

Important Facts about Poverty in DuPage County

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1. The number of low income residents in DuPage County is steadily increasing.

DuPage County, Illinois	1990 Census		2000 Census		2002 ACS		2003 ACS		2004 ACS		2005 ACS		% Change 1990-2005
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Total	771,641	100.00%	889,343	100.00%	908,276	100.00%	908,304	100.00%	912,780	100.00%	912,117	100.00%	18.20%
Under 50% FPL	10045	1.30%	16,004	1.80%	16,946	1.87%	15,038	1.66%	15,310	1.68%	17,519	1.92%	74.41%
50 to 74% FPL	4909	0.64%	7,389	0.83%	8,947	0.99%	16,431	1.81%	10,091	1.11%	9,891	1.08%	101.49%
75 to 99% FPL	5994	0.78%	8,770	0.99%	6,114	0.67%	18,358	2.02%	9,198	1.01%	17,511	1.92%	192.14%
Subtotal <100 FPL	20948	2.71%	32,163	3.62%	32,007	3.52%	49,827	5.49%	34,599	3.79%	44,921	4.92%	114.44%
100 to 124% FPL	9217	1.19%	11,361	1.28%	19,343	2.13%	12,976	1.43%	18,185	1.99%	17,349	1.90%	88.23%
125 to 149% FPL	9795	1.27%	15,549	1.75%	14,527	1.60%	18,500	2.04%	24,914	2.73%	18,492	2.03%	88.79%
150 to 174% FPL	14063	1.82%	16,910	1.90%	32,420	3.57%	27,630	3.04%	24,869	2.72%	22,247	2.44%	58.20%
175 to 184% FPL	5591	0.72%	8,791	0.99%	12,339	1.36%	12,099	1.33%	5,044	0.55%	6,244	0.68%	11.68%
185 to 199% FPL	9679	1.25%	10,679	1.20%	8,568	0.94%	10,366	1.14%	14,160	1.55%	11,942	1.31%	23.38%
<200% FPL Subtotal	69293	8.98%	95,453	10.73%	119,204	13.12%	131,398	14.47%	121,771	13.34%	121,195	13.29%	74.90%
200% FPL+	702,348	91.02%	793,890	89.27%	789,072	86.88%	776,906	85.53%	791,009	86.66%	790,922	86.71%	12.61%

2. DuPage County is becoming rapidly and increasingly diverse.

DuPage County, Illinois	1990 Census		2000 Census		2003 ACS		2004 ACS		2005 ACS		% Change 1990-2005
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Total Population	781,666	100%	904,161	100%	909,856	100%	913,386	100%	913,781	100%	16.90%
White non Hispanic	714,905	91.46%	759,924	84.05%	753,796	82.85%	760,725	83.29%	671,157	73.45%	-6.12%
Black	15,462	1.98%	27,600	3.05%	30,236	3.32%	34,834	3.81%	34,841	3.81%	125.33%
Asian	39,634	5.07%	71,252	7.88%	88,316	9.71%	90,893	9.95%	89,224	9.76%	125.12%
American Indian/Alaska Native	962	0.12%	1,520	0.17%	1,283	0.14%	1,435	0.16%	1,189	0.13%	23.60%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island	See Asian	0.00%	217	0.02%	946	0.10%	478	0.05%	284	0.03%	NA
Other	10,703	1.37%	28,166	3.12%	24,723	2.72%	15,828	1.73%	1,787	0.20%	-83.30%
Two or more races	NA	0.00%	15,482	1.71%	10,556	1.16%	9,193	1.01%	10,476	1.15%	NA
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	34,567	4.42%	81,366	9.00%	98,015	10.77%	100,060	10.95%	104,823	11.47%	203.25%
Subtotal Minority	101,328	12.96%	225,603	29.69%	254,075	33.71%	252,721	27.67%	242,624	26.55%	139.44%

3. In Illinois, poverty is moving to the suburbs. An increasing percentage of the state's poor people now live in the suburbs.

