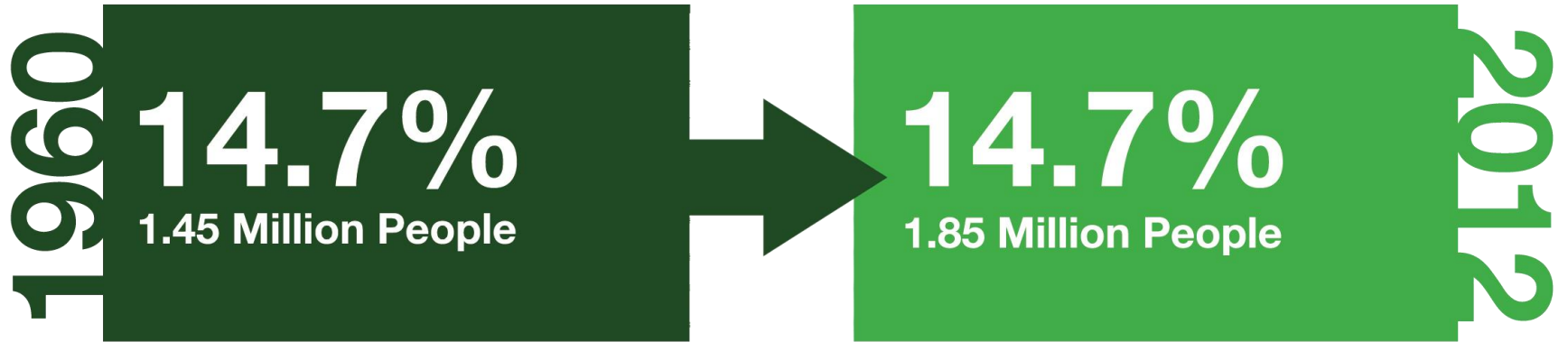
**THIS ADMINISTRATION,  
TODAY, HERE AND  
NOW, DECLARES  
UNCONDITIONAL  
WAR ON POVERTY IN  
AMERICA.**

— LYNDON B. JOHNSON,  
STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, 1964

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# POVERTY THEN AND NOW

## Illinois Poverty



## Illinois Working Age (18-64) Poverty By Gender

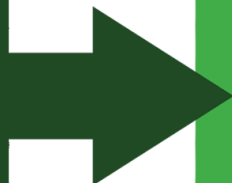


# POVERTY THEN AND NOW

## Illinois Poverty By Race/Ethnicity

1960

White (non-Latino)	11.7%
African American	35.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	20.8%
Latino	20.7%



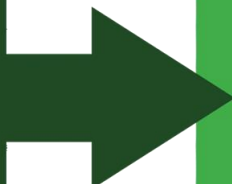
White (non-Latino)	9.2%
African American	32.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.3%
Latino	21.4%

