

ILLINOIS

- According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 24,170 people self-identified as social workers in Illinois.
- There are 6,963 NASW Members in Illinois.
- In 2006, 12,602,623 people lived in Illinois.
- 12.1% of the population live at or below the federal poverty level, compared to 12.6% nationally.
- 26.1% of the populations is below the age of 18, compared to 25.7% nationally.
- 12% of the population is over the age of 65, compared to 12.4% nationally.
- The total population of Illinois is projected to grow 5% between 2000 and 2020. The population 65 and over is projected to grow 31% between 2000 and 2020.
- 874,000 veterans live in Illinois; Illinois is ranked 7th in the nation.
- In 2006, 1,271,854 people were enrolled in Medicaid; this is 11% of the non-elderly population, compared to 13% nationally.
- According to the Rural Policy Research Institute, several areas of the state are medically underserved.
- In 1999, the death rates due to cancer and heart disease were slightly above their respective national rates and the death rate due to firearms was slightly below the national rate.
- In 2006, the unemployment rate was 4.5%, compared with 4.6% nationally.
- Social Work Education Programs in Illinois are: Aurora University, Bradley University, Chicago State University, Dominican University, George Williams College of Aurora University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Loyola University, MacMurray College, Northeastern Illinois University, Olivet Nazarene University, Southern Illinois University (Carbondale School and Edwardsville), St. Augustine College, Trinity Christian College, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, University of Illinois (Chicago–Jane Addams College of Social Work, Springfield, and Urbana-Champaign), University of Saint Francis, and Western Illinois University.

THERE ARE 12,312 LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS IN ILLINOIS

License	Education Required	Experience Required
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Doctorate Degree in Social Work	2000 hours post
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Master's Degree in Social Work	3000 hours post
Licensed Social Worker	Master's Degree in Social Work	N/A
Licensed Social Worker	Bachelor's Degree in Social Work	3 years post

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Social Work Survey Data*

- One-third of Illinois' respondents were between 45 and 54 years old.
- The majority (87%) of respondents in Illinois were white. Seven percent were black and four percent were Hispanic.
- The majority of respondents in Illinois held a master's degree as their highest social work degree (92%).
- Respondents were asked to identify their primary practice setting for employment. The three most frequently cited categories were schools (22%), private solo practice (16%) and hospitals/medical centers (10%). Ten percent of the respondents also selected the category "other."
- The majority of Illinois respondents (52%) earned between \$40,000 and \$59,000 annually for full-time social work. Another 30 percent earned \$60,000 or more annually.
- The majority of respondents in Illinois (55%) had five to 19 years of experience. Only a small percentage (12%) were new to the field, with less than five years of experience.
- The majority of Illinois respondents were employed in a private, non-profit setting (42%).
- The overwhelming majority of respondents in Illinois were employed in a metropolitan area (96%).
- The majority (42%) of respondents identified Mental Health as their primary practice area, followed by School Social Work (23%), Aging (16%), and Health (11%).

**This information is based on the results of the 2004 NASW National Survey of Licensed Social Workers. <http://workforce.socialworkers.org>*