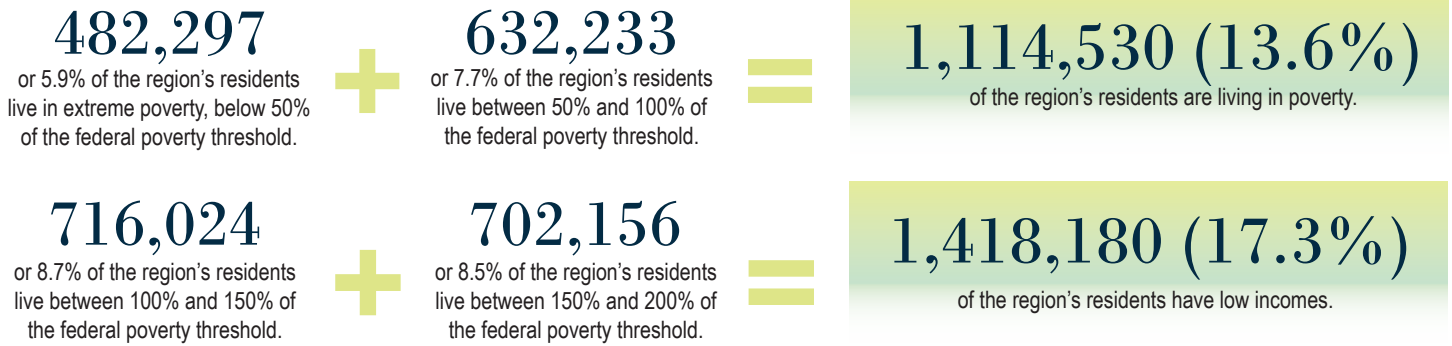


Snapshot of Poverty in the Chicago Region

With 65% of the state's population residing in the Chicago region, it is important to hone in on how poverty and related issues are impacting the area's residents. The Chicago region includes the city of Chicago, Suburban Cook County, DuPage County, Kane County, Lake County, McHenry County, and Will County.

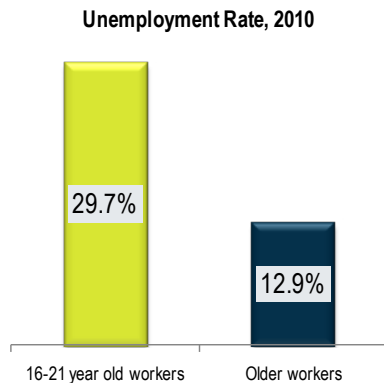
Scale of Chicago Region Poverty, 2010³⁴



Chicago Region Poverty by County, 2010³⁵

	Extreme Poverty (under 50% FPL)	Poverty (under 100% FPL)	Low income (100%-199% FPL)
Chicago	265,677 (10.0%)	596,975 (22.5%)	588,104 (22.2%)
Suburban Cook County	115,415 (4.7%)	259,385 (10.5%)	406,082 (16.4%)
DuPage County	22,131 (2.4%)	59,730 (6.6%)	100,845 (11.1%)
Kane County	19,198 (3.8%)	56,707 (11.1%)	96,163 (18.8%)
Lake County	28,785 (4.1%)	60,440 (8.7%)	103,288 (14.9%)
McHenry County	8,895 (2.9%)	23,649 (7.7%)	37,315 (12.1%)
Will County	22,196 (3.3%)	57,644 (8.6%)	86,383 (12.9%)

Unemployment among youth has **increased 34%** in the Chicago region since 2007 and is much higher than rates for older workers.³⁶



Due to a reliance on property taxes for funding, educational resources are not equally distributed.³⁷

Variation in Instructional Expenditure per Pupil Across Districts in the 6-County Chicago Region



³⁴ Social IMPACT Research Center's analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 American Community Survey 1-year estimates program.

³⁵ Ibid.

³⁶ Social IMPACT Research Center's analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2007 and 2010 American Community Survey 1-year estimates program.

³⁷ Social IMPACT Research Center's analysis of the Northern Illinois University. 2011 Illinois interactive report card. Retrieved from <http://iirc.niu.edu/>

Snapshot of Hardship in the Chicago Region

Hardship in the Chicago region is seen in experiences of unemployment, educational disparities, food insecurity, inability to afford rent, and rising bankruptcies.

1,202,180

The number of people experiencing food insecurity in the Chicago region³⁸

488,740

The number who are children

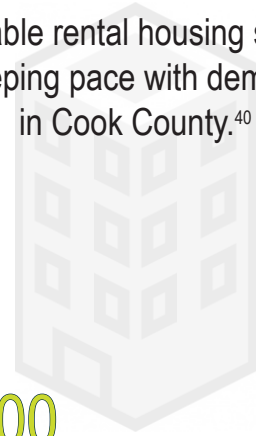
60%

The percent of those children who are from low-income families

30

The number of Chicago Community Areas (out of 77) where over 1 in 5 residents are food insecure³⁹

The affordable rental housing supply is not keeping pace with demand in Cook County.⁴⁰



180,000

Shortage of affordable rental units in 2009

9.1%

Increase in shortage since 2005

In recent years, personal bankruptcy activity in Cook County increased dramatically.

BANKRUPTCY

59.2%

Increase in Non-Business Bankruptcy Activity in Cook County Between 2008 and 2010⁴¹

**“Poverty is not a story
someplace else;
it’s in our midst.”**

Chicago woman testifying to the
Commission on the Elimination of Poverty

³⁸ Gundersen, C., Waxman, E., Engelhard, E., & Brown, J. (2011). *Map the Meal Gap 2011: Food insecurity estimates at the county level*. Chicago: Feeding America. Low income is below 185% FPL.

³⁹ Greater Chicago Food Depository. *Community food insecurity data*. Retrieved from http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/site/PageServer?pagename=hunger_research

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