Illinois Department of Human Services Region 2

Counties
Jo Daviess ● Stephenson ● Winnebago ● Bonne ● McHenry ● Lake ● Carroll ● Ogle ● DeKalb ● Kane ● DuPage ● Whiteside ● Lee ● Kendall ● Grundy ● Will ● Kankakee ●

Illinois’ Department of Human Services Region 2 is located in the northeast part of the state and spans the northern border. It accounts for 17 of the 102 counties in Illinois and encompasses 9,350 square miles (16.8% of Illinois’ total square mileage). It is home to 31.9% of the state’s residents. During FY15, Region 2 was home to 24 Teen REACH sites. Also, as of December 2015 there were 72 21st CCLC sites located in Region 2. The Region 2 data below provides a snapshot of the population that can be used to identify the strengths and needs of the community.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

Total: 4,103,741 (31.9% of IL)

- Most Populated County: DuPage2 - 926,485
- Least Populated County: Carroll3 - 15,027

Sex

- Males: 2,032,098 (49.5%)
- Females: 2,071,643 (50.5%)

Age

- Under 5 years 260,814
- 5 to 9 years 299,483
- 10 to 14 years 309,443
- 15 to 19 years 306,599
- 20 to 24 years 255,424
- 25 to 34 years 495,765
- 35 to 44 years 565,920
- 45 to 54 years 624,624
- 55 to 59 years 270,290
- 60 to 64 years 225,630
- 65 to 74 years 279,655

1 U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
2 DuPage County 327.514 square miles
3 Carroll County 445.063 square miles
IDHS Region 2

- 75 to 84 years: 144,322
- 85 years and over: 65,772

Youth Population
- 5-19: 915,525 (22.3%)
- 18-24 years of age: 370,842 (9.0%)

Race
- White: 2,851,059 (69.5%)
- Black/African American: 268,360 (6.5%)
- Hispanic/Latino: 685,190 (16.7%)
- Asian: 219,409 (5.3%)
- American Indian & Alaska Native: 3,522 (0.1%)
- Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander: 1,190 (0.03%)
- Some other race: 5,771 (0.1%)
- Two or more races: 69,240 (1.7%)

EDUCATION

School Enrollment:
- Total enrolled K-12: 803,528 (35.6% of Illinois' total K-12 enrollment)
  - County with the greatest student enrollment K-12: DuPage 168,341
  - County with least student enrollment K-12: Carroll 2,268
- Total 18-24 year olds in Region 2 enrolled in college or graduate school: 158,362 or 42.7%
  (28.2% of Illinois' 18-24 year old college or graduate students)

Educational Attainment
- No high school diploma or GED: 205,449 or 9.4%
  - County with the greatest percentage of non-HS graduates: Kane 16.7%
- High school graduate (includes equivalency): 502,153 or 23%
- Some college or associate's degree: 661,922 or 30.3%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 812,705 or 37.2%
  - County with the greatest percentage college graduates: DuPage 49.7%

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4 Unless otherwise stated estimates represent “race alone”
5 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.
ECONOMY

Workforce
- Total Labor Force: 2,200,173
- Total Employed\(^6\): 1,989,440
  - County with the Greatest Unemployment Rate: Winnebago 12.4%  
  - County with the Least Unemployment Rate: JoDaviess 5.3%

HOUSEHOLDS
- Total Households in Region 2: 1,443,097
- Region 2 households with children under 18 years of age\(^7\): 541,965 or 37.6%

Household Income\(^8\)
- County with greatest median income: Kendall $83,844
- County with the least median income: Stephenson $44,631

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits
- Region 2 households receiving SNAP benefits: 129,882 or 9%
  - County with greatest median income/household receiving SNAP: Will $30,894
  - County with least median income/household receiving SNAP: JoDaviess $15,341
- Region 2 households with children under 18 receiving SNAP benefits: 78,656 or 14.5%

Households and Poverty
- Region 2 households below poverty status: 133,402 or 9.2%

HOUSING UNITS
- Total: 1,555,660

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Food Insecurity\(^9\)
- Total food insecure people in Region 2: 368,130 (22.2% of Illinois)
  - Counties with greatest percentage of food insecurity: Winnebago 14.4%

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\(^6\) 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.

\(^7\) U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates S2201: FOOD STAMPS/SNAP

\(^8\) U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Household income in the Past 12 Months (in 2014 inflation-adjusted dollars)

\(^9\) 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.
o County with least percentage of food insecurity: Kendall 6.8%