

**Giving
in
Illinois**
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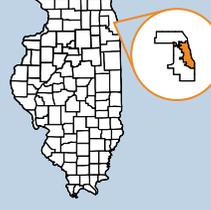
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ABOUT THE REPORT

Released in cooperation with Candid (formerly The Foundation Center) since 2012, Forefront's *Giving in Illinois* report has been an informational trove of the state's foundation landscape. By tracking and collecting data on giving by Illinois foundations, a picture was drawn of top giving priorities and various figures pertaining to assets, percentages of grant dollars staying in state, and other trends.

However, in 2020, when the time came to update the report with 2018 giving numbers, it was apparent that a change in our data accrual process was needed. The nationwide protests in the wake of George Floyd's murder, as well as the rapid shifts in philanthropy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, brought a fresh sense of urgency to calls for transparency and equity.

Transparency is invaluable in shining a light on the subjects and people still falling through the gaps in philanthropy. The Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity's 2021 report, ["Mismatched: Philanthropy's Response to the Call for Racial Justice,"](#) focuses on the mismatches between the needs of the racial equity and justice movement with the response of philanthropy. Their findings and methodology demonstrate the impact that slow and incomplete data reporting has on the sector's ability to make good, timely decisions: it limits the ability to see how urgent needs are (or are not) being met, increases our reliance on an inaccurate narrative driven by news stories about pledges, and often renders grants made to racial equity and justice invisible to analysis.

Going forward, we hope to use this report to more clearly highlight where grant dollars are given in relation to the needs of Illinois' communities. We encourage funders to tell the stories of their priorities and share the success of operating nonprofits by sharing up-to-date data.

Our recommendations section on page 6 collects a few basic steps to begin or further that process.

The grants data in this report is collected by Candid from filed IRS documents, foundations that self-report their information, news sources, and foundation websites. This report is reflective of 2018 grants data only.

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ILLINOIS FOUNDATIONS BY TOTAL GIVING TO ILLINOIS

Public Foundations

- 1 University of Illinois Foundation**
1 grant, \$203,367,462 awarded
- 2 Ann and Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago**
10 grants, \$122,581,010 awarded
- 3 Robert R. H. McCormick Foundation**
544 grants, \$105,939,614 awarded
- 4 Jewish Federation of Metro Chicago**
342 grants, \$91,918,309 awarded
- 5 Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago**
13 grants, \$40,988,229 awarded

Independent Foundations

- 1 Davee Foundation**
61 grants, \$85,927,500 awarded
- 2 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**
125 grants, \$72,621,103 awarded
- 3 Grainger Foundation Inc.**
127 grants, \$49,753,414 awarded
- 4 Fulk Family Foundation**
110 grants, \$37,322,602 awarded
- 5 Arie and Ida Crown Memorial**
384 grants, \$34,531,166 awarded

Community Foundations

- 1 Chicago Community Trust**
4,221 grants, \$186,633,933 awarded
- 2 DuPage Foundation**
90 grants, \$2,971,548 awarded
- 3 Community Foundation of Northern Illinois**
63 grants, \$2,825,247 awarded
- 4 Quad Cities Community Foundation**
312 grants, \$2,320,535 awarded
- 5 Community Foundation of McHenry County**
42 grants, \$1,796,749 awarded

Corporate Foundations

- 1 Illinois Tool Works Foundation**
83 grants, \$11,826,110 awarded
- 2 Abbvie Foundation**
340 grants, \$7,179,609 awarded
- 3 Grand Victoria Foundation**
53 grants, \$6,398,575 awarded
- 4 Bluhm Family Charitable Foundation**
35 grants, \$5,312,500 awarded
- 5 Motorola Solutions Foundation**
223 grants, \$2,758,341 awarded

KEY FINDINGS

5,787

Illinois foundations with assets totaling

\$44 billion

●●●●●●●● gave ●●●●●●●●

\$4.9 billion

in 2018.



This is down from the record high in 2017 of \$5.1 billion.



Illinois funders gave roughly half their grant dollars to Illinois recipients (52% by dollar amount, 47% by number of grants made).



