Illinois Department of Human Services Region 5

Counties

Illinois’ Department of Human Services Region 5 is located in the southern part of the state and spans the western, eastern, and southern borders. It accounts for 33 of the 102 counties in Illinois and encompasses 14,372 square miles (25.9% of Illinois’ total square mileage). It is home to 9.3% of the state’s residents. During FY15, Region 5 was home to 11 Teen REACH sites. Also, as of December 2015 there were 42 21st CCLC sites located in Region 5. The Region 5 data below provides a snapshot of the population that can be used to identify the strengths and needs of the community.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

Total: 1,193,188 (9.3% of IL)
- Most Populated County: St. Clair2 - 268,415
- Least Populated County: Hardin3 - 4,226

Sex
- Males: 593,123 (49.7%)
- Females: 600,065 (50.3%)

Age
- Under 5 years 70,597
- 5 to 9 years 74,518
- 10 to 14 years 75,108
- 15 to 19 years 76,212
- 20 to 24 years 84,160
- 25 to 34 years 150,490
- 35 to 44 years 145,778
- 45 to 54 years 173,011

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1 U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
2 St. Clair County 657.781 square miles
3 Hardin County 177.528 square miles
- 55 to 59 years: 84,572
- 60 to 64 years: 70,936
- 65 to 74 years: 100,061
- 75 to 84 years: 61,023
- 85 years and over: 26,722

Youth Population
- 5-19: 225,838 (18.9%)
- 18-24 years of age: 114,064 (9.6%)

Race
- White: 987,766 (82.8%)
- Black/African American: 138,073 (11.6%)
- Hispanic/Latino: 32,491 (2.7%)
- Asian: 10,635 (0.9%)
- American Indian & Alaska Native: 2,168 (0.2%)
- Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander: 174 (0.01%)
- Some other race: 870 (0.1%)
- Two or more races: 21,011 (1.8%)

EDUCATION

School Enrollment:
- Total enrolled K-12: 195,357 (8.7% of Illinois' total K-12 enrollment)
  - County with the greatest student enrollment K-12: St. Clair 48,210
  - County with least student enrollment K-12: Pope 595
- Total 18-24 year olds in Region 5 enrolled in college or graduate school: 49,513 or 43.4% (8.8% of Illinois’ 18-24 year old college or graduate students)

Educational Attainment (of those ages 25 to 64)
- No high school diploma or GED: 53,801 or 8.6%
  - County with the greatest percentage of non-HS graduates: Lawrence 24.4%
- High school graduate (includes equivalency): 187,189 or 30.0%

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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: 240,766 or 38.5%
Bachelor’s degree or higher: 143,021 or 22.9%
  o County with the greatest percentage college graduates: Jackson 35.9%

ECONOMY

Workforce

  • Total Labor Force: 575,776
  • Total Employed\(^6\): 521,664
    o County with the Greatest Unemployment Rate: Alexander 16.8%
    o County with the Least Unemployment Rate: Lawrence 5.2%

HOUSEHOLDS

  • Total Households in Region 5: 464,897
  • Region 5 households with children under 18 years of age\(^7\): 140,329 or 30.2%

Household Income\(^8\)

  • County with greatest median income: Monroe $69,592
  • County with the least median income: Alexander $25,495

Households Receiving SNAP Benefits

  • Region 5 households receiving SNAP benefits: 67,126 or 14.4%
    o County with greatest median income/household receiving SNAP: Monroe $30,160
    o County with least median income/household receiving SNAP: White $12,790
  • Region 5 households with children under 18 receiving SNAP benefits: 34,843 or 7.5%

Households and Poverty

  • Region 5 households below poverty status: 72,754 or 15.6%

HOUSING UNITS

  • Total: 530,818

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 5: 171,260 (10.3% of IL food insecure)
  o Counties with greatest percentage of food insecurity: Alexander 24.0%
  o County with least percentage of food insecurity: Monroe 8.3%

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.