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Illinois Kids Count is a project of Voices for Illinois Children and is part of a nationwide network of state-level projects supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. *Illinois Kids Count* uses the best available data to measure the educational, social and emotional, economic, and physical well-being of children. The Foundation publishes an annual *KIDS COUNT Data Book* that tracks the status of America's children on a state-by-state basis. The KIDS COUNT Data Center provides online access to hundreds of national, state, and local indicators of child well-being at datacenter.kidscount.org.

By providing policymakers and the broader public with benchmarks of child well-being, *Illinois Kids Count* seeks to enrich local and state discussions of ways to build and secure better futures for all children. It is intended to assess the problems facing children and families and to guide policy trends and goals on behalf of children. *Illinois Kids Count* exists to monitor child outcomes and contribute to public accountability for those outcomes, resulting in a model for data-driven advocacy for children, their families, and their communities.

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