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ILLINOIS (IL)

Population: 12,741,080 (USA Rank: 6)

Per Capita Income: \$35,801 (USA Rank: 13)

U.S.Governments: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

(Federal, State & local - most recent elected officials)

Illinois: <https://www2.illinois.gov>

Governor's office: www.governor.illinois.gov

Secretary of State: 800-252-8980 www.ilsos.gov

Tourism: <https://www.enjoyillinois.com/tourism>

Major Cities: Chicago, Aurora, Joliet, Naperville, Rockford

Multicultural Council of America

non-profit umbrella organization, promoting world cultures, education & healthcare

<https://www.multiculturalcouncil.org>

Email: info@multiculturalcouncil.org

WE are a non-profit membership organization, helping you connect with people and organizations within **Illinois** and beyond, for better communication, exchanging ideas, learning & helping communities locally, nationally and globally thru Multicultural Council Chapters.

We encourage you to please become a *member*, join one of our committees, **be a volunteer or mentor**, *donate your time & money and share your ideas to help the communities*. Membership is open to individuals, organizations, corporations and governments.

Please *advertise* your organization, services or products in this website to reach out to local, regional and global multicultural communities.

Tourism Promotion has become our special project during these uncertain times. Tourism is the world's largest industry. Prior to the pandemic, according to the National Travel and Tourism Week (NTTW) the travel industry was a powerful economic engine, supporting jobs and driving local economies in every pocket of America. The industry had experienced 107 straight months of growth, generated \$2.6 trillion in economic output, supported 17 million American jobs and delivered a \$51 billion trade surplus to the U.S.

In Illinois, 120 million tourists spent nearly \$43.1 billion in 2019, supporting more than 344,100 jobs. While it was drastically down in 2020, for 2021 and beyond, tourism is growing slowly but rather comfortably.

While Tourism bounced back strongly in 2022, driven by pent-up demand and the lifting of travel restrictions, the international travel remains 54.6% below pre-pandemic. The recovery is fragile with new uncertainties from the economic slowdown & geopolitical instability.

The Multicultural Communities within Illinois and throughout the world have always been instrumental in increasing Tourism Revenues for Illinois, for employment and our economic growth. Let's work together to help each other.

Population by Race: Source: Census Bureau – American Community Survey (<https://census.gov/acs>) & *Pew Research*

		Illinois				U. S.A.	Change 2010-21	% increase
1	White	71.7%				192,750,000	-4,060,000	(<0%)
2	Black or African American	14.1%				39,270,000	1,580,000	7%
3	Hispanic or Latino	17.3%				62,530,000	12,050,000	52%
4	Asian	5.6%				18,890,000	4,420,000	19%
5	American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%				-	-	-
6	Two or more Races	2.7%				14,300,000	8,330,000	36%
7	Pacific Islanders	0.0%				-	-	-
8	Illinoisans Speaking A Foreign Language at Home	23.5%				-	-	-

How Much Do You Need To Earn, to Live Well in Illinois?

Family Budget Calculator, developed by the Economic Policy Institute (www.epi.org/resources/budget) allows you to calculate the average amount of money you need for Housing, Food, Childcare, Transportation, Healthcare, Taxes, etc. in the area where you live or wish to live.

Illinois Information, Contacts & Resources

- **History & Culture:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Illinois
- **History & Culture:** <https://www.britannica.com/place/Illinois-state>
- **Demographics:** www.census.gov/quickfacts/IL
- **Discrimination** (*Violation of Your Civil Rights based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, religion, familial status, etc.*): 833-591-0291 or Toll-Free:1-855-856-1247 <https://civilrights.justice.gov>
- **Eldercare:** Connecting older Americans with local resources – www.eldercare.acl.gov 800-677-1116 eldercarelocator@USAging.org
- **Environment** (Air Quality in your zip-code for Home/Work) www.airnow.gov & www.enviroflash.info
- **Health:** www.dph.illinois.gov
- **Health: National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics:** 703-647-7427 - <https://nafcclinics.org> info@nafcclinics.org
- **Drug Information** (*Interactions, side-effects, etc.*): Call your local pharmacist or FDA at 1-855-543-3784 and 1-301-796-3400 or write to druginfo@fda.hhs.gov
- **Immigration & Citizenship:** www.uscis.gov/citizenship Email: Office.of.Citizenship@uscis.dhs.gov
- **IRS-Taxpayer Advocate Service:** 877-777-4778 www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov
- **Fraud, Scams & Bad Business Practices:** 1-877-382-4357 <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
- **The Innocence Project helping wrongfully convicted Americans:** <http://www.innocenceproject.org> - Email: info@innocenceproject.org
- **Need Urgent Legal Help?** Legal Services Corporation: 202-295-1500 (www.lsc.gov – info@lsc.gov) or American Bar Association: Toll Free: 800-285-2221 www.americanbar.org

Illinois Crisis Hotlines:

911 (9-1-1 is a confidential and multilingual **EMERGENCY** #)

Crisis Center: 847-697-2380 - **En Español:** 847-697-9740 TTY: 847-742-4057 - www.crisiscenter.org/hotline.html

Illinois Warm Line: **866-359-7953** (mental health and/or substance use challenges)

Illinois Helpline for Opioids & Other Substances: 833-2FINDHELP - www.HelplineIL.org

Problem Gambling: call 800-GAMBLER, text ILGAMB TO 53342,

National Crisis Resources: 24-hour nationwide – Services may be available in many languages

Addiction Hotline: **800-784-2433**

Child Abuse: 1-800-4-A-Child or 1-800-422-4453 (National Child Abuse Hotline) www.childhelp.org

Domestic Violence: 1-800-799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)

StrongHearts Native Helpline: Call/Chat: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) www.strongheartshelpline.org

Shelters: <https://www.domesticshelters.org>

Online Chat (7am-2am CST) <https://www.thehotline.org> - All calls are toll-free & confidential

Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (Text # 233733)

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center – 855-649-7299 – www.niwrc.org - info@niwrc.org

National Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-522-4700-Text: 1-800-522-4700-Chat: www.ncpgambling.org/chat

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)**Soon to be 9-8-8**

Poison Control Center For Emergencies: 1-800-222-1222

Covenant House Nineline: 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) <https://teenlineonline.org>

Girls & Boys Town National Hotline: Phone, Chat, Text, and Email - 1-800-448-3000

National Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-442-HOPE (1-800-442-4673)

Samariteens: 1-800-252-TEENS (1-800-252-8336) - 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Youth Crisis Hotline: 1-800-HIT-HOME (1-800-448-4663)

Youth America Hotline (YAH!): 1-877-YOUTHLINE (1-877-968-8454)

The Trevor Lifeline: 1-866-488-7386

** The Trevor Lifeline is a service of The Trevor Project, a non-profit endeavor devoted to promoting tolerance and understanding for **LGBTQ** youth.*

All information contained in this website, including contacts, tel #s or emails, etc. are up-to-date to the best of our knowledge. The Multicultural Council, its officials, staff or volunteers cannot be held responsible for any errors, wrong info or for any liability of any type whatsoever arising thereof. It is strictly your responsibility to check the correct info.

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Please *advertise* your goods & services in this website – to help us continue our services to communities In Illinois

GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please *donate* & support our Tuition-Free, Post-Secondary Education for the qualified refugees living in Illinois or anywhere else in the world, through UNHCR and the American Academy of International Education (<https://www.americanacademyedu.org>)

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