2012

## Illinois Poverty by Age

1960

Under 18	16.5%
18 to 64	10.5%
65 or over	29.8%



Under 18	20.7%
18 to 64	13.7%
65 or over	8.8%

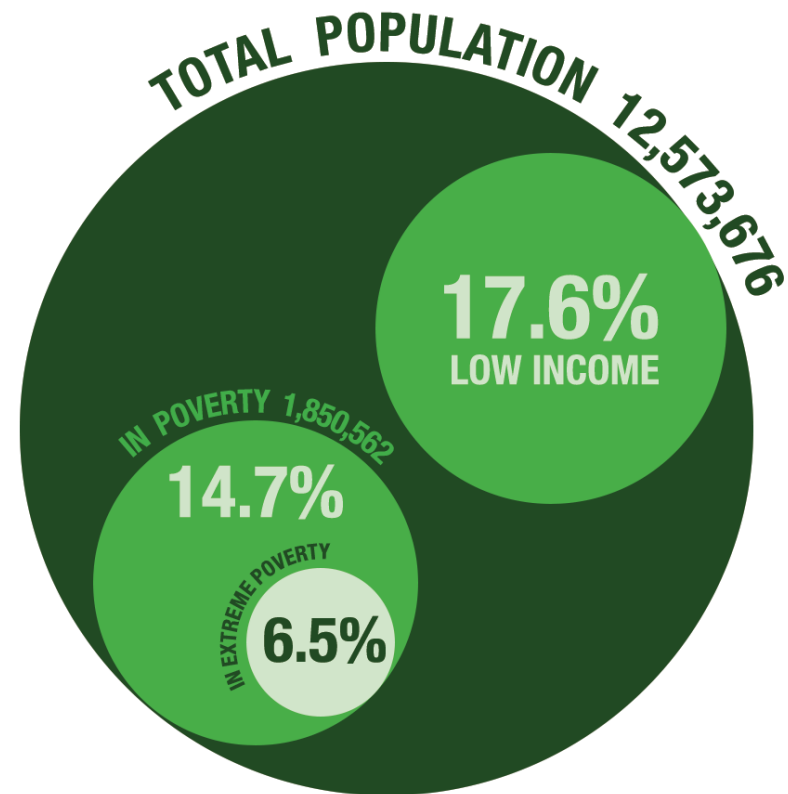
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Scale of Illinois Poverty, 1960

