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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

This Atlas makes available for the first time Illinois poverty data by legislative district. Elected officials now have the opportunity to understand how poverty impacts their own individual districts in three key ways: education rates, poverty rates, and median incomes. The data is also provided at the county level, for townships in Northeastern Illinois and by community area in Chicago.

This Atlas offers policy makers a more complete understanding of the circumstances in which their constituents live, particularly as it relates to the surrounding area and across the state. The Atlas is a tool for making better, more informed policy decisions, especially in the areas of workforce development, affordable housing, human services, and economic development.

The information in the Atlas is derived from the 2000 U.S. Census with comparisons to 1990 Census data to establish rates of change in poverty. Taken once every decade, the U.S. Census presents an important opportunity to more closely examine population characteristics. These maps offer a unique geographic display of poverty issues in Illinois.

Data sets for each map can be found in the appendix. The appendix also shows the number of people in poverty for each geographic region, as well as child and elderly poverty rates by legislative district.

Highlights

Illinois's economic future is at risk. Education levels are too low across the state. Despite the number of working families in Northeastern Illinois, the region has the highest concentration of people in poverty in the state. Yet at the same time, a review of median income shows that the region is the wealthiest area in Illinois, a dangerous gap in equality. Southern Illinois, although some progress has been made, continues to have the highest poverty rates in the state.

The Atlas is organized into four sections: legislative districts, counties, townships in the northeastern part of the state, and Chicago community areas. Each provides insight into patterns of poverty in Illinois.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

The view by legislative district shows that poverty affects both rural districts and urban areas, and that education attainment is an issue throughout the state.

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- In three quarters of the state's districts (78%) more than 1 in 10 adults¹ do not have a high school diploma.
 - In the vast majority of districts 15% or more of the population lack a high school diploma.
 - Mid-state districts show a pattern of slightly higher education levels, particularly areas nearer to the state's governmental and education hubs.
 - Southern districts tend to have significantly higher poverty rates than much of the state.
 - Nine out of the 23 districts in Northeastern Illinois have double-digit poverty rates even though the majority (60% or more) of adults² are working.
 - Northeastern Illinois has the greatest number of people in poverty, but it also has the state's greatest wealth, including all nine of the districts having a median income of \$60,000 or more.

COUNTIES

The counties where the fewest adults finished high school tend to be the counties with the highest poverty rates, although no direct correlation has yet been established. Generally, median income is higher in the north of the state than in the south. The Northeast counties also have the highest number of people in poverty. The extremes of high- and low-income are very pronounced in this area.

NORTHEASTERN TOWNSHIPS

The percentage of adults without high school diplomas varies widely within this region, ranging from 2.5% to 51.8%. High poverty rates appear in largely the same areas, with the number of people below the poverty line increasing by more than 1,000 in 27 of the 116 townships during the last decade. Low-income townships are clustered in the most densely settled areas of metropolitan Chicago.

CHICAGO COMMUNITY AREAS

In most Chicago communities, more than 10% of the adult population did not finish high school. Chicago continues to have one of the greatest concentrations of people in poverty in the United States, but the disparity among communities is quite pronounced. Twenty communities have median family incomes that are less than half that of the city's wealthiest communities, while two of those communities have median family income of less than one fourth of the wealthiest communities.

¹ Statistics related to non-graduation rates pertain to adults age 25 and older.

² Adults who are working include those age 16 and older.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

(not including Northeastern Illinois)

NUMBER OF HOUSE DISTRICTS: 118

NUMBER OF SENATE DISTRICTS: 59

Each Illinois Senate district is comprised of two House districts. In order to portray the poverty characteristics with the greatest detail, the maps include boundaries for both. The key data points (below) refer to the House districts, as these together constitute the larger Senate districts.

Education

- All but two districts in the state have more than 1 in 10 adults without a high school diploma and the vast majority has 15% or more without a high school diploma. In seventeen districts at least every sixth adult does not have a high school education.
- In House Districts, the number of adults lacking a high school diploma ranges from 1,871 to 14,957. The district with the lowest percentage is at 2.8 %; the highest is 26.4%. There is considerable overlap of districts with high poverty rates and districts with high rates of adults without a high school diploma.
- Mid-state districts show a pattern of slightly higher education levels, particularly areas nearer to the state's governmental and education hubs.

Poverty

- Southern districts tend to have significantly higher poverty rates than much of the state.
- Poverty rate in the House Districts ranges from 2% to 40%. Fourteen districts (concentrated in the Southern part of the state) have poverty rates of 20% or greater, meaning at least 1 in 5 people in those districts are poor.

Income

- Four districts have annual median family income under \$25,000, 18 districts under \$30,000 and 46 have under \$35,000. Nearly all the southern half of the state exhibits comparatively low median income. Most districts have median incomes well below the state level.

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

Education

- The highest percentage of adults without a high school diploma in Northeastern Illinois is roughly double the highest rate in the balance of the state.
- Suburban cities as well as districts on the south side of Chicago and in Southern Cook County have high rates of adults without a high school diploma compared to the rest of the state.

Poverty

- Nine Northeastern districts have double-digit poverty rates even though the majority (60% or more) of adults are working.
- Eleven of the 14 Illinois districts with poverty rates 20% or higher are in Northeastern Illinois.

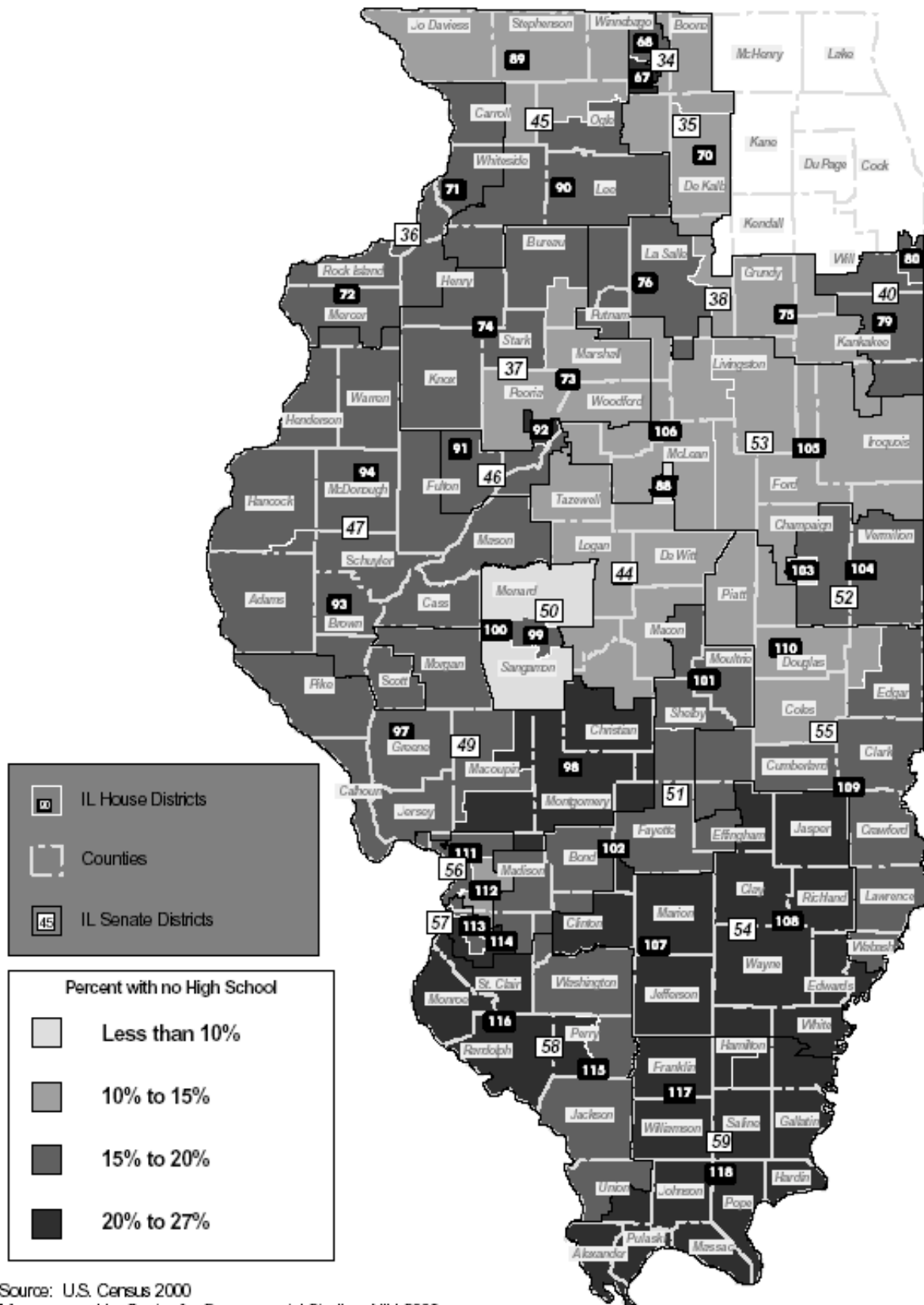
Income

- The range of median family income levels is extraordinary in the metropolitan Chicago area, the lowest at \$21,285 and the highest at \$97,188, both notably outside the data range for the rest of the state. Very low-income districts appear almost entirely in Cook County with most in a contiguous group inside the City of Chicago.

Percent of Persons 25 & Older Without a High School Degree

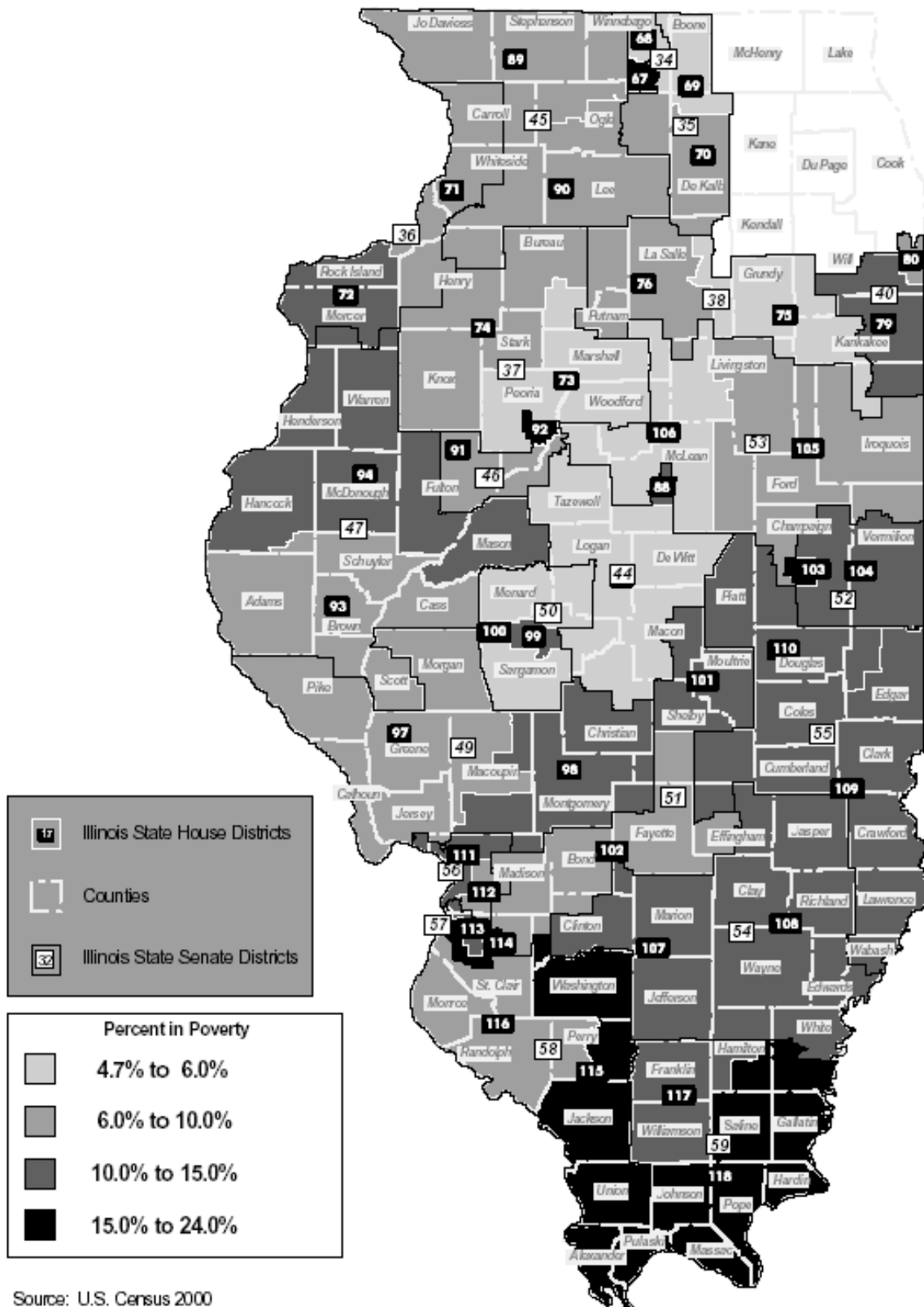
Illinois State Legislative Districts

(Northeastern Illinois shown separately)