Foundations outside Illinois gave just under \$1 billion to Illinois recipients (\$924,330,378).



Only one in eight Illinois nonprofits¹ were verified as receiving at least one grant from a foundation.



Over 40% of foundation giving dollars do not have enough data shared to be analyzed by subject area or specific population served.²

1. This includes all nonprofit types: 501(c), 501(d), 4947(a) organizations, and more.

2. This data is sourced from the Illinois Foundation Stats Dashboard.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The social sector needs transparency to support its goals of building better, stronger communities. **Currently, more than 40% of giving by foundations cannot be categorized by either the general topic it was made in support of or the specific population it was made to support.** To that end, we recommend the following steps:

Share grant details.

There are numerous ways that the story of a grant can be told: fuller descriptions on 990s, publishing a grant database on an organization's website (see examples from [The Joyce Foundation](#) and [Ford Foundation](#) websites), or joining a broader project like Candid's [eReporting](#) initiative.

Share your priorities, policies, and data.

This also highlights any commitment to equity, noting where DEI priorities are incorporated and funded. Many foundations have begun including this information on their websites (see the [The Field Foundation of Illinois](#) and [The McKnight Foundation](#)). But it is important to do so together with sharing grant details in order to tell the story of how the priorities became actions.

Commit to equity.

Sharing information about foundation board and staff helps move the sector toward better reflecting the communities it serves. Foundations can also ask their grantees to share demographic data through tools like GuideStar's profiles and [Seals of Transparency](#) so that the information can be broadly known instead of held by one foundation. Coalition and support organizations have advocated for grantmakers to play educational, funding, and/or convening roles to build capacity for their grantees to share their data. See [D5](#), [Candid](#), and [PEAK Grantmaking](#) for examples.