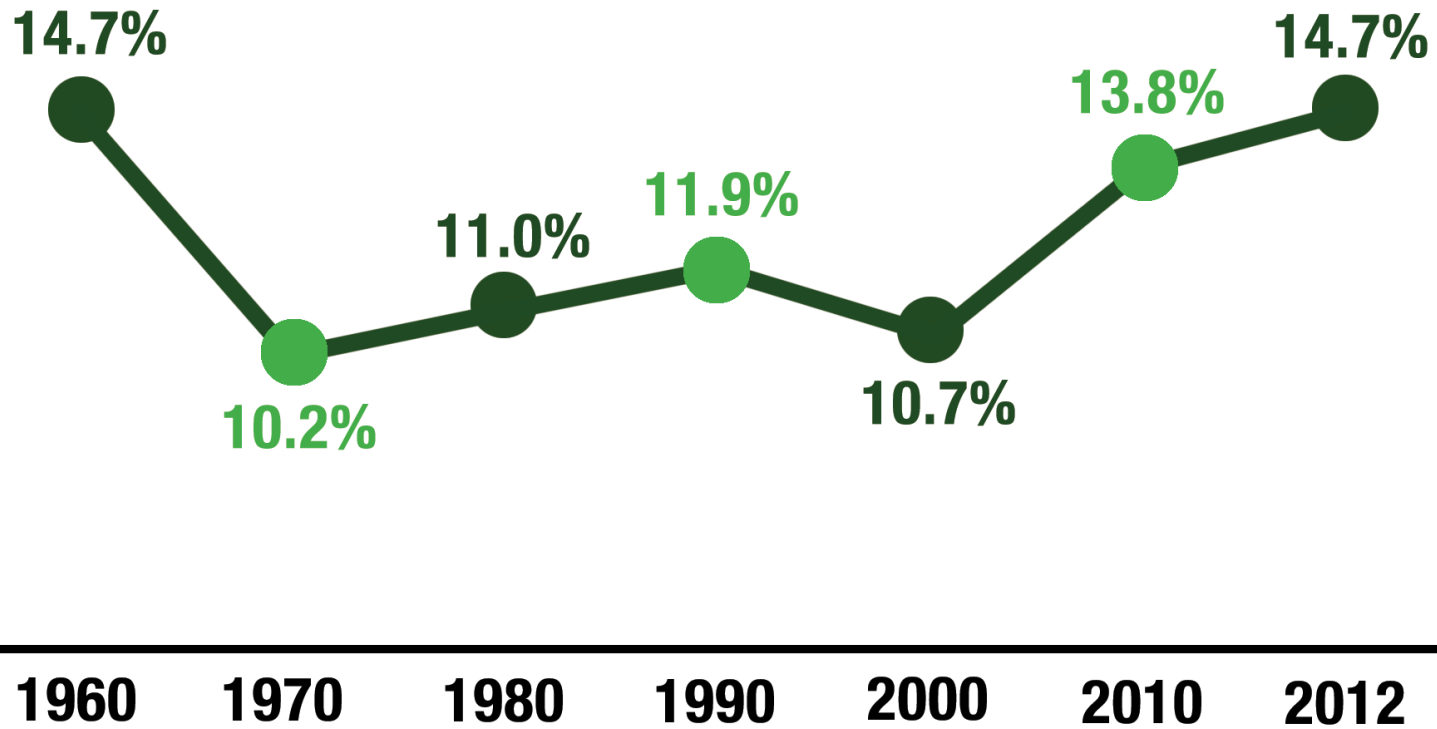


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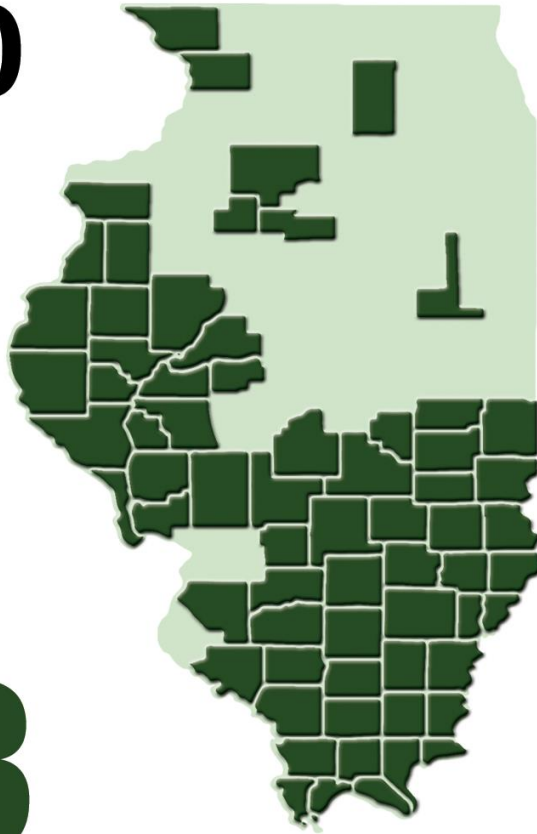
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## Illinois Poverty Over Time