Source: U.S. Census 2000
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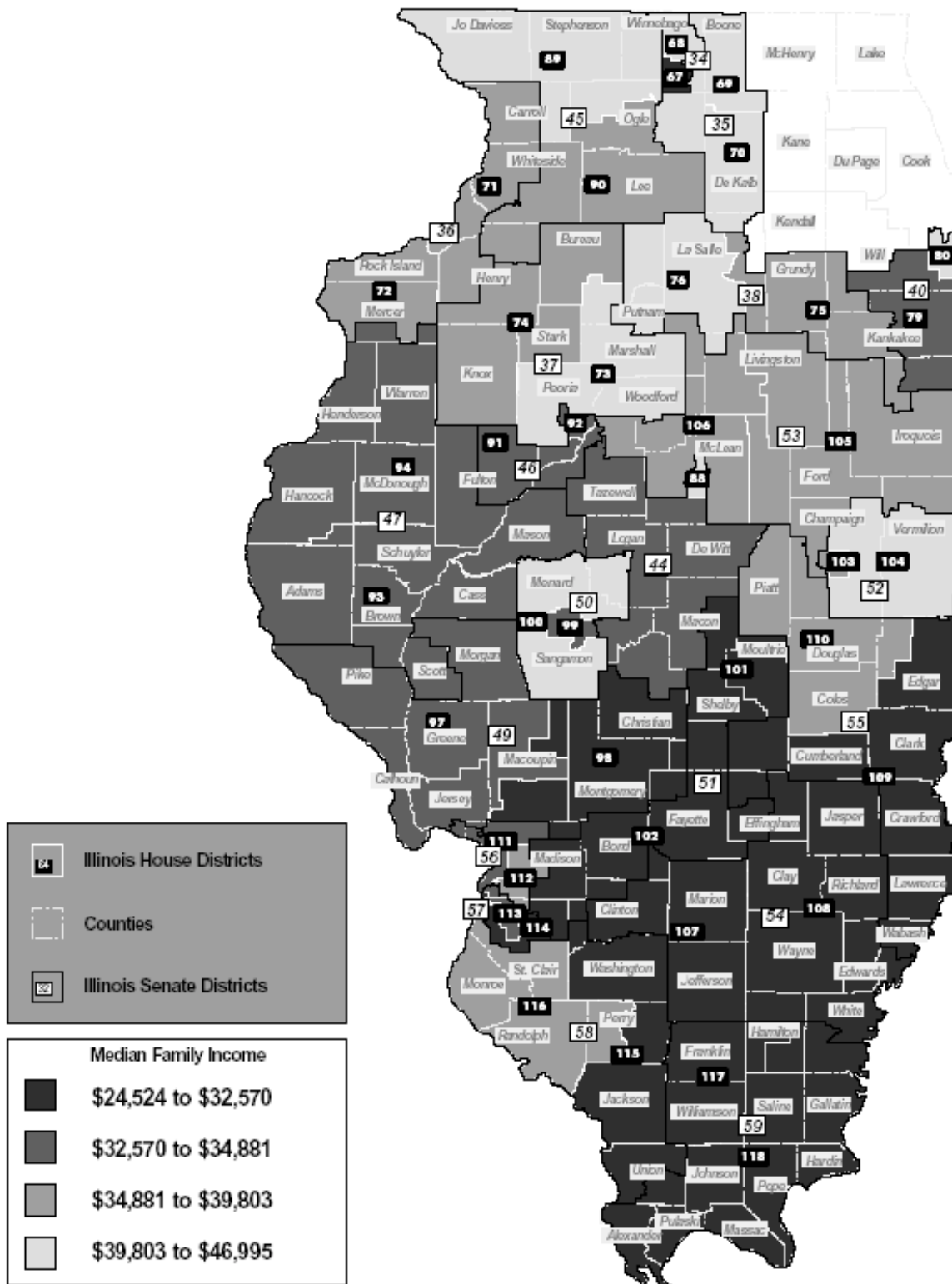
Percent of Persons in Poverty Illinois State Legislative Districts (Northeastern Illinois shown separately)



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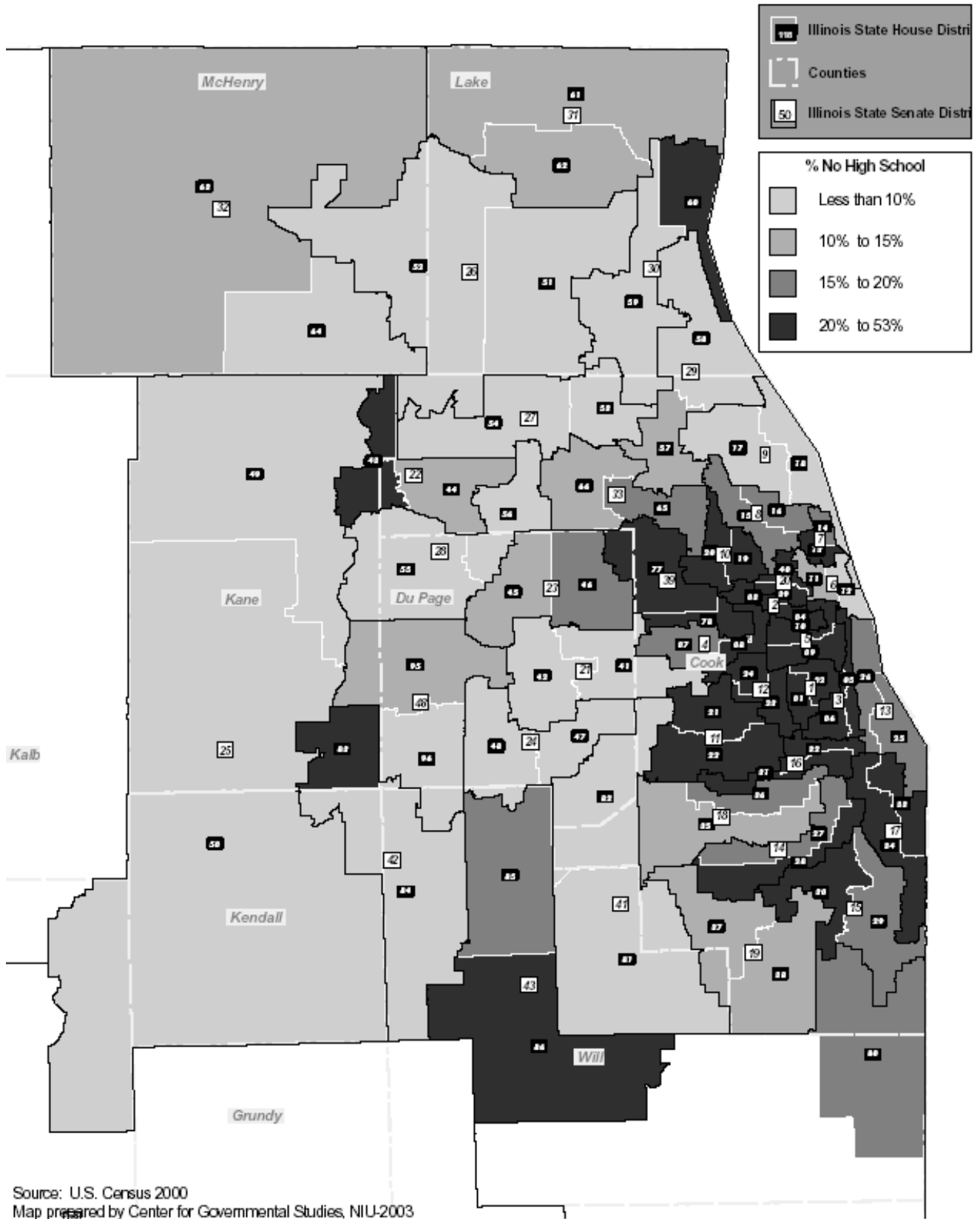
Median Family Income Illinois State Legislative Districts

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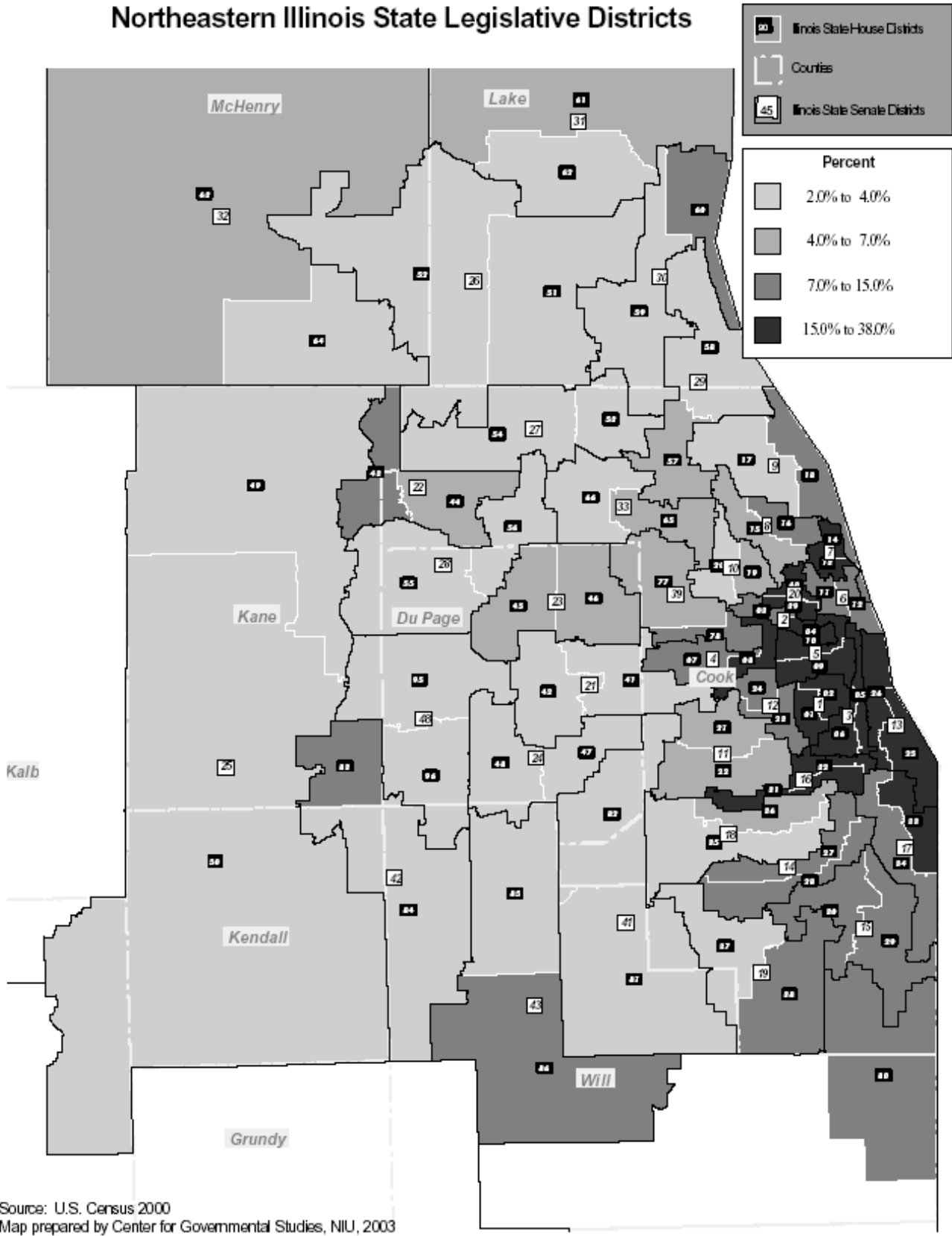


