

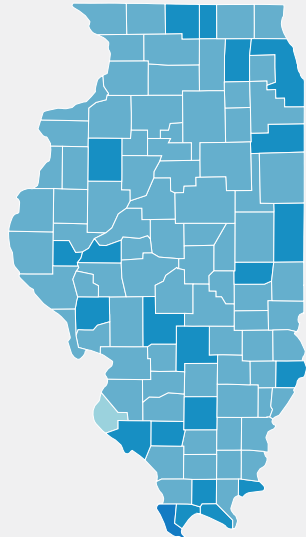
# 20.4%

of adults in Illinois have low literacy

Illinois ranks 31 out of 50 in the U.S.

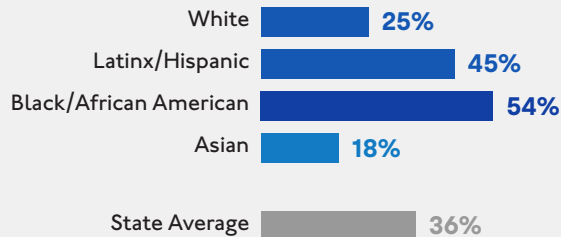
## 2 in 9

counties in Illinois have populations where 20% or more of the residents have below basic literacy



Over 60%  
Under 10%

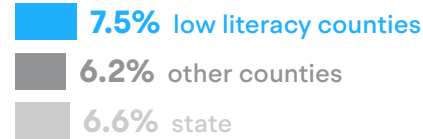
The percent of 4th graders with below basic reading by race



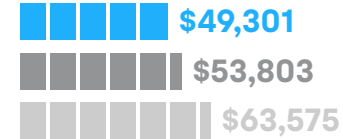
## How does low literacy affect equity and quality of life?

In counties where at least 20% of the population have below basic literacy, we see that many health, economic, and educational outcomes fall short.

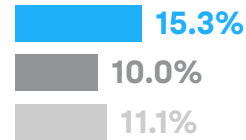
### Unemployment



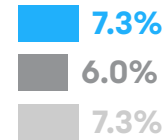
### Median Income



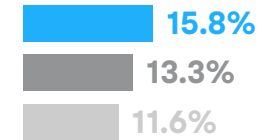
### Adults Without a High School Degree



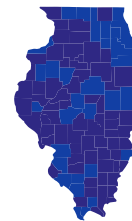
### No Access to Healthcare



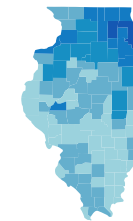
### Residents Below the Poverty Line



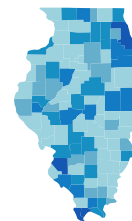
## Demographics



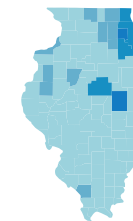
White



Hispanic/Latinx



Black

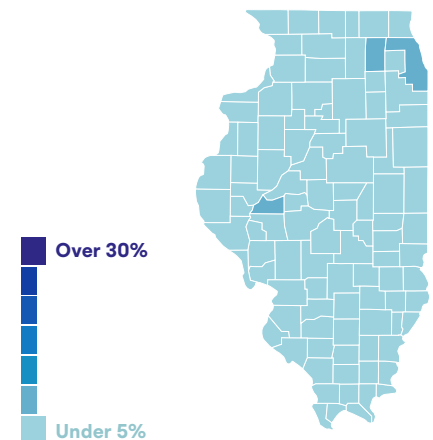


Asian

High  
Low

## Households Where Limited English is Spoken

The percentage of households where no adult speaks English "very well."

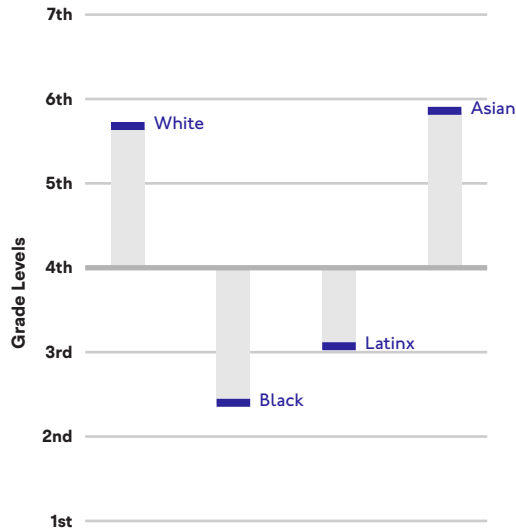


Over 30%  
Under 5%

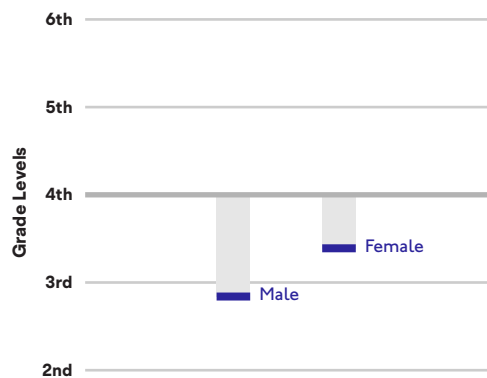
### 4th Grade Reading Levels

While literacy can be high or low in a given metro area, when we look at 4th grade testing, we can see that the performance in English/Language Arts is not consistent across race and gender.

#### English/Language Arts Test Performance by Race



#### English/Language Arts Test Performance by Gender



### Unemployment

**6.7%**

339,651 adults living in Chicago are unemployed.

### Residents Below the Poverty Line

**10.9%**

783,435 residents are living below the poverty line in Chicago.

### Receives Public Assistance

**25.8%**

571,389 residents receive public assistance in Chicago.

### Median Household Income

**\$68,715**

### Single Mother Households

**13%**

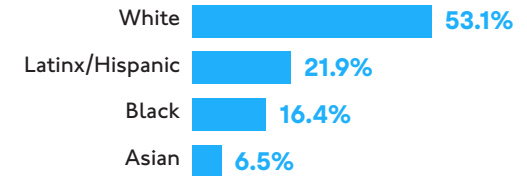
452,643 households in Chicago are single mother households.

### Didn't Receive a High School Diploma

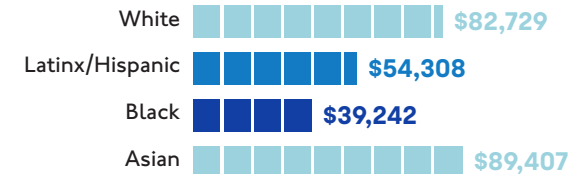
**11.7%**

753,077 adults living in Chicago did not receive a high school diploma.

### Racial Distribution



### Income by Race



Data for the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin Metro Area