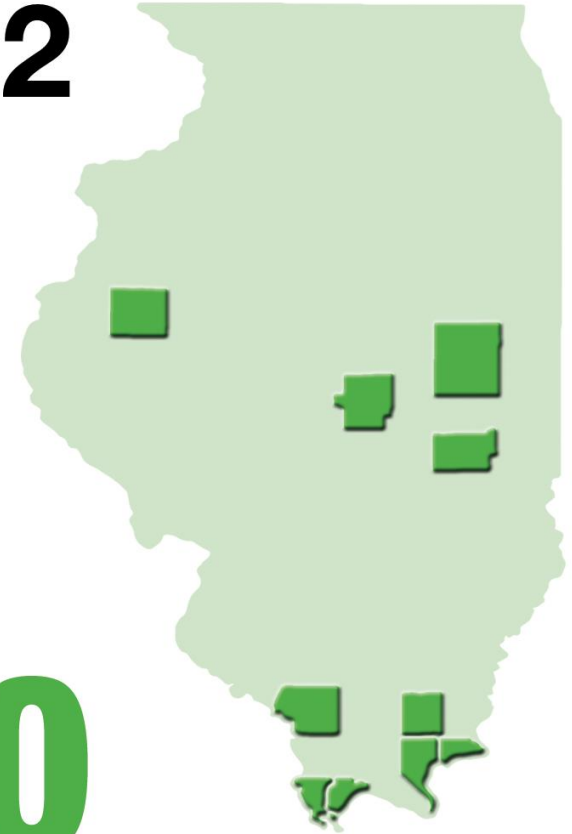
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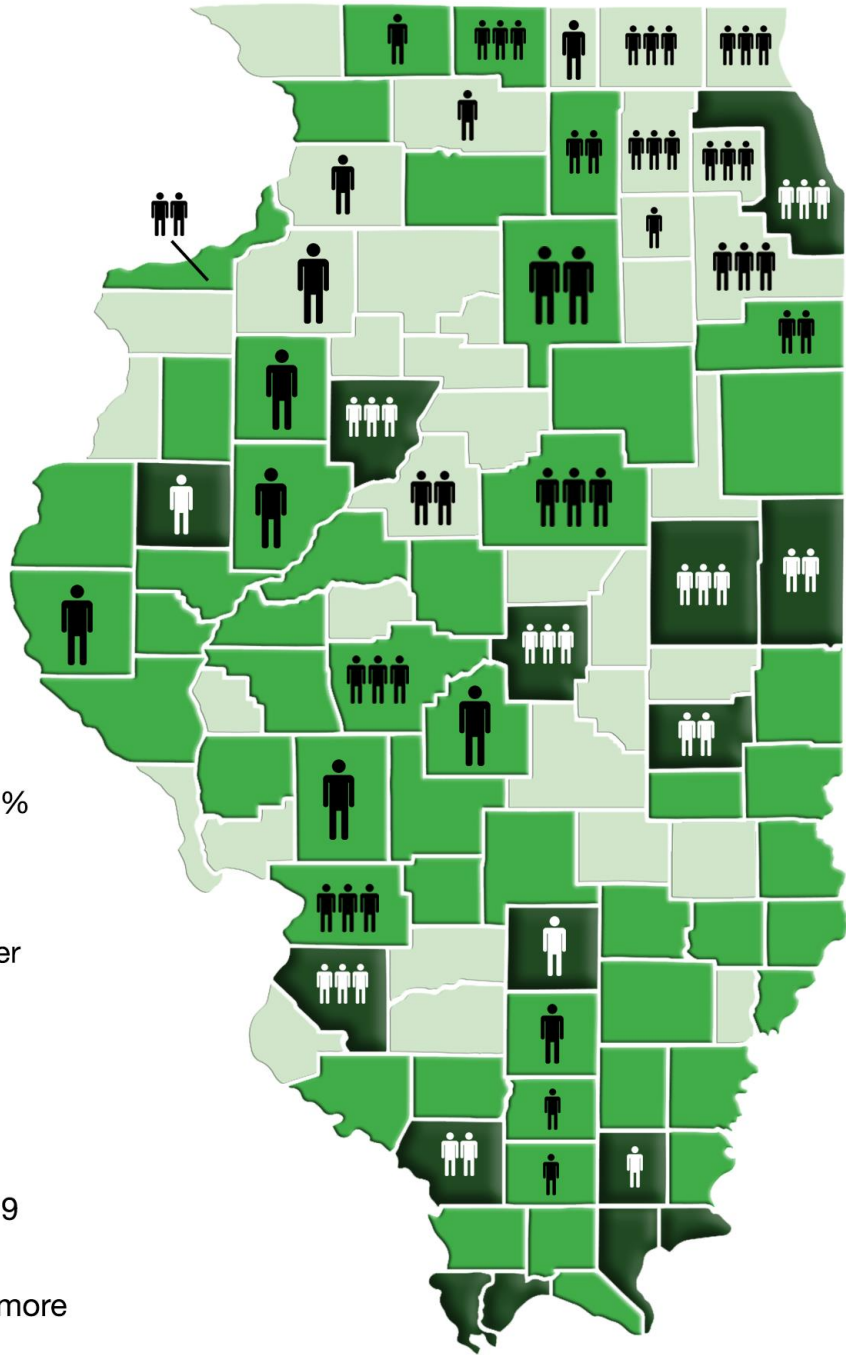
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2012