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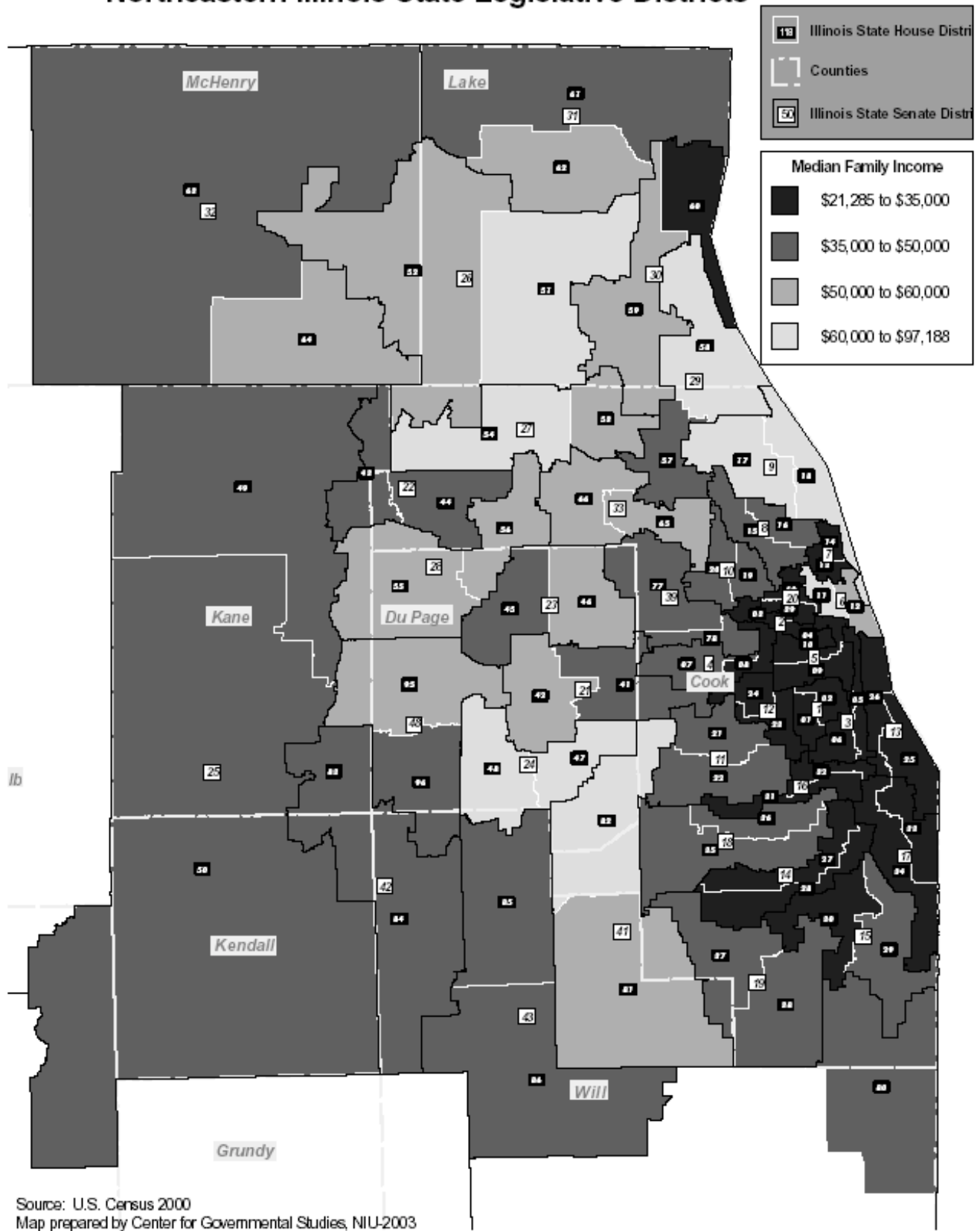
Percent of Persons 25 & Over Without High School Degree Northeastern Illinois State Legislative Districts



Percent of Persons in Poverty Northeastern Illinois State Legislative Districts



Median Family Income Northeastern Illinois State Legislative Districts



ILLINOIS COUNTIES

NUMBER OF COUNTIES IN ILLINOIS: 102

	<u>State of Illinois</u>
Poverty Rate	10.7%
Median Family Income	\$55,545
Percentage of Adults without a High School Diploma	18.6%

Education

- Only five counties in the northern part of the state have 20% or higher high school non-completion rates compared to 35 counties in the center and south of the state.
- High school non-completion rates are highest in the far south of the state. Three of the four counties with over 30% of adults without a high school diploma are in this area: Hardin, Johnson and Alexander.
- The patterns of high and low high school non-completion and high and low poverty rates are similar. Extreme southern counties exhibit the weakest performance on both measures with the northeast and center the strongest.

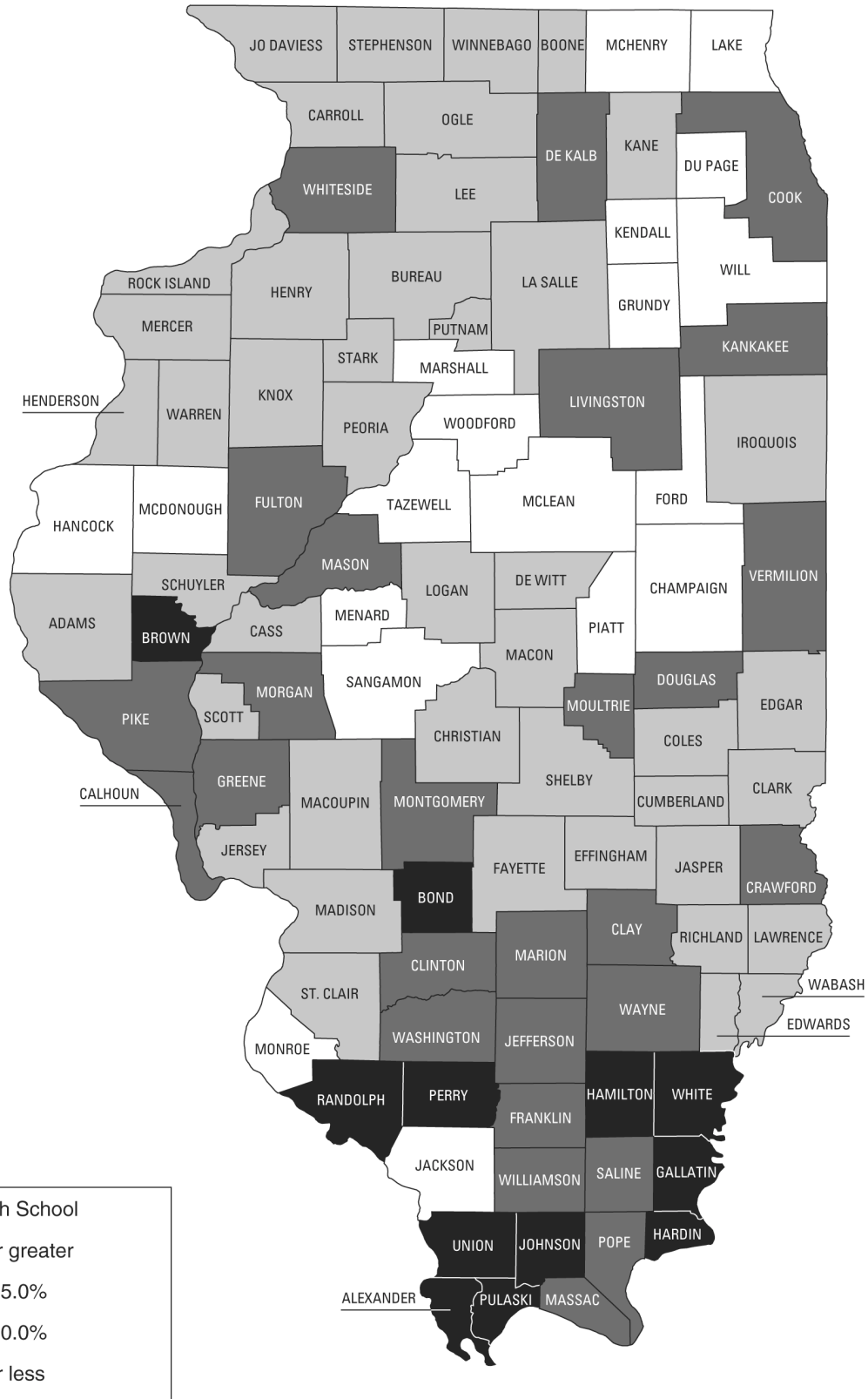
Poverty

- Illinois counties with the highest poverty rates are mainly concentrated at the southern tip of the state of Illinois. Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Pope and Union all have more than 16% of their residents in poverty.
- Counties with high numbers of people in poverty are in the Northeastern Illinois and the East St. Louis areas. More than 17,000 people are in poverty in each of the Chicago area suburban counties of Kane, Lake, DuPage and Will and the number of poor people in Cook County is 713,000 – one of the largest concentrations of poverty in the U.S.

Income

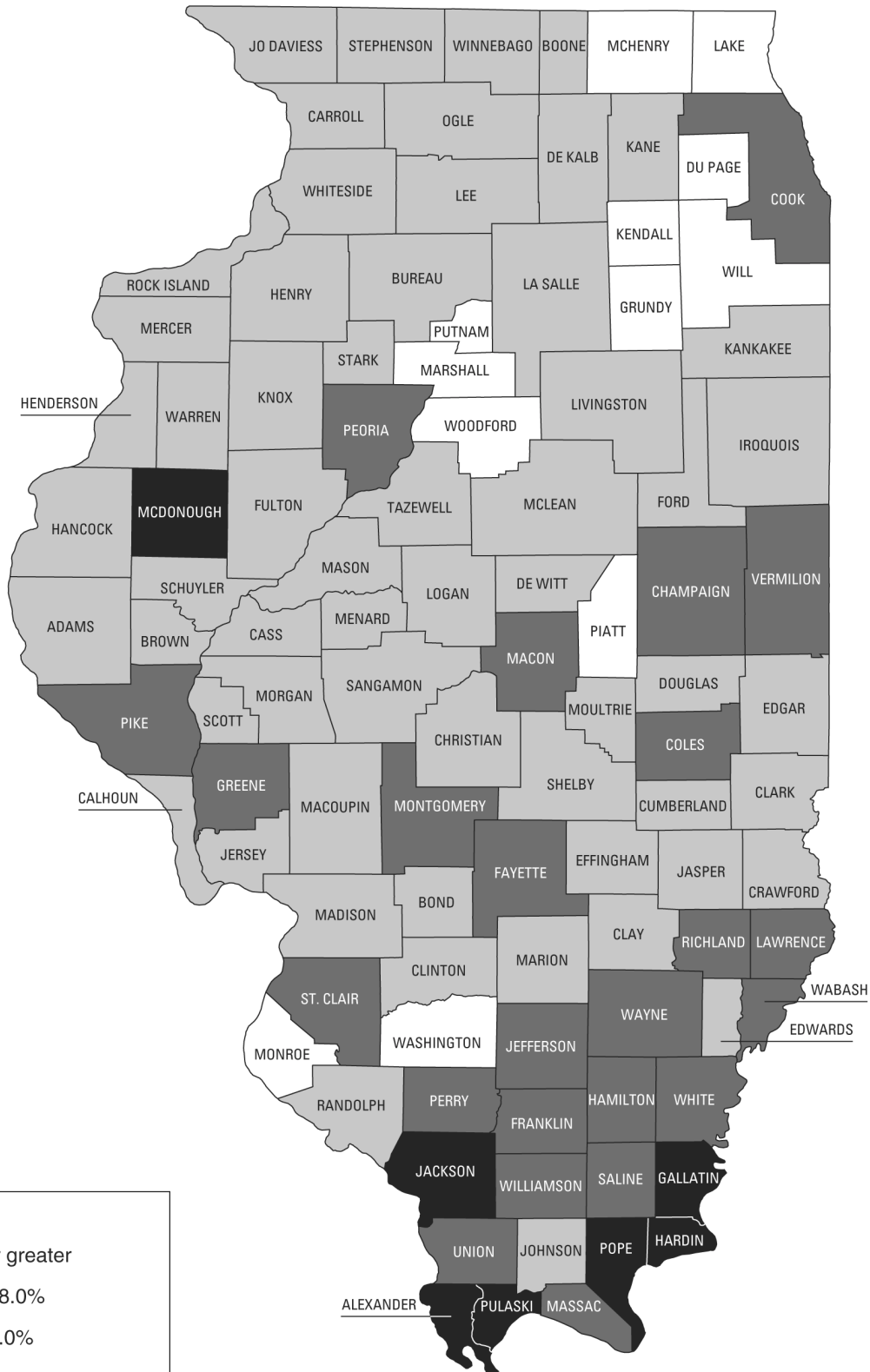
- The median family income in Illinois counties ranges from about \$32,000 to \$79,000. In other words, the highest county has more than twice the median income of the lowest. Many of the counties with comparatively low incomes also have small populations and less economic diversity.
- A number of counties across the state display the highest income levels but also display the highest poverty rates.