Add full descriptions to your 990s

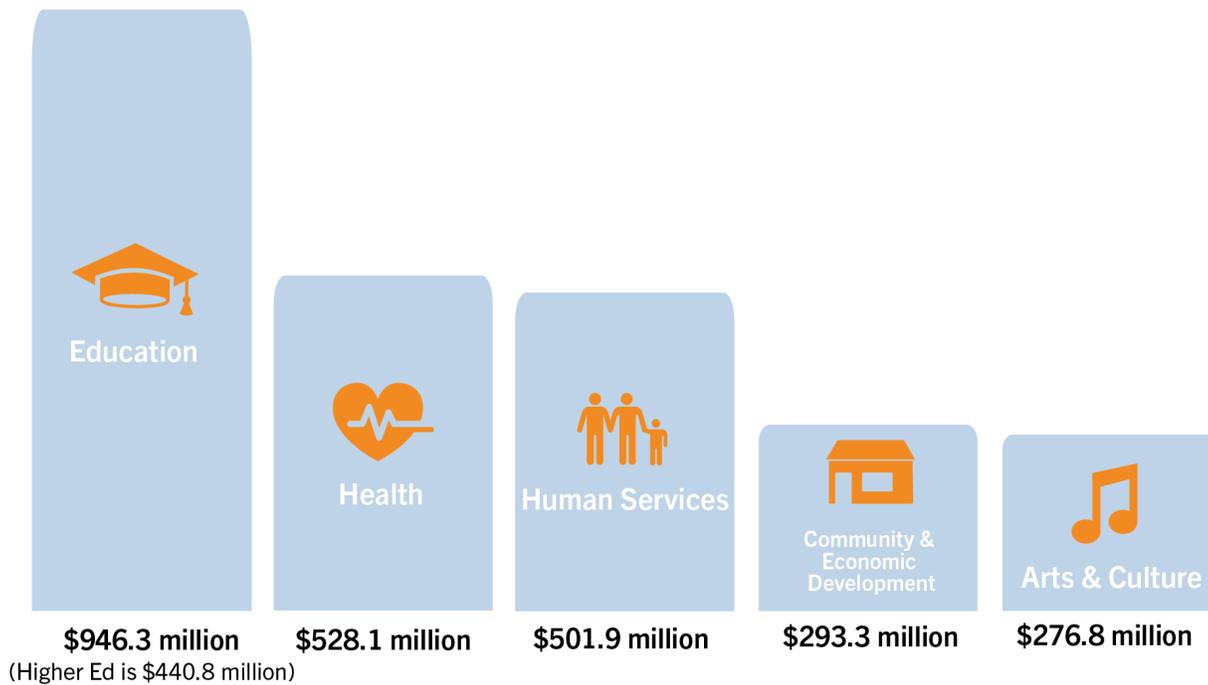


Publish a grant database



Join a broader grant project

FUNDING BY SUBJECT AREA

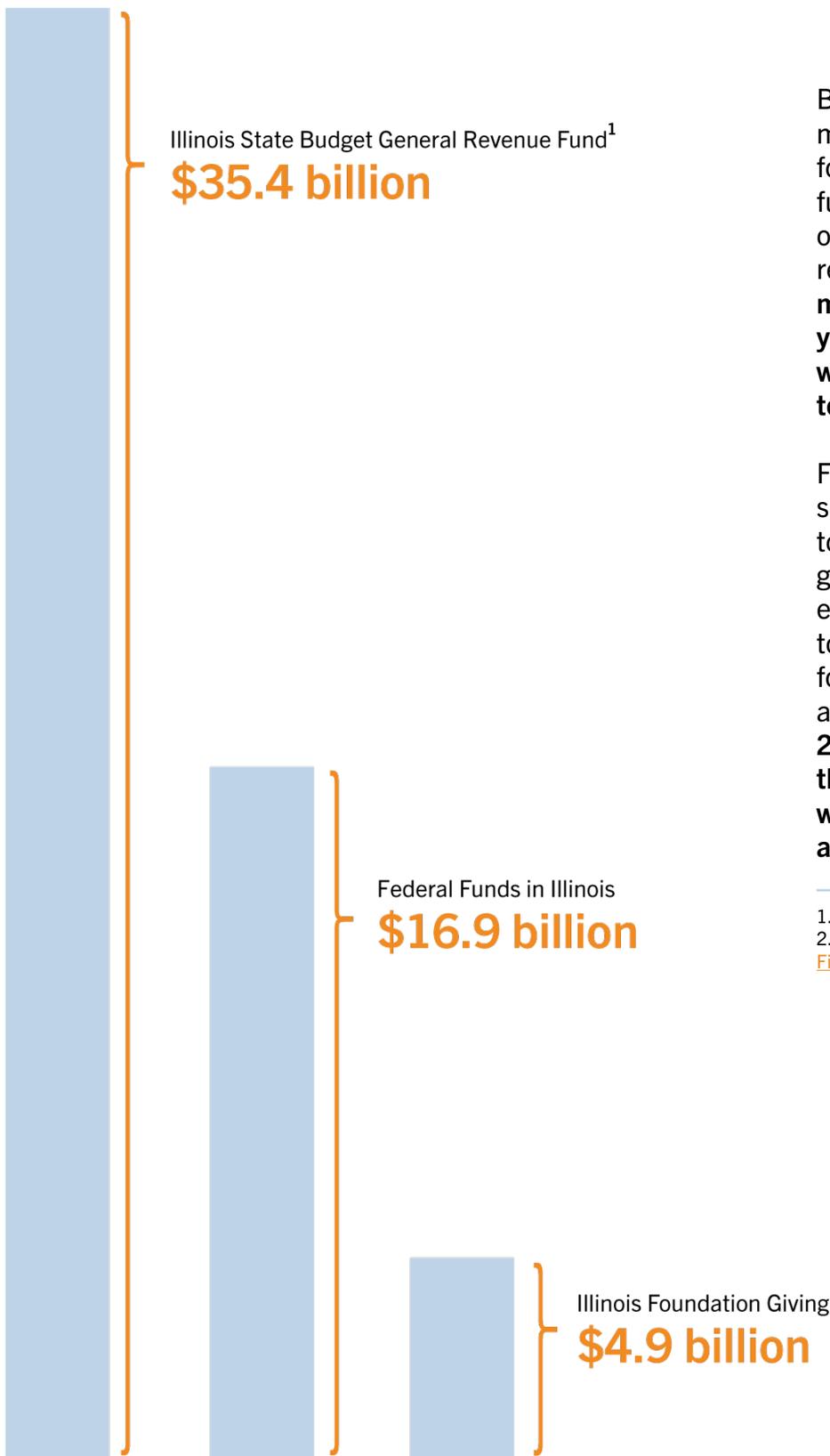


POPULATIONS SERVED

These are the populations who received the most funding in dollars. In addition to the populations outlined here, a further \$773.4 million—over one quarter of grant dollars— belonged to grants where the population served was not specified or was the general public.

- 1 Economically Disadvantaged People (\$590.2 million)
- 2 Children & Youth (\$534.2 million)
- 3 Ethnic & Racial Identities (\$215.6 million)
- 4 Religious Affiliations (\$176.7 million)
- 5 Women & Girls (\$116.1 million)

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES



Because the primary role of most private and community foundations is to provide funding, the public often overestimates their charitable resources. In fact, **the vast majority of private giving each year comes from individuals, who contributed 77 percent of total giving in 2018.**

Foundations are also sometimes seen as having the resources to fill government budget gaps, especially in difficult economic times. Yet compared to government expenditures, foundation giving represents a small fraction of the total. **In 2018, the budget deficit for the state was \$7.8 billion², while foundational giving only amounted to \$4.9 billion.**

1. [NASBO State Expenditure Report](#)
2. [Comptroller Office's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#)



REGIONAL PROFILES

This section focuses on trends both statewide and regionally across Illinois.

In order to highlight the specific needs and successes that may not be reflected in a statewide total, we have chosen to break the state into eleven regions. The divisions used are in line with those [created by the state for the Restore Illinois response](#).

Each regional profile lists the foundations located in that area that are the largest when ordered by total giving, as well as the recipient of the most grant dollars in the region. For these statistics, only foundations that gave grants to more than one recipient were included; governmental grantmakers were not included in this data set.

For some regions where hospitals or universities were the recipients of the most grant dollars, additional recipient organizations that are not related to hospitals or higher education are also listed. The definition used for racial equity grants is one [developed by Candid and the Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity](#) (PRE).

