Illinois Department of Human Services Region 1

County
Cook

Illinois’ Department of Human Services Region 1 is located in the northeast part of the state. It accounts for 1 of the 102 counties in Illinois and encompasses 945 square miles (1.7% of Illinois’ total square mileage). It is home to 40.6% of the state’s residents. During FY15, Region 1 hosted 53 Teen REACH sites. Also, as of December 2015 there were 204 21st CCLC sites located in Region 1. The Region 1 data below provides a snapshot of the population that can be used to identify the strengths and needs of the community.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population¹

Total: 5,227,827 (40.6% of IL)

Sex

- **Males**: 2,531,895 (48.4%)
- **Females**: 2,695,932 (51.6%)

Age

- Under 5 years: 341,409
- 5 to 9 years: 329,506
- 10 to 14 years: 331,608
- 15 to 19 years: 343,171
- 20 to 24 years: 368,729
- 25 to 34 years: 845,482
- 35 to 44 years: 711,580
- 45 to 54 years: 703,663
- 55 to 59 years: 327,905
- 60 to 64 years: 275,592
- 65 to 74 years: 350,529
- 75 to 84 years: 202,676

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¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
IDHS Region 1

- 85 years and over: 95,977

Youth Population

- 5-19: **1,004,285** (19.2%)
- 18-24: **505,838** (9.7%)

Race²

- White: 2,266,635 (43.4%)
- Black/African American: 1,248,338 (23.9%)
- Hispanic/Latino: 1,281,217 (24.5%)
- Asian: 343,048 (6.6%)
- American Indian & Alaska Native: 5,507 (0.1%)
- Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander: 752 (0.01%)
- Some other race: 7,407 (0.1%)
- Two or more races: 74,923 (1.4%)

EDUCATION

School Enrollment:

- Total enrolled K-12: **877,526** (38.9% of Illinois' total K-12 enrollment)
- Total 18-24 year olds in Region 1 enrolled in college or graduate school: **217,005 or 42.9%** (38.7% of Illinois’ 18-24 year old college or graduate students)

Educational Attainment³ (of those ages 25 to 64)

- No high school diploma or GED: **377,700 or 13.2%**
- High school graduate (includes equivalency): **650,723 or 22.7%**
- Some college or associate's degree: **753,506 or 26.3%**
- Bachelor's degree or higher: **1,082,293 or 37.8%**

ECONOMY

Workforce

- Total Labor Force: **2,756,130**

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² Unless otherwise stated estimates represent “race alone”
³ Educational attainment refers to the highest level of education that an individual has completed. This is distinct from the level of schooling that an individual is attending.
• Total Employed\(^4\): 2,431,880
• Region 1 Unemployment Rate\(^5\): 11.8%

HOUSEHOLDS
• Total Households in Region 1: 1,937,060
• Region 1 households with children under 18 years of age\(^6\): 604,363 or 31.2%

Household Income\(^7\)
• Region 1 Median income: $54,828

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits
• Region 1 households receiving SNAP benefits: 291,773 or 15.1%
• Region 1 households with children under 18 receiving SNAP benefits: 154,931 or 25.6%

Households and Poverty
• Region 1 households below poverty status: 304,118 or 15.7%

HOUSING UNITS
• Total: 2,177,033

HEALTH & NUTRITION
Food Insecurity\(^8\)
• Total food insecure people in Region 1: 729,020 (44.0% of Illinois)

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\(^4\) According to the definition of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employed persons are persons who are: aged 16 or older, work for an employer or are self-employed, not volunteers, and not engaged in self-service such as homemaking, etc.

\(^5\) U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates S2301: Employment Status

\(^6\) U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates S2201: FOOD STAMPS/SNAP

\(^7\) U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Household income in the Past 12 Months (in 2014 inflation-adjusted dollars)

\(^8\) Feeding America. Map the Meal Gap 2014. According to the USDA, food insecurity is the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.