County Percent of Adults with No High School Diploma



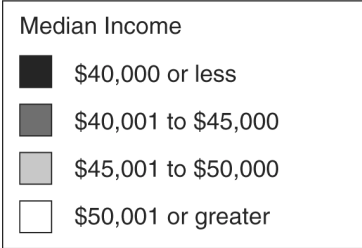
Source: U.S. Census 2000

County Poverty Rates



Source: U.S. Census 2000

County Median Income



Source: U.S. Census 2000

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS TOWNSHIPS³

NUMBER OF TOWNSHIPS IN NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS: 116

Education

- All but one of the eight townships with median income below \$50,000 have high school non-completion rates over 25%, with the top three at 33.5% (Aurora), 36.9% (Waukegan) and 51.8% (Cicero) without high school education.
- The range in high school non-completion in northeastern Illinois is very wide. The percentage of adults without high school education varies among townships from 2.5% in New Trier to 51.8% in Cicero.
- Each of the counties has at least one township with its high school non-completion rate over 20%. McHenry and Will Counties have more diffused areas of high percentage lacking high school diplomas, while Cook, Kane, Lake and DuPage Counties have more concentrated areas.

Poverty

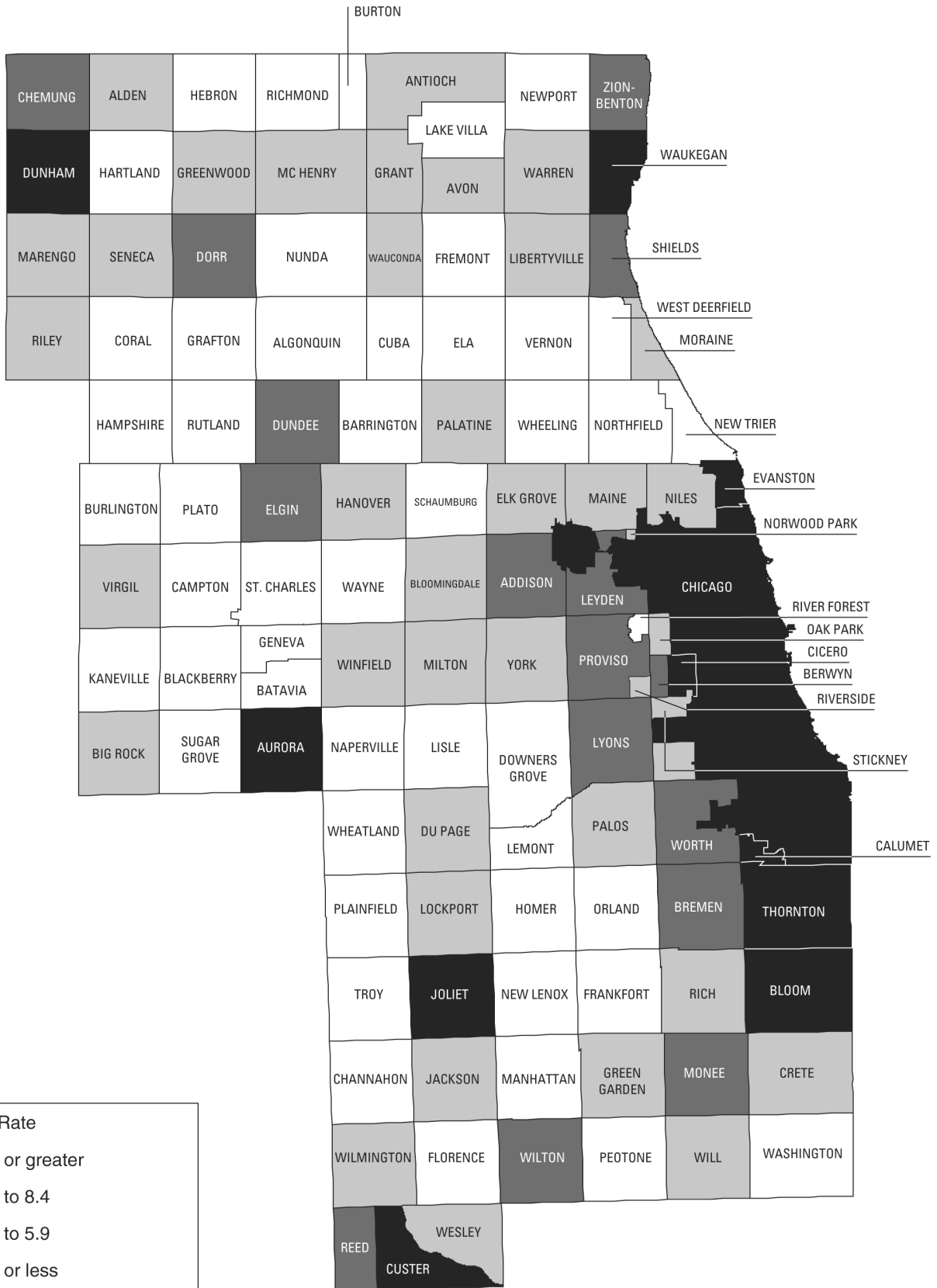
- Though townships with relatively high poverty rates are scattered across metropolitan Chicago, areas with the highest poverty rates either border Chicago or contain the major suburban (satellite) cities of the region, i.e., Waukegan, Elgin, Aurora and Joliet.
- Likewise, townships with a high number of people in poverty are found closer to the major population centers of the region. Notably, townships with more than 5,000 people in poverty are found in northwestern Cook County and northeastern DuPage County – areas with low overall poverty rates.
- The number of people below the poverty line increased by more than 1,000 in 27 out of 116 townships during the 1990s.
- Most areas where poverty has decreased are on the peripheral townships away from Chicago with highest increases mostly in the nearer suburbs. Many low poverty areas in the central and northern townships have seen increased rates over the decade.

Income

- Most high-income townships are concentrated primarily in the north and west. Cook and Lake County have the largest number of townships with median incomes over \$75,000, with 10 and 9 respectively out of 44 townships in total.
- Low-income townships are concentrated in some of the most densely populated areas of metropolitan Chicago. Seven of the eight lowest income areas, all under \$50,000, are among the most populous: Calumet, Chicago City, Cicero, Aurora, Waukegan, Joliet and Thornton.

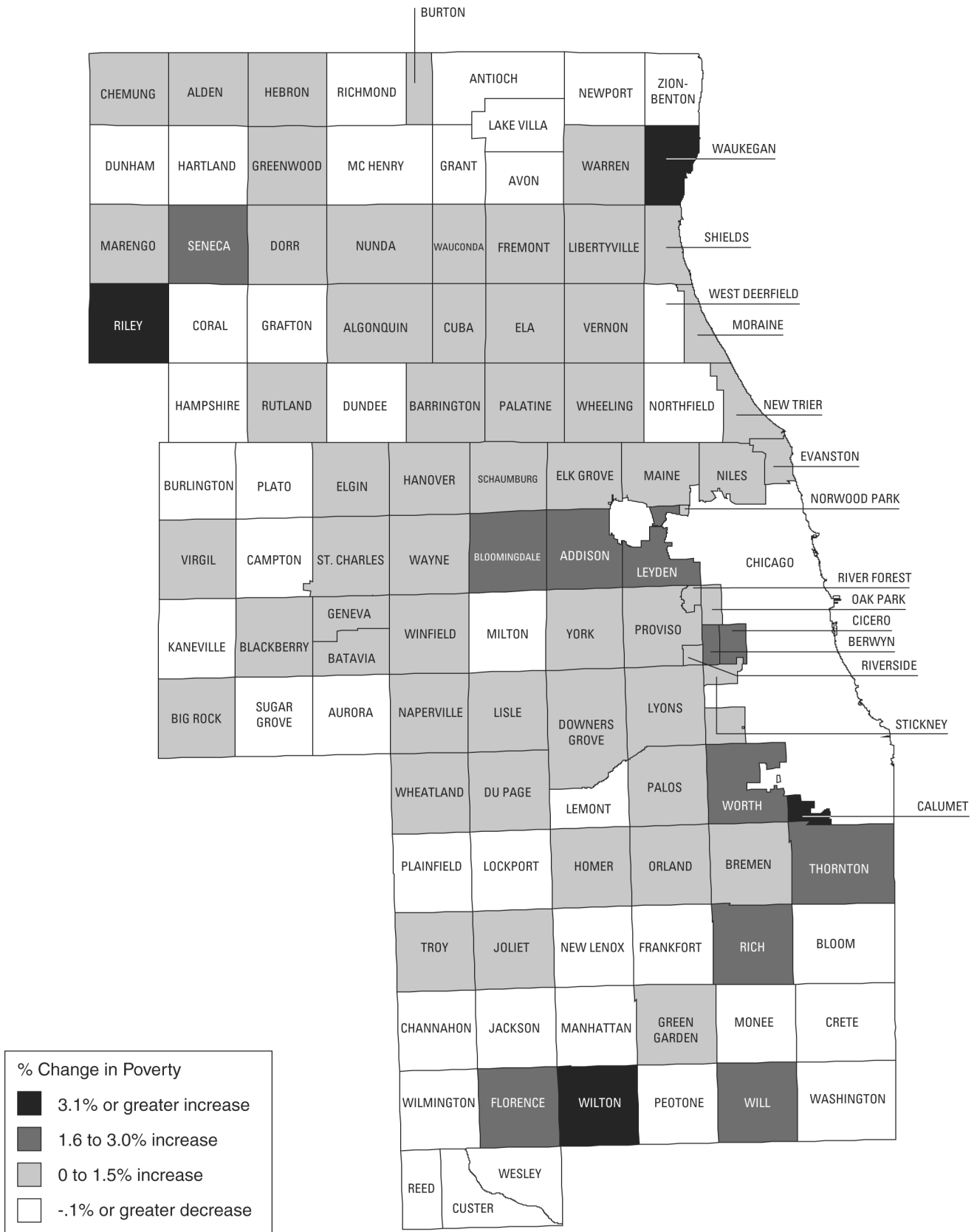
³ Benton and Zion townships have merged since data was collected for the U.S. Census in 2000. The maps represent the average of their respective data. The data collected for these townships is listed individually in the appendix.

