

OVERALL RANK
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2025 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE ILLINOIS



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			ILLINOIS		
Children in poverty US 11,445,000 IL 390,000	17% 2019	16% 2023	↓ BETTER	16% 2019	15% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,437,000 IL 654,000	26% 2019	25% 2023	↓ BETTER	24% 2019	24% 2023	= SAME
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,134,000 IL 705,000	30% 2019	30% 2023	= SAME	28% 2019	26% 2023	↓ BETTER
Teens not in school and not working US 1,168,000 IL 36,000	6% 2019	7% 2023	↑ WORSE	6% 2019	5% 2023	↓ BETTER

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EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			ILLINOIS		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,317,000 IL 144,000	52% 2014-18	54% 2019-23	↑ WORSE	44% 2014-18	49% 2019-23	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. IL N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. IL N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	66% 2019	68% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. IL N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	↓ BETTER	14% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

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HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			ILLINOIS		
Low birth-weight babies US 308,263 IL 11,071	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2023	↑ WORSE	8.4% 2019	8.9% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 4,155,000 IL 93,000	6% 2019	5% 2023	↓ BETTER	4% 2019	3% 2023	↓ BETTER
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 22,841 IL 868	25 2019	29 2023	↑ WORSE	23 2019	30 2023	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. IL N.A.	31% 2018-19	31% 2022-23	= SAME	29% 2018-19	31% 2022-23	↑ WORSE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			ILLINOIS		
Children in single-parent families US 23,531,000 IL 890,000	34% 2019	34% 2023	= SAME	34% 2019	35% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,998,000 IL 256,000	12% 2019	11% 2023	↓ BETTER	10% 2019	9% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,546,000 IL 177,000	10% 2014-18	8% 2019-23	↓ BETTER	9% 2014-18	6% 2019-23	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 140,977 IL 4,324	17 2019	13 2023	↓ BETTER	15 2019	11 2023	↓ BETTER

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