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Poverty Rate

- Less than 12.2%
- 12.2%-17.8%
- 17.9% or higher

Number in Poverty

- 5,000-9,999
- 10,000-19,999
- 20,000 or more



# PROFILE OF ILLINOIS POVERTY

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10\$

20\$

Annual Income Needed  
for a Family of Three to  
Meet Illinois's Cost of Living

**\$72,420**

2012



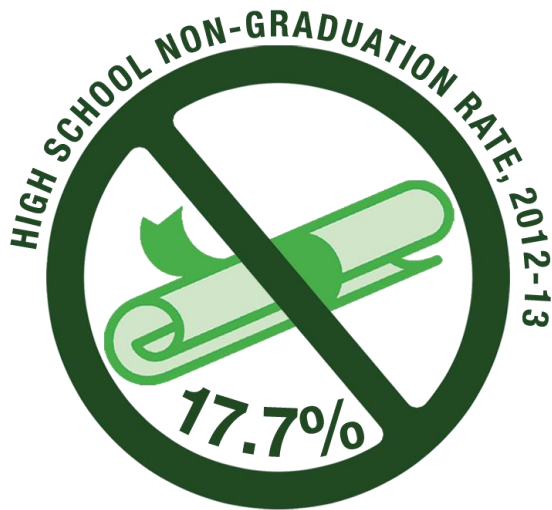
Liquid Asset  
Poverty Rate  
**38.3%**  
2011

# PROFILE OF ILLINOIS POVERTY

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# PROFILE OF ILLINOIS POVERTY



Severely  
Rent Burdened  
Households,  
2012



25.2%

# **50 YEARS LATER: CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY**

**TODAY'S REALITY IS  
DIFFERENT THAN IT  
WAS 50 YEARS AGO,  
AND OUR AWARENESS  
AS A SOCIETY ABOUT  
WHO IS STRUGGLING  
HAS EVOLVED.**

# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY

# WORKING FAMILIES

**388,000**

**Illinoisans live in families where someone works full time, year round but they are still poor.**

The monthly cost of child care for an Illinois family with a preschooler and a school-age child is higher than the entire monthly earnings of a full-time minimum wage worker.

Monthly Cost  
of Child Care

**\$1,469**

Minimum Wage  
Monthly Earnings

**\$1,430**

# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY WORKING FAMILIES

While the incomes of the richest households have increased, the poorest households have lost ground.

## Top 5th of Households

Average Income, 2010

**\$173,458** Income change  
2000 to 2007  
**+11.4%**

## Bottom 5th of Households

Average Income, 2010

**\$20,850** Income change  
2000 to 2007  
**-15.2%**

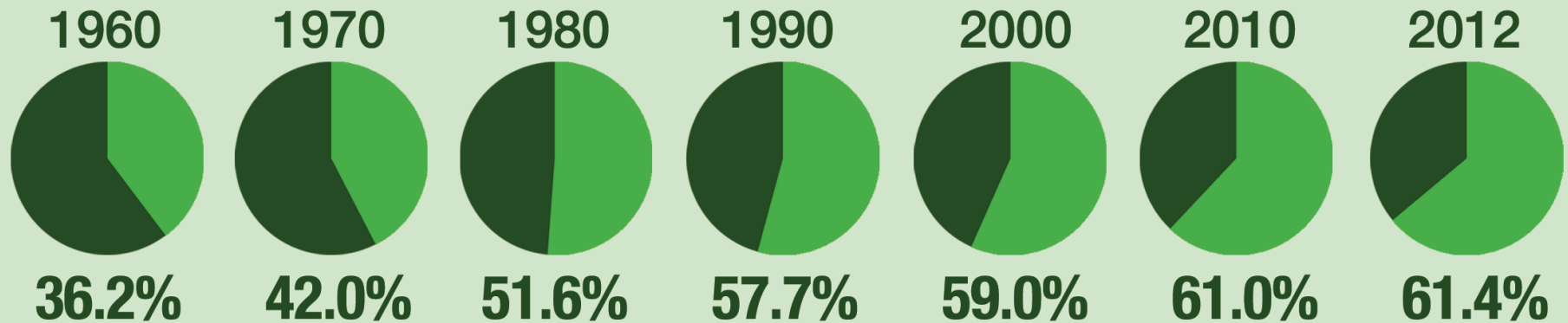
Since 2008, an estimated 267,000 Illinois children have been affected by foreclosures.

# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY

## WOMEN

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Illinois Women's Labor Force Participation Rates



In 2012, Illinois women still make only \$0.77 for every dollar a man makes.



# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY MINORITIES

Illinois African Americans generally have higher unemployment rates than other race and ethnic groups, and young black men are particularly hard hit with

**NEARLY  
1 in 2  
BLACK MALES  
AGE 16-24  
UNEMPLOYED**

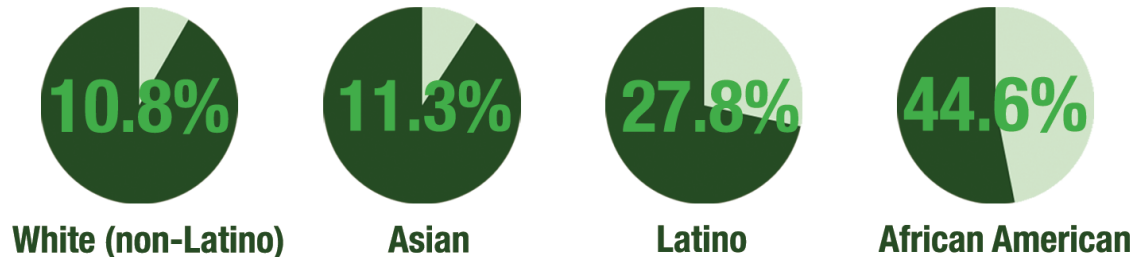
Households of color in Illinois are 1.9 times as likely to be liquid asset poor as white households.

## Liquid Asset Poverty Rate, 2011

White Households **30.1%** Minority Households **55.9%**

Illinois children of color are disproportionately affected by poverty.

## Illinois Child Poverty by Race, 2012



# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY MINORITIES

Segregation persists in the city of Chicago, where 48 of the 77 community areas are majority minority. The poorest community areas, all majority African American, have poverty rates more than double the rate of the city as a whole.

**North Lawndale**



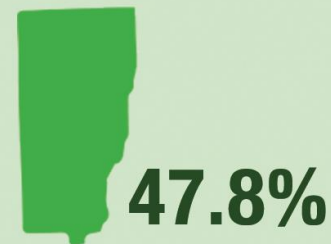
**East Garfield Park**



**Burnside**



**Englewood**



**Riverdale**



# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY SENIORS

Over the last decade, more Illinois seniors are having to work to make ends meet, but senior unemployment has skyrocketed.

Percent Change  
from 2000-2012

Senior  
Population

**+13%**

Seniors in  
Labor Force

**+40%**

Unemployed  
Seniors

**+81%**

Older Illinois seniors and seniors of color are disproportionately impacted by poverty.

Age	Number in Poverty	Poverty Rate
All seniors	144,071	8.8%
65-74	74,482	8.2%
75+	69,589	9.7%

Race	Number in Poverty	Poverty Rate
White, non-Latino	85,802	6.7%
African American	34,843	18.9%
Asian	7,067	12.0%
Latino	15,296	16.5%

# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY VETERANS

There are over  
**85,000**

new veterans living in Illinois, and  
a growing share are female.

Share of Illinois Veterans who are Female

Post-Vietnam Veterans **8.0%**

Post-9/11 Veterans **18.0%**

New veterans in Illinois had the 5th highest unemployment rate of all states in 2012. African American and female veterans fare even worse.

Unemployment Rates for New Illinois Veterans, 2012

New Veterans.....10.6%

Male New Veterans.....9.9%

Female New Veterans.....14.5%

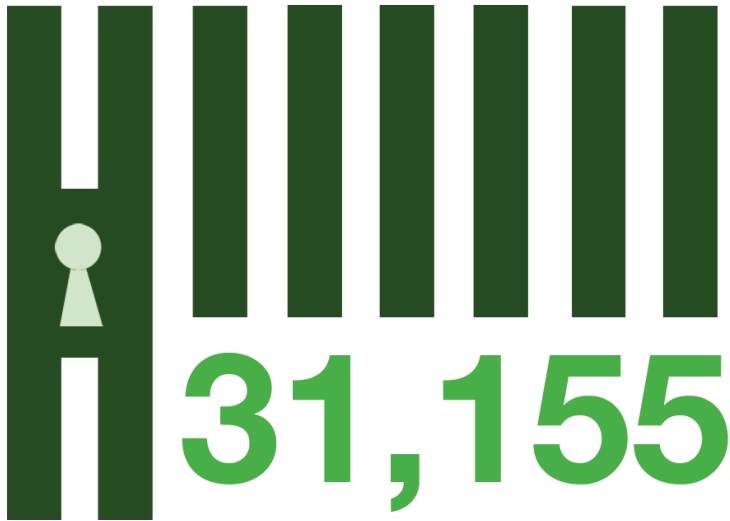
White, non-Latino  
New Veterans.....8.7%

African American  
New Veterans.....22.2%

# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY

## THE “INVISIBLE”

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people were released from Illinois prisons in 2011, joining hundreds of thousands of other Illinoisans whose records represent significant barriers to getting jobs, finding housing, and accessing other supports.

There are an estimated

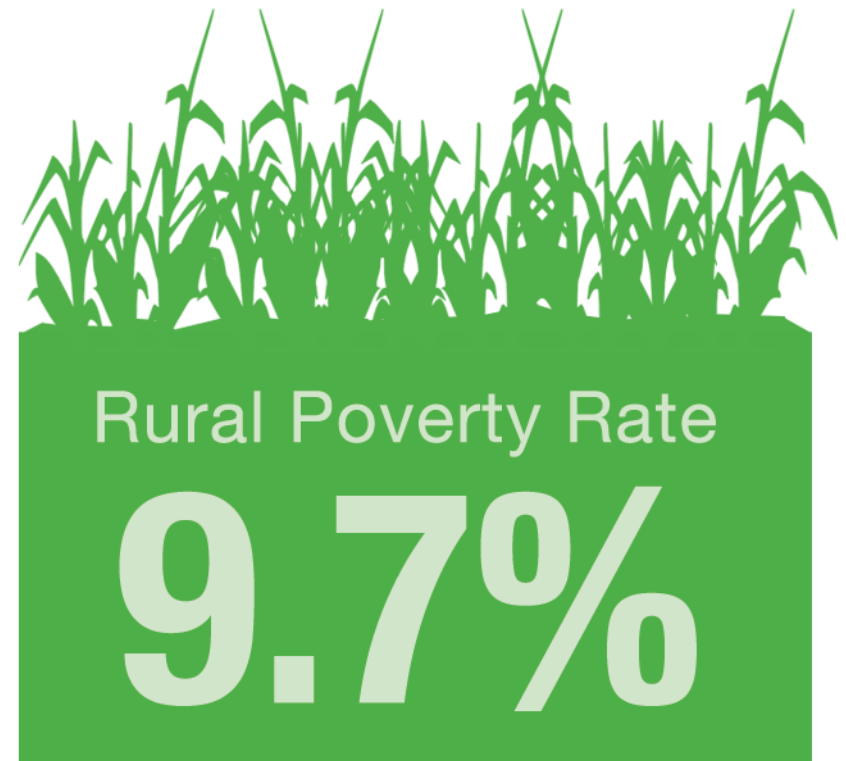
**450,000**

undocumented immigrants in Illinois who are not eligible for many anti-poverty programs and services.

# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY REGIONS

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Urban poverty in Illinois remains higher than rural poverty, but in rural areas of the state, nearly 1 in every 10 people is living in poverty.



# CHANGING FACES OF POVERTY REGIONS

Suburban poverty growth has far outpaced population growth in the Chicago region since 1990; half of the region's poor population now lives in the suburbs.