Northeastern Illinois Township Poverty Rates



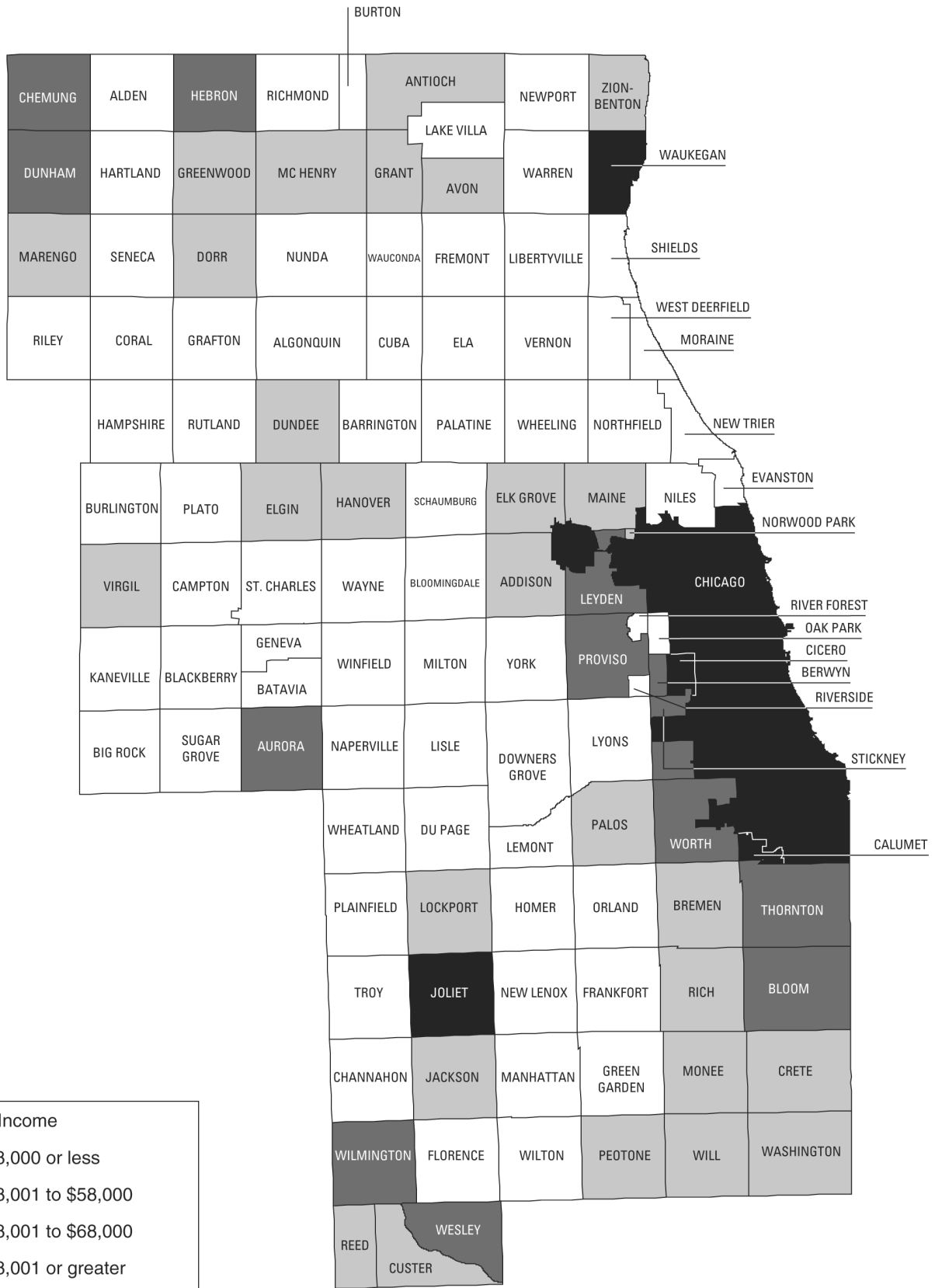
Source: U.S. Census 2000

Northeastern Illinois Township Poverty Rate Change from 1990–2000



Source: U.S. Census 1990 and U.S. Census 2000

Northeastern Illinois Township Median Income



Source: U.S. Census 2000

CHICAGO COMMUNITY AREAS

NUMBER OF CHICAGO COMMUNITY AREAS: 77

	<u>City of Chicago</u>
Poverty Rate	19.6%
Median Family Income	\$42,724
Average Percentage of Adults without a High School Diploma	28.2%

Education

- Only seven of 77 community areas have high school non-completion rates below 10%.
- In 47 out of 77 community areas at least 25% of adults lack a high school education. Some of the highest non-completion rates in the state appear in Chicago. Fifteen areas have non-completion rates in excess of 40%.

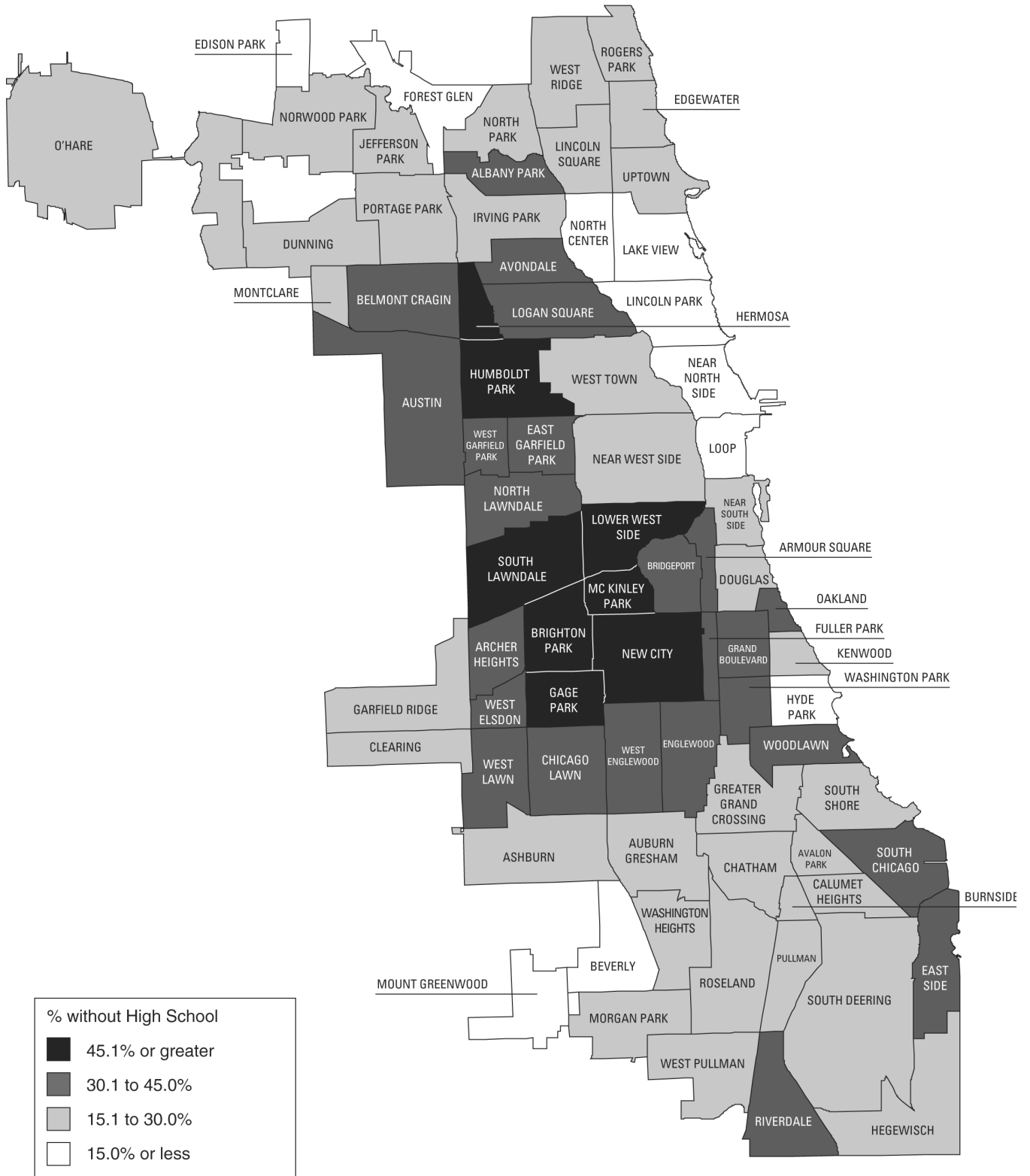
Poverty

- The highest poverty rates are found in the community areas of North Lawndale on the west side of the city and in a set of contiguous community areas including Douglas, Oakland, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park and Englewood. These areas, along with Riverdale on the city's far south side, all have poverty rates exceeding 39 percent.
- Three Chicago communities have over 20,000 people living in poverty. Another 21 community areas have over 10,000 people living in poverty.
- Several community areas in Chicago experienced dramatic declines in their poverty rates during the '90s including the Near West Side, the Near South Side, Oakland and Grand Boulevard, all experiencing at least 15-point declines in their poverty rates over the decade.

Income

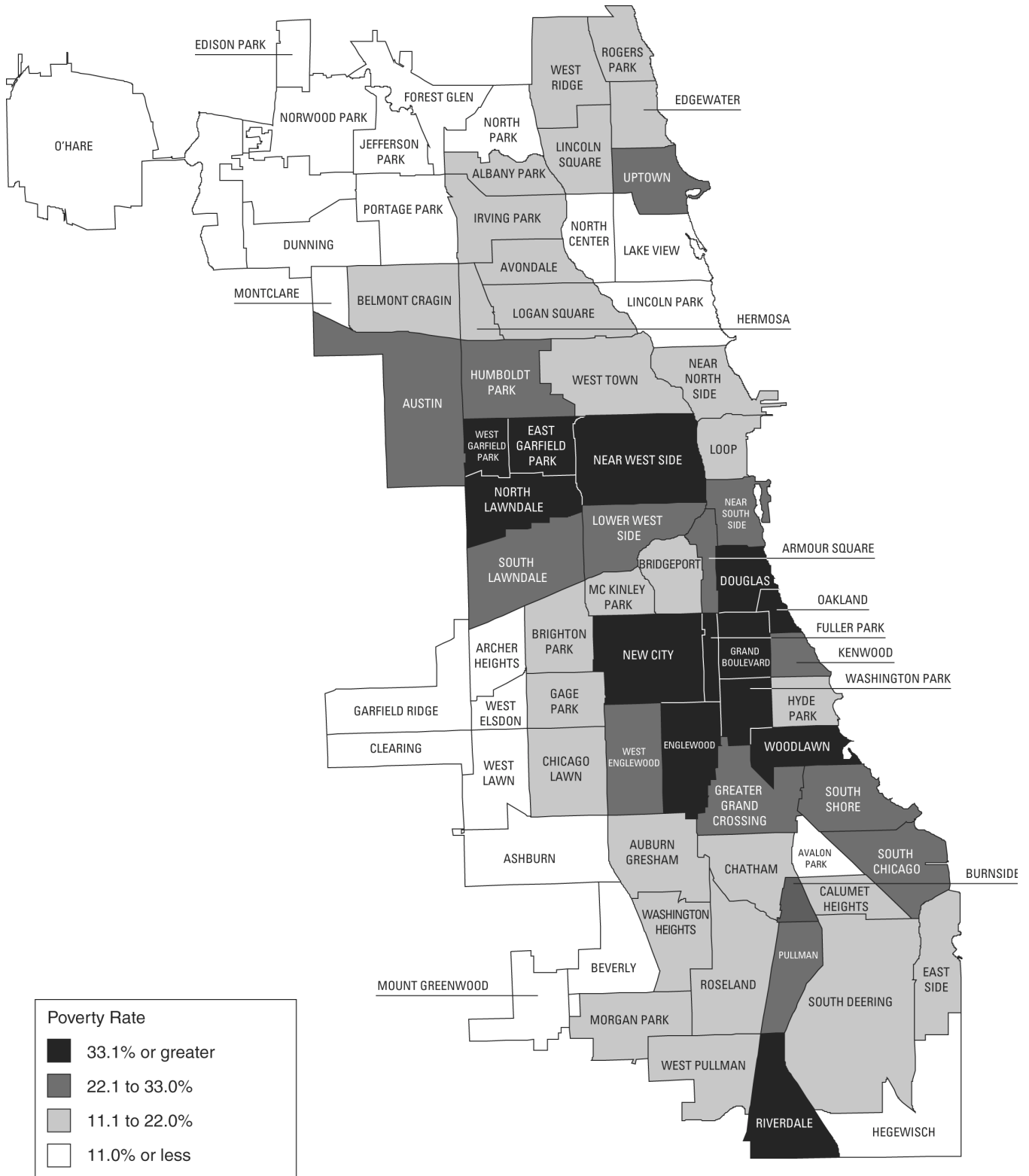
- Twenty community areas have median family incomes that are less than half that of the city's wealthiest community areas.
- Community areas with low family income levels are concentrated on the west and south sides of the city.

