Child Poverty

**Child poverty rates:** The child poverty rate in St. Clair County rose from 22% in 1999 to 30% in 2012. Over the same period of time, the statewide child poverty rate rose from 14% to 21%.

**Child poverty population:** From 1999 to 2012, the number of children living in poverty in St. Clair County increased 30%, compared with 39% statewide.

**Deep poverty:** In 2012, 17% of children in St. Clair County were in deep poverty (below 50% of poverty level), compared with 9% statewide.

**Demographics:** In 2011, the child poverty population in St. Clair County was 67% Black, 22% White, and 6% Latino.

Employment and Income

**Unemployment:** The unemployment rate in St. Clair County peaked at 10.9% in 2010, compared to 10.5% statewide.

**Jobs:** Between 2000 and 2013, total employment in St. Clair County declined by 2.3%, compared with 3.6% statewide.

**Family income:** Between 1999 and 2012, median family income, adjusted for inflation, dropped 7% in St. Clair County, compared with 11% statewide.

Child Abuse and Neglect

**Substantiated cases:** Between 2006 and 2014, the number of substantiated cases of abuse and neglect in St. Clair County increased by 41% between 2006 and 2014, compared with 27% statewide.

**Rates:** In 2012-2014, the average rate of abuse and neglect was 9.1 per 1,000 children in St. Clair County, compared with 9.3 statewide.

Program Participation

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** In 2013, 28% of households with children in St. Clair County received SNAP benefits, compared 21% statewide.

**Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC):** In tax year 2012, 22% of federal income tax filers in St. Clair County benefited from the EITC, compared with 18% statewide.

**Medical assistance:** Between 2005 and 2013, children’s enrollment in Medicaid and related programs in St. Clair County increased by 16%, compared with 42% statewide.

Additional statewide and county-level data, as well as data for metropolitan Chicago, can be found in the Illinois Kids Count 2015 report at www.voices4kids.org.