

Poverty and Young Children in Illinois



In Illinois 1 in 5 children under age 6 lived in poverty in 2013.¹

2013 Poverty Threshold²

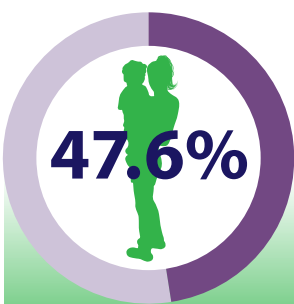


\$18,751
(Annual income)



\$23,624
(Annual income)

35
counties
experienced
an increase in child
poverty in 2013³



47.6%
of single mother
families with
children
under age 5

were in poverty in 2013⁴



Poverty level has the strongest effect during preschool and early school years.⁵



Children living below the poverty line **score lower on standardized tests** than their more affluent peers.⁶

Change in Percent of Children Under 18 in Poverty³ 2012 to 2013 by County