Chicago Community Areas Percent of Adults with No High School Diploma

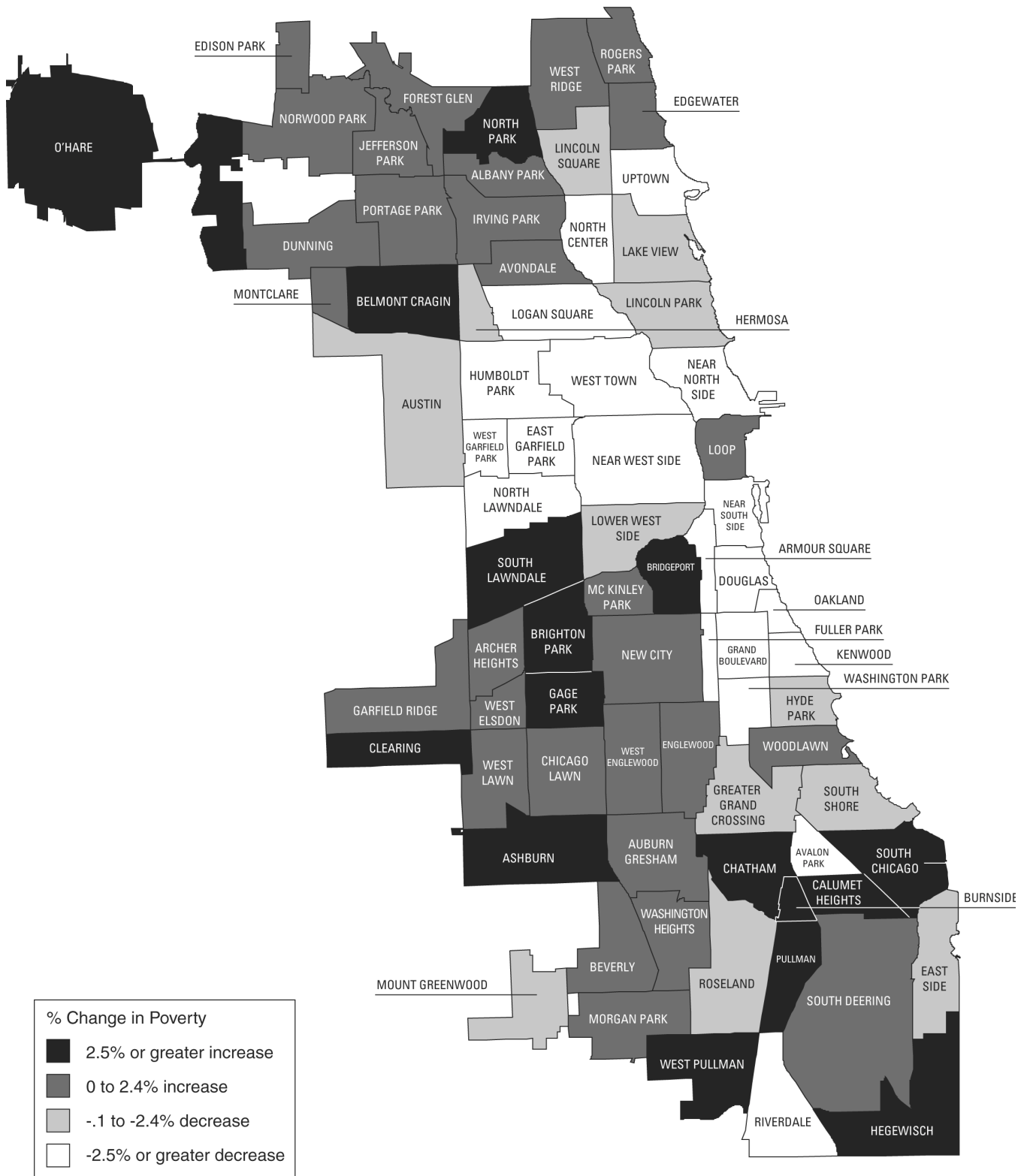


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Chicago Community Areas Poverty Rates

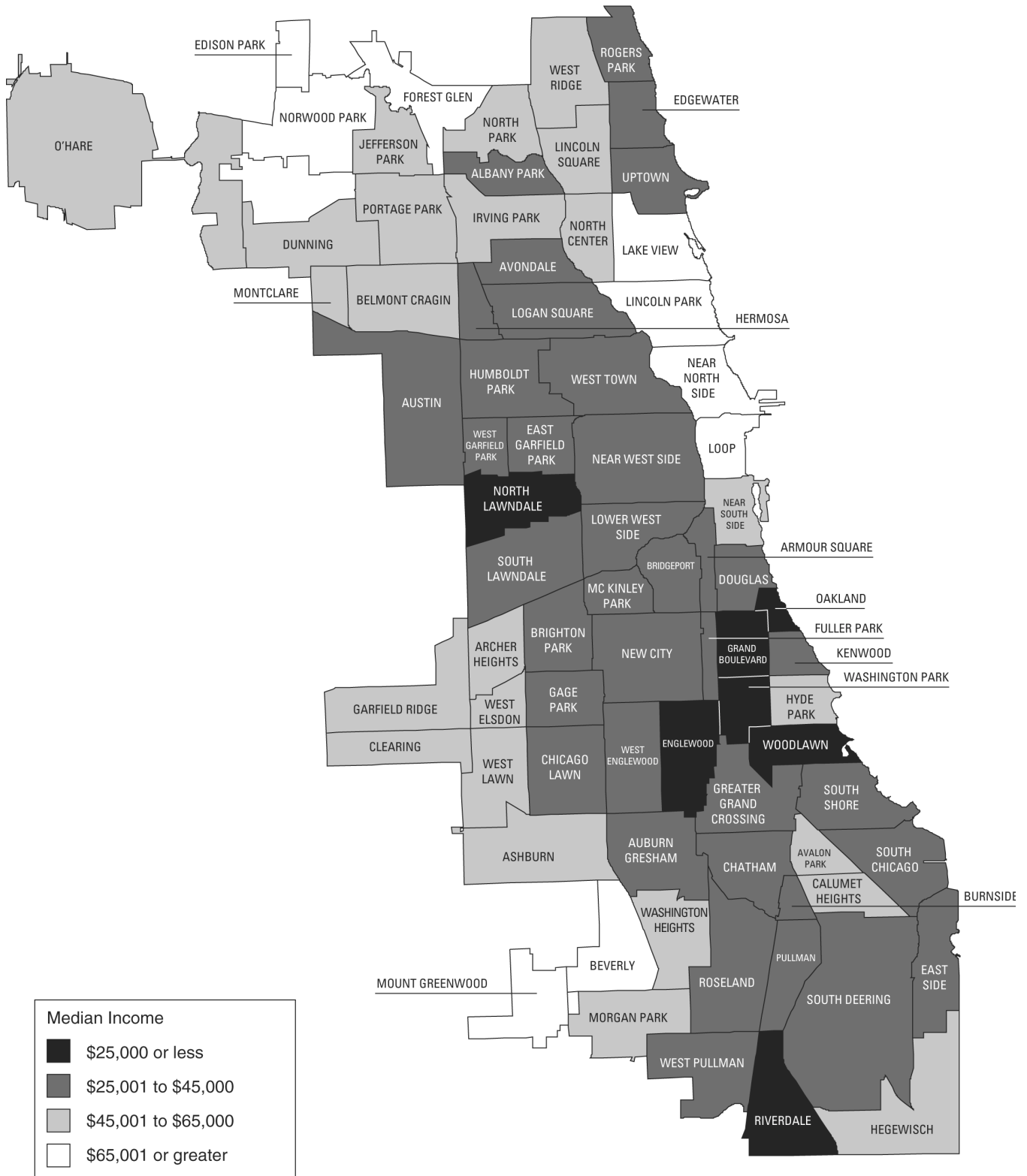


Chicago Community Areas Poverty Rate Change from 1990–2000



Source: U.S. Census 1990 and U.S. Census 2000

Chicago Community Areas Median Income



Source: U.S. Census 2000

APPENDIX

All data is taken from the U.S. Census 2000 with comparisons made to the U.S. Census 1990 to establish rates of change in poverty. The income and poverty data is based on income and earnings for 1999. The data can be compared broadly across time and geography.

Table 1

Illinois Legislative Districts

District	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Children in Poverty	% Elderly in Poverty	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
1	20,199	22.0	26.7	12.4	\$25,378	52.2
2	25,926	25.0	33.2	16.2	26,531	49.2
3	15,405	15.0	18.9	11.4	28,479	42.0
4	26,852	26.0	35.6	25.0	25,078	38.4
5	38,421	40.0	61.9	30.6	24,747	25.5
6	35,238	34.0	42.6	26.5	21,285	40.7
7	11,452	11.0	14.4	9.0	39,992	19.5
8	18,909	18.0	24.0	13.1	32,221	27.4
9	37,814	36.0	50.9	26.5	29,794	30.9
10	28,268	27.0	38.2	25.6	31,038	29.1
11	9,164	9.0	11.1	14.1	61,133	11.5
12	9,329	9.0	11.7	11.8	58,992	4.5
13	19,515	20.0	25.3	22.9	32,042	21.3
14	19,356	19.0	23.9	17.9	30,634	18.9
15	7,099	7.0	7.9	6.1	43,868	16.5
16	11,277	11.0	14.6	8.8	48,140	15.4
17	3,071	3.0	2.9	3.5	68,288	6.7
18	10,747	11.0	9.8	6.6	82,315	8.5
19	6,935	7.0	7.3	6.1	44,452	21.3
20	4,310	4.0	3.2	5.7	42,460	20.5
21	7,679	7.0	9.8	6.7	41,153	21.5
22	6,904	7.0	8.1	6.1	37,123	24.8
23	15,104	15.0	18.3	11.9	29,671	45.7
24	15,041	14.0	18.2	7.9	31,833	44.5
25	25,614	25.0	33.5	18.2	27,151	19.1
26	28,128	27.0	41.7	20.0	29,620	17.5
27	11,599	11.0	14.6	8.4	34,477	19.3
28	15,418	15.0	21.2	9.1	31,185	21.9

District	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Children in Poverty	% Elderly in Poverty	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
29	15,107	14.0	22.4	7.1	35,532	17.4
30	14,990	15.0	20.3	10.9	27,614	21.0
31	18,521	18.0	23.8	11.8	27,609	25.1
32	25,051	25.0	30.9	18.4	24,512	31.9
33	17,422	17.0	23.0	11.4	33,570	25.8
34	16,364	15.0	22.4	9.9	28,816	20.9
35	4,745	5.0	5.5	4.2	46,792	11.5
36	7,852	8.0	9.9	5.5	38,205	15.9
37	3,200	3.0	3.7	3.4	41,417	10.3
38	8,233	8.0	10.4	7.5	39,889	11.7
39	17,622	17.0	20.6	18.6	27,181	38.8
40	16,794	16.0	21.6	12.9	27,471	33.6
41	3,047	3.0	2.9	3.2	49,656	9.8
42	3,587	4.0	3.6	3.6	59,425	8.2
43	9,698	10.0	13.8	5.0	42,609	30.0
44	4,942	5.0	5.5	4.8	45,677	14.3
45	5,084	5.0	6.1	4.4	45,821	12.2
46	5,553	5.0	7.1	4.4	53,663	17.2
47	3,522	3.0	3.3	3.7	68,982	7.0
48	2,416	2.0	2.5	4.7	68,931	4.1
49	2,703	3.0	2.7	4.0	42,492	8.4
50	3,176	3.0	3.6	3.5	41,301	8.5
51	3,160	3.0	3.4	2.9	63,073	7.4
52	3,755	4.0	3.7	4.3	50,499	9.9
53	2,865	3.0	3.0	2.7	55,386	8.8
54	4,402	4.0	5.1	3.4	61,087	8.9
55	2,654	3.0	2.8	3.5	50,400	9.1
56	3,041	3.0	3.3	3.1	52,312	8.4
57	5,041	5.0	5.2	4.3	44,968	14.0
58	3,036	3.0	3.0	2.4	97,188	6.1
59	3,959	4.0	4.2	4.5	52,434	9.9
60	14,637	15.0	19.7	8.9	33,750	33.9
61	6,196	6.0	8.2	5.3	48,186	13.3
62	3,969	4.0	4.1	6.0	50,135	11.4
63	5,117	5.0	6.0	3.3	46,883	15.0
64	2,882	3.0	3.1	3.3	58,270	6.9
65	4,519	5.0	5.9	3.8	50,577	15.2
66	4,058	4.0	4.7	4.4	50,879	11.8
67	17,520	17.0	23.3	10.7	31,877	27.3
68	6,216	6.0	7.8	4.3	42,819	15.5
69	5,402	5.0	6.3	4.8	44,356	13.5
70	10,675	11.0	7.8	4.1	42,003	13.7
71	8,980	9.0	12.5	5.1	36,068	16.7
72	10,679	11.0	15.4	7.1	39,195	17.1
73	4,944	5.0	6.2	4.5	42,398	10.5

