

FISCAL POLICY CENTER

AT VOICES FOR ILLINOIS CHILDREN

MEASURING POVERTY AND LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS

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Table 1: Federal Poverty Level, 2011

Single-parent household	
One child	\$15,504
Two children	18,123
Three children	22,891
Two-parent household	
One child	18,106
Two children	22,811
Three children	27,517

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 2: Estimates of Child Poverty in Illinois, 2011

	Number (1,000s)	Pct.
American Community Survey (ACS)	658	21.6%
Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)	651	21.3%
Current Population Survey (CPS)	621	20.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 3: Low-Income Children in Illinois, 2011

	Number (1,000s)	Pct.
Under age 18		
Below 50% FPL	300	10%
Below 100% FPL	658	22%
Below 125% FPL	844	28%
Below 150% FPL	1,012	33%
Below 185% FPL	1,222	40%
Below 200% FPL	1,310	43%
Under age 6		
Below 50% FPL	109	11%
Below 100% FPL	239	24%
Below 125% FPL	300	31%
Below 150% FPL	356	36%
Below 185% FPL	422	43%
Below 200% FPL	448	46%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey.

"Low-income": below 200% FPL

"Deep poverty": below 50% FPL

FPL = federal poverty level

Table 4: U.S. Poverty Rates, 2011

	Official poverty measure	Supplemental poverty measure
All ages	15.1	16.1
Under age 18	22.3	18.1
Ages 18-64	13.7	15.5
Age 65 and older	8.7	15.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 5: Federal Poverty Guidelines, 2013

Single parent, one child	\$15,510
Single parent, two children	19,530
Single parent, three children	23,550
Married couple, one child	19,530
Married couple, two children	23,550
Married couple, three children	27,570

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Table 6: Income Eligibility Limits for Selected Programs in Illinois

	Pct. of FPL
Medicaid assistance programs	
Children	
Medicaid/CHIP	200%
All Kids expansion	300%
Parents (Medicaid)	133%
Pregnant women (Medicaid)	200%
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program	130%
Child Care Assistance Program	185%
National School Lunch Program	
Free lunch	135%
Reduced price	185%

FPL = federal poverty level

Table 7: Measures of Low-Income Students in Illinois Public Schools (in 1,000s)

	ISBE School Report Card	Supplemental General State Aid	School Report Card
			NSLP
2002	775	514	SNAP
2003	803	566	Head Start
2004	825	617	TANF
2005	830	665	Foster care
2006	850	707	Homeless
2007	852	807	
2008	888	870	<u>Supplemental GSA (DHS count)</u>
2009	937	947	Medicaid/CHIP
2010	998	1,010	SNAP
2011	1,013	1,040	TANF

TABLE 8: Monthly and Annual Poverty Rates in the U.S., 2008-2009

	Monthly	Annual
Under age 18	23.4	19.1
Ages 18-64	14.9	12.5
Age 65 and older	7.4	9.7

Sources: Survey of Income and Program Participation; American Community Survey.

Table 9: Estimated Poverty Rates for Related Children, 2011

	Illinois	Margin of error	Lake County	Margin of error	Waukegan	Margin of error
Under age 18	21.3	+/- 0.6	17.3	+/- 2.6	31.9	+/- 7.5
Under age 5	24.6	+/- 1.0	22.8	+/- 3.9	42.4	+/- 12.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey.