

LaSalle County

Population: 111,241 People
 Well-Being Index Score: 1 out of 8 Possible Points
 List Status: Not on a List

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Well-Being Index

	County Value	IL Value	County Change	IL Change
High School Graduation Rate, 2015-2016 academic year ¹	83.9%	84.9%	0.8 pts 2014-2015	-0.3 pts 2014-2015
Teen Births (live births per 1,000 women ages 15-19), 2014 ²	31	33.9	-6 pts 2013	-6.3 pts 2013
Unemployment Rate, Oct 2016 ³	5.7%	5.5%	-1.1 pts Oct 2015	-0.1 pts Oct 2015
Poverty Rate, 2015 ⁴	12.9%	13.6%	-0.7 pts 2014	-0.7 pts 2014

Poverty & Income

	County Value	IL Value	County Change	IL Change
Child Poverty Rate, 2015 ⁴	19.6%	19.1%	0.1 pts 2014	-1 pts 2014
Number of People in Poverty, 2015 ⁴	13,843	1,702,210	-843 2014	-100,127 2014
Median Household Income, 2015 ⁵	\$52,316	\$59,590	0.3% 2014	1.8% 2014
Living Wage Calculator Annual Income for a One Parent Family with a Young Child and Child, 2015 ⁶	\$59,353	\$62,826	-	-
Average Amount Poor Families' Incomes Falls Below the Poverty Line (i.e., mean income deficit), 2011-2015 ⁷	\$9,403	\$9,759	-	-

Employment

	County Value	IL Value	County Change	IL Change
Number of Unemployed Individuals, Oct 2016 ³	3,257	364,025	-1.1% Oct 2015	-0.1% Oct 2015
Rank by Unemployment Rate (1=highest, 102=lowest), Oct 2016 ³	36	-	-	-
Unemployment Rate, Oct 2016 ³	5.7%	5.5%	-1.1 pts Oct 2015	-0.1 pts Oct 2015
Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims, 2016 ⁸	8,397	555,583	-3.4% 2015	-3.7% 2015

Education

	County Value	IL Value	County Change	IL Change
High School Graduation Rate for Low-Income Students, 2015-2016 academic year ¹	78.9%	75.4%	-2.6 pts 2014-2015	-2.4 pts 2014-2015
Funded Head Start Enrollment, 2014 fiscal year ⁹	302	36,244	-	-
Head Start Sites, 2014 fiscal year ⁹	9	642	-	-
Average ACT Composite Score, 2015-2016 academic year ¹⁰	19.3	20.6	-	-
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standards on the PARCC English Language Arts, 2015-2016 academic year ¹⁰	32.2%	35.4%	-	-
Percent Meeting or Exceeding Standards on the PARCC Math, 2015-2016 academic year ¹⁰	22.1%	29.1%	-	-
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Housing

	County Value	IL Value	County Change	IL Change
Percent Severely Rent-Burdened Households, 2011-2015 ⁷	22.4%	24.6%	-	--
Renters as a Percent of Total Households, 2011-2015 ⁷	26.9%	33.6%	-	--
2-Bedroom Housing Wage as a Percent of IL Minimum Wage, 2016 ¹¹	164%	242%	-	--
Estimated Mean Renter Hourly Wage, 2016 ¹¹	\$10.49	\$15.25	-	--
Fair Market Rent (FMR) for 2-Bedroom Apartment, 2016 ¹¹	\$704	\$1,039	-	--
Monthly Rent Affordable at Mean Renter Wage, 2016 ¹¹	\$545	\$793	-	--
Wage Needed to Afford 2-Bedroom Apartment at FMR, 2016 ¹¹	\$13.54	\$19.98	-	--
Work Hours per Week at IL Minimum Wage to Afford 2-Bedroom at FMR, 2016 ¹¹	66	97	-	--

Health & Nutrition

	County Value	IL Value	County Change	IL Change
Share of Families Receiving SNAP that have 1 or more Workers in Family, 2011-2015 ⁷	79.6%	79.3%	-	-
Health Uninsured Rate, Non-Seniors, 2014 ¹²	8.9%	11.2%	-3.7 pts 2013	-3.4 pts 2013
Percentage of Babies Born Low Birth Weight, 2014 ¹³	7.8%	8.2%	-	-
Child Food Insecurity Rate, 2016 ¹⁴	21.3%	19.5%	-2.2 pts 2015	-1.3 pts 2015
Food Insecurity Rate, 2016 ¹⁴	11.8%	12.9%	-1.6 pts 2015	-0.7 pts 2015

Assets

	County Value	IL Value	County Change	IL Change
Homeownership Rate, 2011-2015 ⁷	73.1%	66.4%	-	-
Liquid Asset Poverty, 2011 ¹⁵	38%	38.3%	-	-
Asset Poverty, 2011 ¹⁵	17.5%	23.5%	-	-
Percent of Population Age 25+ with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 2011-2015 ⁷	16.2%	32.3%	-	-
Percent of Underbanked Households, 2013 ¹⁵	19.1%	14.6%	-	-
Percent of Unbanked Households, 2013 ¹⁵	5.3%	7.4%	-	-

There are a number of different data sources available for poverty estimates. The timeliest source available for estimates for all Illinois counties is the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program, which is used here. For more information on the various sources of poverty estimates used for this project and how they differ, see the [FAQs page](#).

At the time of release, all data were the most timely and accurate available.

Data Sources

1 Social IMPACT Research Center's analysis of Illinois State Board of Education's School Report Card Data. Available at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Report-Card-Data.aspx>

2 Social IMPACT Research Center's analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates and Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Teen Births by County. Available at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/data-statistics/vital-statistics/birth-statistics>.

3 Illinois Department of Employment Security's Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). Available at http://www.ides.illinois.gov/LMI/Pages/Local_Area_Unemployment_Statistics.aspx (not seasonally adjusted)

4 The U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. Available at <http://www.census.gov/did/www/saipe/>

5 The U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. Available at <http://www.census.gov/did/www/saipe/> (all values updated to the most recent year's dollars with the Consumer Price Index)

6 The Living Wage Calculator was created by Dr. Amy K. Glasmeier at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Available at <http://livingwage.mit.edu/>

7 Social IMPACT Research Center's analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Program. Available at <http://factfinder2.census.gov/>

8 Illinois Department of Employment Security's Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program Data. Available at http://www.ides.illinois.gov/LMI/Pages/Unemployment_Insurance_Program_Data.aspx

9 Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map's Search the IECAM Data Collection. Available at <http://iecam.illinois.edu/data-search/>

10 Social IMPACT Research Center's analysis of Illinois State Board of Education's PARCC/ACT Performance Results. Available at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Report-Card-Data.aspx> (ACT scores are calculated out of possible 36 points)

11 National Low Income Housing Coalition's Out of Reach report. Available at <http://nlihc.org/oor/>

12 The U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Health Insurance Estimates. Available at <http://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/>

13 Social IMPACT Research Center's analysis of Illinois Department of Public Health's Birth Characteristics by Resident County. Available at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/data-statistics/vital-statistics/birth-statistics/more-statistics>

14 Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap: Food Insecurity Estimates at the County Level. Available at <http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/our-research/map-the-meal-gap/data-by-county-in-each-state.html>

15 CFED. Assets and Opportunity local data center. Available at <http://localdata.assetsandopportunity.org/map>

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