District	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Children in Poverty	% Elderly in Poverty	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
74	10,309	10.0	15.2	6.0	36,860	17.0
75	5,966	6.0	6.9	5.6	38,712	13.1
76	9,410	9.0	13.7	5.5	40,559	19.2
77	7,852	7.0	9.6	6.6	37,772	25.4
78	13,126	13.0	16.1	12.0	43,889	21.7
79	11,184	11.0	15.1	6.6	34,585	19.4
80	9,706	9.0	13.2	6.0	44,077	17.5
81	2,413	2.0	2.5	3.3	56,012	7.2
82	2,735	3.0	2.9	4.0	65,490	7.3
83	11,816	11.0	15.2	6.3	37,825	34.8
84	2,061	2.0	1.9	2.7	39,794	6.1
85	4,171	4.0	5.1	4.6	42,496	15.8
86	12,592	12.0	16.4	7.9	38,241	23.9
87	5,792	5.0	6.7	4.8	32,727	12.6
88	10,533	12.0	7.3	4.9	46,995	9.2
89	7,416	7.0	8.9	7.0	41,575	14.4
90	8,437	8.0	10.4	6.2	37,672	18.3
91	8,158	9.0	11.3	5.5	32,620	19.4
92	20,513	20.0	30.4	8.6	32,707	20.3
93	10,313	10.0	12.5	7.9	32,881	18.1
94	11,861	12.0	13.8	7.4	33,730	15.9
95	4,178	4.0	3.8	4.5	50,680	11.3
96	2,462	2.0	2.3	4.7	48,291	4.2
97	9,870	10.0	11.4	7.6	34,858	18.8
98	10,754	11.0	15.1	9.1	32,421	20.2
99	14,179	14.0	20.2	8.9	34,881	15.5
100	5,033	5.0	6.5	5.1	40,719	9.6
101	14,400	14.0	21.3	8.7	31,674	19.2
102	7,670	8.0	9.1	7.7	31,505	18.4
103	22,225	24.0	17.6	5.8	37,805	9.6
104	11,765	12.0	16.3	7.9	40,036	18.2
105	7,673	7.0	9.2	5.6	37,421	15.0
106	6,275	6.0	7.5	5.1	36,070	11.9
107	10,706	11.0	14.4	8.6	32,418	22.2
108	11,358	11.0	14.4	8.9	31,239	20.2
109	10,810	10.0	14.3	8.0	32,309	18.5
110	11,416	11.0	9.1	7.4	39,677	15.0
111	11,891	12.0	16.2	7.5	32,802	16.4
112	7,137	7.0	8.7	5.5	39,803	12.5
113	11,374	11.0	16.4	6.9	32,955	19.1
114	23,600	22.0	31.4	15.8	24,524	21.8
115	18,021	19.0	17.7	9.9	28,472	19.1
116	8,638	9.0	12.4	6.4	36,775	21.1
117	15,603	15.0	21.6	9.5	32,570	21.4
118	16,407	17.0	22.4	11.7	31,794	26.8

Table 2

Illinois Counties

County	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Change in Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
<i>Illinois</i>	1,291,958	10.7	-1.2	\$55,545	18.6
Adams County	6,558	10.0	-3.2	44,133	16.3
Alexander County	2,352	26.1	-6.1	31,824	33.0
Bond County	1,413	9.3	-2.8	45,413	27.2
Boone County	2,892	7.0	-0.2	59,305	19.2
Brown County	421	8.5	-5.0	43,207	36.7
Bureau County	2,537	7.3	-3.1	48,488	15.9
Calhoun County	450	9.0	-6.1	43,107	20.1
Carroll County	1,579	9.6	-2.1	43,685	16.7
Cass County	1,606	12.0	-1.9	41,653	20.0
Champaign County	26,460	16.1	0.5	52,591	9.0
Christian County	3,197	9.5	-2.2	43,342	19.0
Clark County	1,534	9.2	-2.8	43,213	20.0
Clay County	1,671	11.8	-5.0	36,675	24.1
Clinton County	2,138	6.4	-3.8	52,580	22.6
Coles County	8,514	17.5	0.8	45,708	17.1
Cook County	713,040	13.5	-0.7	53,784	22.3
Crawford County	2,114	11.2	0.7	40,418	20.7
Cumberland County	1,056	9.5	-2.5	42,704	19.8
DeKalb County	9,203	11.4	-2.1	58,194	22.5
De Witt County	1,346	8.2	-2.1	50,429	16.5
Douglas County	1,247	6.4	-3.2	46,117	20.7
DuPage County	32,163	3.6	0.9	79,314	10.0
Edgar County	1,989	10.5	-5.5	41,245	18.6
Edwards County	675	9.8	-2.4	38,750	17.7
Effingham County	2,724	8.1	-0.9	46,895	16.6
Fayette County	2,438	12.2	-1.4	39,044	17.8
Ford County	956	7.0	-2.3	44,947	14.0
Franklin County	6,204	16.2	-4.6	36,294	23.3
Fulton County	3,506	9.9	-5.6	41,193	21.7
Gallatin County	1,322	20.7	-0.7	34,539	26.4
Greene County	1,782	12.4	-3.1	37,057	21.1
Grundy County	1,786	4.8	-1.8	60,862	13.1
Hamilton County	1,086	12.9	-6.9	37,651	25.7
Hancock County	1,644	8.3	-3.5	44,457	14.3
Hardin County	850	18.6	-8.1	31,625	31.9
Henderson County	770	9.5	-3.4	42,400	17.6
Henry County	4,038	8.0	-2.5	48,413	15.5
Iroquois County	2,669	8.7	-0.5	45,417	19.7
Jackson County	13,463	25.2	-3.2	40,950	14.8
Jasper County	989	9.9	-3.2	43,547	17.4
Jefferson County	4,617	12.3	-3.8	41,141	23.0

County	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Change in Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
Jersey County	1,473	7.1	-2.6	49,666	17.5
Jo Daviess County	1,468	6.7	-1.6	48,335	16.4
Johnson County	1,149	11.3	-4.3	40,275	32.9
Kane County	26,587	6.7	-0.1	66,558	19.8
Kankakee County	11,445	11.4	-1.9	48,975	20.2
Kendall County	1,636	3.0	-0.4	69,383	10.1
Knox County	5,754	11.1	-2.8	44,010	18.2
Lake County	35,714	5.7	0.5	76,424	13.4
La Salle County	9,894	9.1	-2.0	49,533	18.6
Lawrence County	2,043	13.7	-6.1	37,050	18.7
Lee County	2,555	7.7	-1.1	48,730	19.8
Livingston County	3,199	8.8	-0.5	47,958	21.9
Logan County	2,170	8.1	-2.7	48,655	19.6
McDonough County	5,557	19.8	0.7	43,385	13.1
McHenry County	9,446	3.7	0.2	71,553	10.8
McLean County	13,488	9.7	-2.2	61,073	9.3
Macon County	14,316	12.9	0.2	47,493	16.8
Macoupin County	4,487	9.4	-3.8	43,021	17.9
Madison County	24,774	9.8	-1.5	50,862	15.7
Marion County	4,569	11.3	-5.1	41,427	20.9
Marshall County	715	5.6	-3.8	48,061	15.0
Mason County	1,528	9.7	-5.8	42,239	20.1
Massac County	2,000	13.5	-3.2	39,068	23.5
Menard County	1,011	8.2	-1.4	52,995	11.7
Mercer County	1,304	7.8	-2.3	47,192	15.1
Monroe County	915	3.4	-1.4	62,397	12.8
Montgomery County	3,748	13.4	-0.6	39,923	22.9
Morgan County	3,227	9.7	-1.5	46,040	20.1
Moultrie County	1,087	7.8	-3.5	46,655	21.2
Ogle County	3,579	7.1	-0.1	53,028	16.9
Peoria County	24,228	13.7	-0.8	50,592	16.2
Perry County	2,708	13.2	-2.6	41,064	27.7
Piatt County	799	5.0	-1.1	52,218	11.3
Pike County	2,070	12.4	-5.5	38,583	20.4
Pope County	793	18.2	-7.0	37,860	24.2
Pulaski County	1,746	24.7	-5.5	33,193	29.3
Putnam County	335	5.5	-2.0	50,708	16.2
Randolph County	2,984	10.0	-1.0	44,766	28.7
Richland County	2,054	12.9	-1.1	40,000	16.6
Rock Island County	15,523	10.7	-2.5	47,956	17.4
St. Clair County	36,358	14.5	-2.9	47,409	19.1
Saline County	3,621	14.2	-6.0	37,295	23.9
Sangamon County	17,340	9.3	-0.6	53,900	11.9
Schuyler County	713	10.1	-6.4	41,489	16.4
Scott County	533	9.7	-1.8	42,924	16.9

County	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Change in Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
Shelby County	2,053	9.1	-0.9	44,372	17.1
Stark County	534	8.6	-3.9	43,410	16.6
Stephenson County	4,310	9.0	-0.9	48,510	15.9
Tazewell County	7,806	6.3	-2.8	53,412	15.0
Union County	2,975	16.5	-1.7	37,710	25.2
Vermilion County	10,704	13.3	-1.9	41,553	21.3
Wabash County	1,795	14.1	1.2	42,142	17.8
Warren County	1,604	9.2	-5.0	42,437	17.7
Washington County	893	6.0	-3.3	48,433	20.9
Wayne County	2,099	12.4	-2.0	37,729	24.8
White County	1,874	12.5	-6.6	36,580	25.4
Whiteside County	5,024	8.5	-2.5	46,653	20.2
Will County	24,225	4.9	-1.1	69,608	13.1
Williamson County	8,683	14.6	-1.2	40,692	20.2
Winnebago County	26,260	9.6	-0.5	52,456	18.6
Woodford County	1,477	4.3	-2.9	58,305	12.2

Table 3

Northeastern Illinois Townships

Township, by County	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Change in Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
Barrington twp., Cook	358	2.6	1.0	118,901	5.5
Berwyn twp., Cook	4,223	7.9	2.2	51,767	25.4
Bloom twp., Cook	10,684	11.5	-0.2	53,479	19.1
Bremen twp., Cook	8,263	7.7	0.8	59,761	14.6
Calumet twp., Cook	3,532	15.9	4.7	41,566	27.8
Chicago city, Cook	556,791	19.6	-2.0	42,724	28.2
Cicero twp., Cook	131,791	15.5	1.6	40,883	51.8
Elk Grove twp., Cook	4,756	5.0	1.0	64,010	16.0
Evanston twp., Cook	7,518	11.1	1.3	78,886	8.6
Hanover twp., Cook	3,705	4.5	0.1	67,435	18.2
Lemont twp., Cook	512	2.9	-0.6	85,578	12.9
Leyden twp., Cook	6,469	6.9	1.6	54,134	25.6
Lyons twp., Cook	6,679	6.2	1.2	68,669	16.5
Maine twp., Cook	6,019	4.5	1.4	67,137	15.2
New Trier twp., Cook	1,096	1.9	0.1	144,976	2.5
Niles twp., Cook	4,804	4.8	1.5	69,731	12.9
Northfield twp., Cook	2,064	2.5	-0.2	99,277	5.8
Norwood Park twp., Cook	984	3.8	0.9	60,307	22.2
Oak Park twp., Cook	2,902	5.6	1.0	81,703	5.6

Township, by County	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Change in Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
Orland twp., Cook	2,421	2.7	0.5	75,849	10.0
Palatine twp., Cook	5,005	4.5	1.5	79,232	9.6
Palos twp., Cook	2,264	4.3	1.4	66,557	14.5
Proviso twp., Cook	11,601	7.5	0.7	57,625	21.0
Rich twp., Cook	3,585	5.4	1.8	65,991	9.1
River Forest twp., Cook	290	2.7	0.3	122,155	3.2
Riverside twp., Cook	577	3.8	1.4	69,243	11.5
Schaumburg twp., Cook	4,557	3.4	1.1	71,438	9.7
Stickney twp., Cook	2,153	5.6	0.4	54,560	26.5
Thornton twp., Cook	20,894	11.7	1.8	48,955	19.1
Wheeling twp., Cook	4,843	3.1	0.6	75,024	11.9
Worth twp., Cook	10,304	6.9	2.0	57,164	16.9
Addison twp., DuPage	5,267	6.0	2.8	63,153	22.1
Bloomington twp., DuPage	4,767	4.3	1.7	70,648	13.1
Chicago city, DuPage	na	0.0	0.0	0	na
Downers Grove twp., DuPage	4,279	2.9	0.5	83,851	7.0
Lisle twp., DuPage	3,421	3.0	0.8	87,024	5.7
Milton twp., DuPage	4,260	3.7	-0.3	86,472	6.6
Naperville twp., DuPage	2,203	2.6	0.8	86,985	4.7
Wayne twp., DuPage	1,483	2.3	0.5	85,499	9.3
Winfield twp., DuPage	2,205	4.9	1.4	71,765	18.9
York twp., DuPage	4,278	3.5	0.9	75,684	10.0
Aurora twp., Kane	12,328	10.8	-0.3	49,749	33.5
Batavia twp., Kane	877	3.0	0.1	81,914	6.2
Big Rock twp., Kane	98	5.0	1.4	73,975	7.6
Blackberry twp., Kane	164	2.8	1.5	91,206	4.7
Burlington twp., Kane	52	3.0	-1.9	74,732	10.4
Campton twp., Kane	273	1.9	-0.1	103,735	3.0
Dundee twp., Kane	3,618	6.8	-0.4	64,983	22.2
Elgin twp., Kane	6,852	7.8	0.7	61,213	23.9
Geneva twp., Kane	459	2.0	0.3	87,885	6.6
Hampshire twp., Kane	145	3.1	-1.3	69,875	11.6
Kaneville twp., Kane	33	2.7	-2.0	71,439	7.7
Plato twp., Kane	26	0.6	-0.7	84,582	6.8
Rutland twp., Kane	79	2.0	1.2	73,140	9.7
St. Charles twp., Kane	1,361	3.3	0.9	85,670	8.1
Sugar Grove twp., Kane	147	1.5	-0.3	87,391	5.0
Virgil twp., Kane	75	3.8	0.4	65,536	9.5
Antioch twp., Lake	987	4.5	-0.2	65,891	11.2
Avon twp., Lake	3,071	5.6	-0.4	65,583	19.6
Benton twp., Lake	649	3.8	-0.9	66,004	12.6
Cuba twp., Lake	341	2.2	0.1	119,247	4.1
Ela twp., Lake	744	1.9	0.4	106,358	5.2
Fremont twp., Lake	563	2.4	0.4	84,642	9.1
Grant twp., Lake	918	5.3	-1.8	63,065	13.5