	1990 Census		2000 Census		2003 ACS		2004 ACS		2005 ACS		% Change 1990-2005
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
State of Illinois											
Population	11,430,602	100%	12,419,293	100%	12,328,721	100%	12,390,521	100%	12,440,351	109%	8.83%
Poverty Population	1,326,731	11.61%	1,291,958	10.40%	1,389,329	11.27%	1,474,460	11.90%	1,483,873	11.93%	11.84%
City of Chicago											
Population (% of State's Pop.)	2,783,726	24.35%	2,896,016	23.32%	2,722,562	22.08%	2,719,290	21.95%	2,701,926	21.72%	-2.94%
Poverty Population	592,298	21.28%	556,791	19.23%	523,772	19.24%	571,727	21.02%	573,486	38.65%	-3.18%
Percent of State's Poor		44.64%		43.10%		37.70%		38.78%		38.65%	
Cook County Total											
Population (% of State's Pop.)	5,105,067	44.66%	5,376,741	43.29%	5,254,294	42.62%	5,230,451	42.21%	5,206,357	41.85%	1.98%
Poverty Population	713,255	13.97%	713,040	13.26%	697,812	13.28%	759,192	14.51%	777,089	14.93%	8.95%
Percent of State's Poor		53.76%		55.19%		50.23%		51.49%		52.37%	
Suburban Cook County											
Population	2,321,341	20.31%	2,480,725	19.97%	2,531,732	20.54%	2,511,161	20.27%	2,504,431	20.13%	7.89%
Poverty Population	120,957	5.21%	156,249	6.30%	174,040	6.87%	187,465	7.47%	203,603	8.13%	68.33%
Percent of State's Poor		9.12%		12.09%		12.53%		12.71%		13.72%	
DuPage County											
Population	781,666	6.84%	904,161	7.28%	909,856	7.38%	913,386	7.37%	913,781	7.35%	16.90%
Poverty Population	20,948	2.68%	32,163	3.56%	49,827	5.48%	34,599	3.79%	42,161	4.90%	101.27%
Percent of State's Poor		1.58%		2.49%		3.59%		2.35%		2.84%	

4. Nearly all of the net population growth in DuPage County is among the immigrant, low income and minority populations.

According to the American Community Survey, the population in DuPage County grew from 904,161 in 2000 to an estimated 913,386 in 2004, an increase of 9,225 people or 1.02%. The number of low income (under 200% of the Federal poverty level) persons in DuPage County in 2000 was 95,453. By 2004, the number of low income persons had grown to 121,195, an increase of 25,740 persons or 26.97%. In 1990, there were 101,328 minority persons in DuPage County. By 2004, that number had increased by 139.44% to 242,624.

In its 2005 estimates, the census bureau reports that between April 1, 2000 and July 1, 2005, (63 months), there were 67,371 births and 29,782 deaths for a net natural increase of 29,782. However, during that time period, there was a *net* internal migration of -41,795 (meaning that 41,795 more people left the county for other locations in the United States than moved into the county). International migration accounted for a *net* gain of 29,543 persons, meaning that the number of international immigrants substantially exceeded the entire population growth of 24,961.

5. Unemployment in DuPage County, though low by national standards, remains at a relatively high level compared to historic trends.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY IN NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS: 1990 & 1994 - 2004 ANNUAL AVERAGES													
	1990	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Cook	7.2%	6.5%	5.8%	5.9%	5.3%	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%	6.1%	7.4%	7.3%	6.6%	6.5%
DuPage	4.0%	4.1%	3.5%	3.5%	3.1%	2.8%	3.3%	2.9%	4.4%	5.5%	5.6%	5.0%	4.7%
Kane	5.9%	5.9%	6.0%	5.0%	5.1%	4.5%	4.1%	4.3%	5.3%	6.6%	7.0%	5.9%	5.7%
Lake	3.8%	4.7%	3.9%	3.7%	3.4%	3.5%	3.2%	3.5%	4.3%	5.6%	6.2%	5.5%	4.5%
Will	6.5%	6.1%	5.3%	5.3%	4.7%	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	5.1%	6.3%	6.9%	5.9%	5.5%

6. Although DuPage County has the second highest median income in the Chicago area, it has more low income persons than the total population of 87 counties* in Illinois.

Median household income	2000	2003	2004	2005	% Change
Cook County	\$ 45,922	\$ 47,926	\$ 48,849	\$48,950	6.59%
DuPage County	\$ 67,887	\$ 67,505	\$ 70,174	\$70,560	3.94%
Kane County	\$ 59,351	\$ 60,348	\$ 65,405	\$63,317	6.68%
Lake County	\$ 66,973	\$ 69,670	\$ 68,200	\$68,744	2.64%
McHenry County	\$ 64,826	\$ 70,956	\$ 67,926	\$70,908	9.38%
Will County	\$ 62,238	\$ 65,186	\$ 61,039	\$68,414	9.92%