In addition to the general data supplied for each region in this report, Forefront has gathered more granular data by county and census tract for each individual region in the state. **Explore the in-depth data, including social vulnerability indices and more, by clicking the “view additional regional data” link on the bottom of each page.**

Glossary of Terms

Educational Attainment

The percentage of the area’s population over the age of 25 that has obtained a high school or college degree.

Food Insecurity

According to the US Department of Agriculture, food insecurity is “household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food,” which hinders individuals from enjoying a healthy and active life.

Housing Cost Burden

Households spending more than 30% of income on housing are considered housing cost-burdened and those spending 50% or more are considered severely cost-burdened.

Social Vulnerability Index*

Indicates relative vulnerability by ranking places on 15 social factors, including unemployment, minority status, and disability, and combining the rankings into a single scale.

*View by clicking the additional regional data link at the bottom of each page.

STATEWIDE DATA

Population and funding statistics.



Population: 12,770,631

Poverty

12% impoverished

16% children in poverty

Educational Attainment

89% high school graduation rate

43% degree graduation rate (associate or higher)

Food Insecurity

15% food insecure

Housing Cost Burdened

30% cost burdened

14% severely cost burdened

Statewide Statistics

69,071 nonprofit organizations

8,779 nonprofits received grants

8,440 funders gave to Illinois nonprofits

2,961 funders based in Illinois

43,958 grants were awarded

\$2,831,690,184 total granted within Illinois

Poverty

Least Impoverished

7%
Region 8



Most Impoverished

18%
Regions 5 & 11



High School Graduation Rate

Fewest Graduates

85%
Region 11



Most Graduates

92%
Region 8



Food Insecurity

Least Insecure

11%
Region 8



Most Insecure

21%
Region 11



Severe Housing Cost Burden

Least Burdened

9%
Region 11



Most Burdened

20%
Region 2



REGION 1

Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, Carrol, Ogle, Whiteside, Lee, and Crawford counties