Township, by County	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Change in Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
Lake Villa twp., Lake	810	2.4	-1.6	73,892	7.7
Libertyville twp., Lake	2,129	4.4	1.5	90,139	10.5
Moraine twp., Lake	1,344	3.9	0.1	109,689	10.7
Newport twp., Lake	109	2.7	-0.7	88,506	5.9
Shields twp., Lake	1,929	6.4	0.4	70,391	10.0
Vernon twp., Lake	1,676	2.6	0.1	101,426	5.0
Warren twp., Lake	2,339	3.9	0.4	79,299	7.9
Wauconda twp., Lake	816	5.1	1.1	68,994	13.2
Waukegan twp., Lake	13,899	15.2	4.2	43,961	36.9
West Deerfield twp., Lake	708	2.3	-0.2	133,971	3.2
Zion twp., Lake	2,682	11.9	-1.2	50,378	22.2
Alden twp., McHenry	62	4.0	0.1	68,250	9.4
Algonquin twp., McHenry	2,290	2.7	0.7	78,769	6.8
Burton twp., McHenry	77	2.0	1.2	81,528	7.1
Chemung twp., McHenry	572	6.6	0.2	53,293	24.6
Coral twp., McHenry	76	2.6	-2.6	77,659	11.8
Dorr twp., McHenry	1,350	7.5	1.5	58,954	16.2
Dunham twp., McHenry	202	8.8	-0.1	48,750	26.6
Grafton twp., McHenry	592	2.2	-0.7	78,992	6.6
Greenwood twp., McHenry	546	5.3	1.2	59,155	19.0
Hartland twp., McHenry	17	0.9	-0.5	75,196	17.6
Hebron twp., McHenry	66	3.0	0.0	55,800	9.9
McHenry twp., McHenry	1,978	4.8	-0.4	63,335	13.8
Marengo twp., McHenry	287	4.0	0.2	60,098	14.8
Nunda twp., McHenry	994	2.9	0.7	75,794	9.4
Richmond twp., McHenry	146	2.9	-0.9	73,201	10.5
Riley twp., McHenry	84	4.5	3.2	72,344	11.6
Seneca twp., McHenry	107	3.7	2.1	82,478	12.1
Channahon twp., Will	142	1.7	-0.2	75,692	7.1
Crete twp., Will	986	4.2	-1.6	65,868	11.6
Custer twp., Will	125	9.1	-0.2	64,896	12.7
Du Page twp., Will	2,699	3.8	0.5	71,716	12.7
Florence twp., Will	17	2.8	2.8	71,528	15.2
Frankfort twp., Will	793	1.9	-1.2	79,987	6.2
Green Garden twp., Will	88	3.5	1.1	74,412	12.6
Homer twp., Will	599	2.1	0.1	82,831	8.1
Jackson twp., Will	129	3.7	-0.9	66,815	12.5
Joliet twp., Will	12,122	14.7	1.0	44,804	28.3
Lockport twp., Will	1,618	4.2	-1.3	58,869	20.1
Manhattan twp., Will	145	2.6	-0.6	72,182	6.9
Monee twp., Will	832	6.3	-0.8	62,173	9.4
New Lenox twp., Will	716	2.4	-0.5	74,524	8.3
Peotone twp., Will	47	1.2	-0.7	66,587	9.6
Plainfield twp., Will	745	1.6	-0.9	72,378	6.2
Reed twp., Will	368	6.1	-4.8	58,586	15.3

Township, by County	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Change in Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	% w/o High School Diploma
Troy twp., Will	735	2.7	0.0	72,858	8.3
Washington twp., Will	105	2.7	-0.3	64,097	15.1
Wesley twp., Will	127	5.3	-2.4	56,810	20.4
Wheatland twp., Will	631	1.4	0.2	105,371	2.8
Will twp., Will	64	3.8	2.1	62,938	18.3
Wilmington twp., Will	332	5.6	-0.7	52,589	14.5
Wilton twp., Will	60	7.0	7.0	81,468	19.9

Table 4

Chicago Community Areas

Community Area	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Change in Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	% w/o HS Diploma
Albany Park - CA 14	10,059	17.7	0.2	43,470	38.6
Archer Heights - CA 57	813	6.4	2.1	45,590	40.4
Armour Square - CA 34	3,746	31.1	-4.9	28,483	44.1
Ashburn - CA 70	2,722	6.9	2.7	57,981	19.8
Auburn Gresham - CA 71	11,439	20.6	2.4	38,870	27.1
Austin - CA 25	27,852	24.1	-1.6	37,708	33.8
Avalon Park - CA 45	935	8.4	-5.1	52,745	19.9
Avondale - CA 21	7,476	17.4	0.0	38,379	41.7
Belmont Cragin - CA 19	8,705	11.2	2.8	45,936	41.3
Beverly - CA 72	874	4.0	0.4	79,246	5.4
Bridgeport - CA 60	6,085	18.1	3.5	43,335	35.2
Brighton Park - CA 58	7,721	17.3	4.7	38,561	52.6
Burnside - CA 47	949	29.1	7.6	34,774	28.5
Calumet Heights - CA 48	1,902	11.9	4.1	54,701	17.0
Chatham - CA 44	6,562	17.7	2.9	38,286	22.1
Chicago Lawn - CA 66	11,970	19.8	1.5	38,683	34.7
Clearing - CA 64	1,535	6.9	2.5	54,037	23.0
Douglas - CA 35	9,699	41.2	-8.2	25,720	26.9
Dunning - CA 17	2,166	5.2	0.7	56,785	23.8
East Garfield Park - CA 27	7,179	35.2	-12.9	27,185	39.4
East Side - CA 52	2,923	12.4	-0.6	44,059	39.4
Edgewater - CA 77	10,330	17.1	0.2	42,557	16.6
Edison Park - CA 09	270	2.4	0.3	69,064	13.6
Englewood - CA 68	17,344	43.8	0.6	21,386	40.7
Forest Glen - CA 12	463	2.6	1.3	80,202	10.4
Fuller Park - CA 37	1,174	34.6	-14.6	29,887	34.8
Gage Park - CA 63	7,413	19.0	7.6	40,110	54.0
Garfield Ridge - CA 56	3,616	10.1	0.6	54,229	28.0
Grand Boulevard- CA 38	12,762	46.9	-17.8	18,159	38.6
Greater Grand Crossing - CA 69	10,809	28.5	-0.5	31,951	25.3
Hegewisch - CA 55	1,037	10.6	2.9	54,993	26.6

Community Area	# in Poverty	% Below Poverty	% Change in Poverty Rate	Median Family Income	% w/o HS Diploma
Hermosa - CA 20	4,457	16.7	-0.7	40,949	49.9
Humboldt Park - CA 23	20,352	31.1	-2.7	30,125	49.7
Hyde Park - CA 41	4,428	16.5	-1.7	57,460	7.3
Irving Park - CA 16	6,541	11.3	1.1	47,449	27.6
Jefferson Park - CA 11	1,270	4.9	1.1	60,696	20.0
Kenwood - CA 39	4,368	24.0	-2.6	43,554	16.1
Lake View - CA 06	8,203	8.7	-1.9	84,458	5.9
Lincoln Park - CA 07	5,305	8.6	-1.4	132,894	5.8
Lincoln Square - CA 04	4,991	11.4	-1.8	48,215	21.5
Logan Square - CA 22	16,249	19.8	-6.6	36,915	40.6
Loop - CA 32	1,754	11.9	1.8	104,415	5.7
Lower West Side - CA 31	11,841	27.0	-0.8	28,891	56.5
McKinley Park - CA 59	2,095	13.1	2.2	40,353	47.8
Montclare - CA 18	693	5.6	0.1	52,512	25.6
Morgan Park - CA 75	2,829	11.5	0.3	60,656	15.6
Mount Greenwood - CA 74	722	3.9	-0.3	65,792	9.5
Near North Side - CA 08	10,792	15.2	-4.8	93,934	6.4
Near South Side - CA 33	3,058	32.3	-30.2	49,743	21.2
Near West Side - CA 28	16,149	37.5	-17.0	32,822	29.0
New City - CA 61	17,687	34.5	0.4	27,331	53.0
North Center - CA 05	2,731	8.6	-3.6	62,183	15.0
North Lawndale - CA 29	18,485	45.2	-3.1	20,253	39.5
North Park - CA 13	1,841	10.5	3.1	58,984	18.0
Norwood Park - CA 10	1,611	4.3	2.0	66,866	17.3
Oakland - CA 36	3,178	52.5	-19.8	16,908	39.6
O'Hare - CA 76	953	8.0	2.9	51,317	17.3
Portage Park - CA 15	5,194	8.0	2.4	53,130	24.3
Pullman - CA 50	1,990	22.4	3.7	37,002	27.2
Riverdale - CA 54	5,487	56.3	-6.6	13,819	37.6
Rogers Park - CA 01	12,993	21.3	1.8	34,728	25.4
Roseland - CA 49	9,097	17.6	-1.2	42,401	23.2
South Chicago - CA 46	11,369	29.7	4.6	30,496	34.1
South Deering - CA 51	3,311	19.6	1.2	38,242	28.8
South Lawndale - CA 30	21,057	26.5	2.5	32,317	62.7
South Shore - CA 43	16,431	27.1	-0.2	31,121	21.8
Uptown - CA 03	15,330	24.9	-6.4	36,306	23.6
Washington Heights - CA 73	3,680	12.4	0.8	47,671	23.4
Washington Park - CA 40	7,276	51.6	-6.8	16,954	39.8
West Elsdon - CA 62	1,093	6.9	1.5	51,881	38.2
West Englewood - CA 67	14,450	32.1	1.5	29,012	37.2
West Garfield Park - CA 26	8,161	35.9	-4.9	26,908	42.0
West Lawn - CA 65	2,148	7.4	2.2	53,143	34.5
West Pullman - CA 53	7,949	22.0	2.7	42,406	29.6
West Ridge - CA 02	10,314	14.3	1.6	47,233	19.6
West Town - CA 24	18,025	20.7	-11.2	39,813	29.6
Woodlawn - CA 42	10,323	39.4	2.4	24,495	32.3

The Illinois Poverty Summit was established in 2000 to develop strategies to eliminate poverty in Illinois. Poverty in Illinois has a wide reach – touching women, children, elderly, disabled, and working families.

The Summit:

- develops bipartisan support for strategic priorities to eliminate poverty in Illinois;
- analyzes current poverty data and serves as an information source on trends impacting the state's economic health; and
- convenes legislators and other key civic leaders to determine the most effective use of state and federal anti-poverty resources and to develop new anti-poverty strategies.

Four precepts guide the Illinois Poverty Summit:

- People who work full time should not live in poverty.
- All people who can work should be given the tools to work toward their fullest potential.
- A safety net should be provided for those who cannot work.
- Eliminating poverty is an investment in Illinois's future.

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