

Extreme Poverty in Illinois Senate District 55

Extreme poverty affects thousands of individuals in Illinois Senate District 55



In Illinois Senate District 55, **30,949** people are living in poverty. **13,526** of these individuals are living in extreme poverty.¹



Across the state, **502,778** Illinoisans are employed yet still live in poverty. **11,301** of these workers live in Illinois Senate District 55.²



In Illinois Senate District 55, **22,775** adults age 18-64 rely on Medicaid, which no longer provides them with critical dental services.³



In Illinois Senate District 55, **4,796** people lack affordable housing, meaning they pay more than 50% of their income toward housing.⁴



In Illinois, approximately **14,144** Illinoisans were homeless at least one night in 2012, including **1,905** families.⁵



In Illinois Senate District 55, **52,996** private sector workers do not have access to an employment based retirement savings program.⁶

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According to federal guidelines, families are considered to be living in poverty when their yearly income falls below the Federal Poverty Threshold.

In Illinois, **1.85 million** residents are living in poverty. At least **820,000** are living in extreme poverty.

2012 Federal Annual Income Poverty Thresholds

Family Size	Extreme Poverty (0%-49% FPL)	Poverty (0%-99% FPL)	Low-Income (100%-199% FPL)
	\$5,860	\$11,720	\$23,440
	\$7,469	\$14,937	\$29,874
	\$9,142	\$18,284	\$36,568
	\$11,746	\$23,492	\$46,984

Poverty deprives your constituents of their dignity and undermines their basic human rights. Together we can work to end poverty in Illinois.

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