Increase in Suburban Population	Increase in Suburban Poor Population
<b>29.0%</b>	<b>95.0%</b>

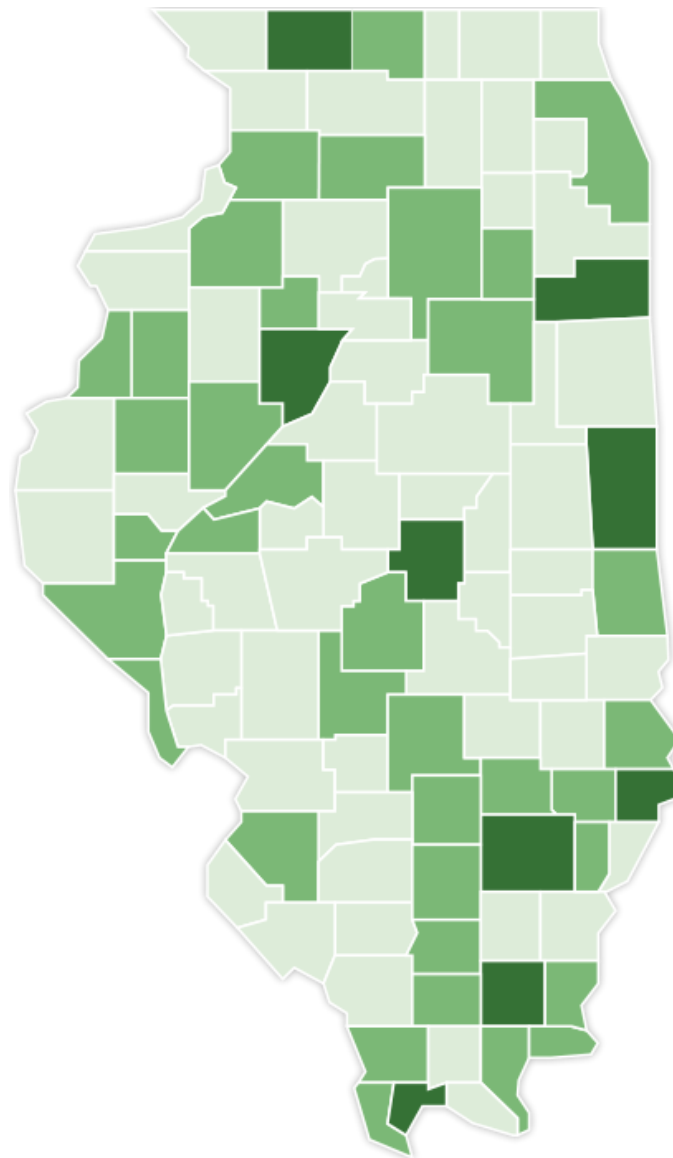
## Chicago Region Poverty, 2012

Geography	Extreme Poverty (under 50% FPL)	Poverty (under 100% FPL)	Low Income (100%-199% FPL)
Chicago	<b>282,821 (10.6%)</b>	<b>636,319 (23.9%)</b>	<b>573,258 (21.5%)</b>
Suburban Cook County	<b>122,297 (4.9%)</b>	<b>286,839 (11.5%)</b>	<b>408,565 (16.4%)</b>
Cook County	<b>405,118 (7.9%)</b>	<b>923,158 (17.9%)</b>	<b>981,823 (19.1%)</b>
DuPage County	<b>30,791 (3.4%)</b>	<b>65,626 (7.2%)</b>	<b>108,335 (11.8%)</b>
Kane County	<b>23,387 (4.5%)</b>	<b>62,207 (12.1%)</b>	<b>98,528 (19.1%)</b>
Lake County	<b>30,314 (4.4%)</b>	<b>63,298 (9.3%)</b>	<b>109,660 (16.0%)</b>
McHenry County	<b>7,279 (2.4%)</b>	<b>24,232 (7.9%)</b>	<b>34,285 (11.2%)</b>
Will County	<b>23,259 (3.5%)</b>	<b>56,033 (8.3%)</b>	<b>87,960 (13.0%)</b>
6-County Region	<b>520,148 (6.3%)</b>	<b>1,194,554 (14.5%)</b>	<b>1,420,591 (17.2%)</b>

# COUNTY WELL-BEING INDEX

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- 45 out of 102 Illinois counties are on either the Poverty Watch or Poverty Warning lists.



Access county level data at:  
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# Chicago Community Area Indicators



## Chicago Community Area Indicators, 2012

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