7. Usage of Food Stamps, Medicaid and Kid Care is growing.

DuPage County	2000		2003		2005			% Change
	#	%	#	%	Cases	Persons	%	
Cases receiving TANF	567	0.1%	326	0.0%	582	1,534	0.2%	2.6%
Cases receiving Food Stamps	4,820	0.5%	6,884	0.8%	10,394	23,628	2.6%	115.6%
Cases receiving KidCare					18,634	42,977	4.7%	NA
Cases receiving Medicaid (Source: Illinois Department of Human Services)	17,016	1.91%	25,178	2.77%	31,961	57,256	6.27%	87.8%
Households receiving SSI (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)	5,515	0.62%	5,646	0.62%	4,493	NA	0.49%	-18.5%

8. The number of people with limited English proficiency is significantly increasing.

	1990 Census		2000 Census		2003 ACS		2004 ACS		2005 ACS		% Change 1990-2004
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Total Population	781,666	100%	904,161	100%	909,856	100%	913,386	100%	913,781	100%	16.85%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	34,567	4.42%	81,366	9.00%	98,015	10.77%	100,060	10.95%	104,823	11.47%	189.47%
Foreign Born	71,335	9.13%	138,656	15.34%	140,059	15.39%	164,343	17.99%	169,412	18.54%	130.38%
Speaks language other than English at home	57,535	7.36%	174,113	19.26%	183,044	20.12%	204,010	22.34%	213,865	23.40%	254.58%
Speaks English 'less than very well.'	31,712	4.06%	70,920	7.84%	84,962	9.34%	89,207	9.77%	84,553	9.25%	181.30%

9. The number of households paying more than 30% of their income for rent is increasing. These people are at high risk of homelessness.

	2000 Census		2003 ACS		2004 ACS		2005 ACS		% Change
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Households paying \geq 30% of their income for housing	21,376	2.4%	32,334	3.6%	30,747	3.4%	To Be Released		43.8%

10. Homelessness is a serious problem in DuPage. Significant percentages of the homeless are working. The majority of the homeless served in DuPage County homeless shelters are from DuPage County. If it were not for the financial assistance provided by the network of homeless prevention agencies, many more persons might be homeless.

	2001	2003	2005	% Change
Number of Homeless in DuPage at point in time count	680	706	803	18.09%
Persons receiving homeless prevention services in past year	22,266	40,892	47,868	114.98%
Homeless persons reporting that their last address was in DuPage County	94%	NA	NA	
Mean length of time in DuPage prior to homelessness	4 years	NA	NA	
Homeless shelter guests who are working	43%	NA	NA	

11. Although data demonstrate a decrease in the crime rate, DuPage County is still impacted by discharges from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Exits to DuPage County from Illinois Department of Corrections by Offense Type						
Offense Type	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY05
Person	93	134	156	122	143	109
Property	364	427	472	495	536	395
Drug	150	197	241	264	297	226
Sex	29	37	53	46	44	43
Other	37	49	35	55	51	27
Total	673	844	957	982	1071	800

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- Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission <http://www.nipc.org/test/lausdata.htm>

Note: 'Low Income' refers to households incomes below 200% of Federal Poverty Level (\$38,700 family of four in 2005)
 'Poverty' refers to households incomes below the Federal Poverty Level (\$19,500 family of four in 2005).
 'Minority' refers to persons of racial groups other than white, and includes Latinos or Hispanics of all races.
 Slight decline in cash assistance probably represents stiffened eligibility criteria

Note: ACS Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. The data are based on a sample size of 1,856 households, and 1,426 actual interviews. The major difference between Census 2000 and the American Community Survey is that persons living in group quarters are not included. The group quarters population will be surveyed in future years. In 2000, there were 15,113 persons living in group quarters in DuPage, and this should be considered when making comparisons between the 2000 census and later ACS data.

* There are more low income people in DuPage County (121,195) than the total population of the following Illinois Counties: Pope, Hardin, Calhoun, Scott, Putnam, Gallatin, Stark, Edwards, Pulaski, Brown, Schuyler, Henderson, Hamilton, Alexander, Jasper, Cumberland, Wabash, Menard, Johnson, Marshall, Cass, Clay, Ford, Moultrie, Greene, Washington, White, Massac, Mason, Richland, Lawrence, Carroll, De Witt, Piatt, Wayne, Mercer, Clark, Pike, Warren, Bond, Union, Hancock, Edgar, Crawford, Douglas, Fayette, Shelby, Jersey, Jo Daviess, Perry, Saline, Montgomery, Logan, Iroquois, Monroe, McDonough, Randolph, Effingham, Christian, Bureau, Lee, Morgan, Clinton, Woodford, Fulton, Livingston, Franklin, Marion, Jefferson, Grundy, Stephenson, Macoupin, Boone, Henry, Coles, Knox, Ogle, Jackson, Whiteside, Williamson, Adams, Kendall, Vermilion, DeKalb, Kankakee, Macon, LaSalle.