Illinois Department of Human Services Region 4

Counties
Hancock ● Adams ● Schuyler ● Brown ● Cass ● Menard ● Logan ● DeWitt ● Piatt ● Douglas ● Edgar ● Clark ● Coles ● Cumberland ● Effingham ● Shelby ● Moultrie ● Macon ● Christian ● Montgomery ● Sangamon ● Morgan ● Macoupin ● Greene ● Jersey ● Calhoun ● Scott ● Pike

Illinois’ Department of Human Services Region 4 is located in the central part of the state and spans the western and eastern borders. It accounts for 28 of the 102 counties in Illinois and encompasses 15,048 square miles (27.1% of Illinois' total square mileage). It is home to 7.0% of the state’s residents. During FY15, Region 4 was home to 5 Teen REACH sites. Also, as of December 2015 there were 26 21st CCLC sites located in Region 4. The Region 4 data below provides a snapshot of the population that can be used to identify the strengths and needs of the community.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

Total: 897,948 (7.0% of IL)
- Most Populated County: Sangamon - 198,808
- Least Populated County: Calhoun - 5,033

Sex
- Males: 441,919 (49.2%)
- Females: 456,029 (50.8%)

Age
- Under 5 years: 52,009
- 5 to 9 years: 54,905
- 10 to 14 years: 57,386
- 15 to 19 years: 59,165
- 20 to 24 years: 60,165
- 25 to 34 years: 107,515
- 35 to 44 years: 106,273
- 45 to 54 years: 128,506
- 55 to 59 years: 65,175

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1 U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
2 Sangamon County 868.302 square miles
3 Calhoun County 253.825 square miles
• 60 to 64 years  56,703
• 65 to 74 years  78,391
• 75 to 84 years  48,305
• 85 years and over  23,450

Youth Population
• 5-19: 171,456 (19.1%)
• 18-24 years of age: 84,407 (9.4%)

Race
• White: 796,590 (88.7%)
• Black/African American: 57,127 (6.4%)
• Hispanic/Latino: 18,806 (2.1%)
• Asian: 7,521 (0.8%)
• American Indian & Alaska Native: 1,194 (0.1%)
• Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander: 225 (0.03%)
• Some other race: 973 (0.1%)
• Two or more races: 15,512 (1.7%)

EDUCATION

School Enrollment:
• Total enrolled K-12: 147,605 (6.5% of Illinois’ total K-12 enrollment)
  o County with the greatest student enrollment K-12: Sangamon 33,992
  o County with least student enrollment K-12: Calhoun 815

• Total 18-24 year olds in Region 4 enrolled in college or graduate school: 35,030 or 41.5% (6.2% of Illinois’ 18-24 year old college or graduate students)

Educational Attainment (of those ages 25 to 64)
• No high school diploma or GED: 37,953 or 8.2%
  o County with the greatest percentage of non-HS graduates: Brown 19.2%
• High school graduate (includes equivalency): 152,197 or 32.8%

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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.
Some college or associate's degree: 162,983 or 35.1%
Bachelor’s degree or higher: 111,039 or 23.9%
  County with the greatest percentage college graduates: Sangamon 35.3%

ECONOMY

Workforce
- Total Labor Force: 451,362
- Total Employed\(^6\): 412,785
  County with the Greatest Unemployment Rate: Macon 12.1%
  County with the Least Unemployment Rate: Brown 5.1%

HOUSEHOLDS
- Total Households in Region 4: 361,683
- Region 4 households with children under 18 years of age\(^7\): 105,553 or 29.2%

Household Income\(^8\)
- County with greatest median income: Piatt $63,002
- County with the least median income: Coles $38,174

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits
- Region 4 households receiving SNAP benefits: 46,306 or 12.8%
  County with greatest median income/household receiving SNAP: Piatt $30,198
  County with least median income/household receiving SNAP: Brown $11,484
- Region 4 households with children under 18 receiving SNAP benefits: 24,939 or 23.6%

Households and Poverty
- Region 4 households below poverty status: 49,665 or 13.7%

HOUSING UNITS
- Total: 403,417

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Food Insecurity\(^9\)

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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)
Total food insecure people in Region 4: **116,840 (7.0% of Illinois)**
- Counties with greatest percentage of food insecurity: **Macon 16.4%**
- County with least percentage of food insecurity: **Piatt 9.0%**

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*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.*