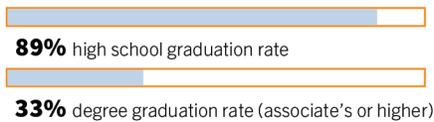


Population: 665,299

Poverty



Educational Attainment



Food Insecurity



Cost Burdened



Regional Statistics

3,543	nonprofit organizations
436	nonprofits received grants
399	funders gave to the region
1,202	grants were awarded
\$6,000	median grant amount
\$56,856,414	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

1	Human Services \$15.4 million
2	Education \$15.4 million, with higher ed representing \$10.3 million
3	Public Safety \$7.1 million
4	Health \$5.9 million
5	Arts & Culture \$4.6 million

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

1	Willow Springs Charitable Trust
2	Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
3	Atwood Foundation
4	Dillon Foundation
5	Community Foundation of Northern Illinois

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

Northern Illinois University

Recipient of the largest amount of grant dollars not higher education or hospital related:

Prairie State Legal Services

[View additional Region 1 data online.](#)

REGION 2

Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, Putnam, Kendall, Grundy, Mercer, Knox, Henderson, Warren, McDonough, Fulton, Stark, Marshall, Peoria, Tazewell, McLean, Woodford, Livingston, and LaSalle counties

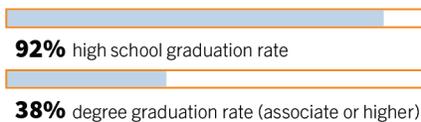


Population: 1,254,472

Poverty



Educational Attainment



Food Insecurity



Cost Burdened



Regional Statistics

7,960	nonprofit organizations
757	nonprofits received grants
736	funders gave to the region
2,247	grants were awarded
\$5,000	median grant amount
\$75,703,819	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

1	Education \$26.2 million, with Higher Ed representing \$14.6 million
2	Human Services \$21.2 million
3	Health \$19.5 million
4	Sports & Recreation \$4.5 million
5	Religion \$3.9 million

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

1	John Deere Foundation
2	Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation
3	East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging
4	United Workforce Development Board, Inc.
5	Western Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc.

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

[OSF Healthcare](#)

Recipient of the largest amount of grant dollars not higher education or hospital related:

[Lifesong for Orphans](#)

[View additional Region 2 data online.](#)

REGION 3

Hancock, Adams, Pike, Calhoun, Jersey, Greene, Scott, Brown, Schuyler, Cass, Morgan, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Sangamon, Logan, Menard, and Mason counties

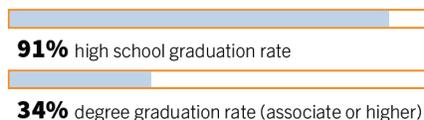


Population: 563,978

Poverty



Educational Attainment



Food Insecurity



Cost Burdened



Regional Statistics

4,497	nonprofit organizations
342	nonprofits received grants
391	funders gave to the region
839	grants were awarded
\$7,422	median grant amount
36,882,626	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

- Education**
\$13.2 million, with Higher Ed representing \$4.5 million
- Human Services**
\$11.4 million
- Health**
\$10.2 million
- Community & Economic Development**
\$1.4 million
- Environment & Animals**
\$1.2 million

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

- Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault**
- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence**
- The CFM Foundation**
- Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland Inc.**
- Illinois Nutrient Research & Education Council**

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

Southern Illinois University

Recipient of the largest amount of grant dollars not higher education or hospital related:

Chaddock

[View additional Region 3 data online.](#)

REGION 4

Bond, Madison, St. Clair, Clinton, Washington, Monroe, and Randolph counties

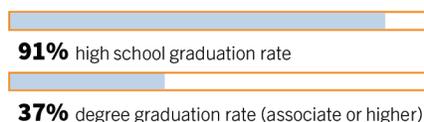


Population: 661,858

Poverty



Educational Attainment



Food Insecurity



Cost Burdened



Regional Statistics

3,462	nonprofit organizations
244	nonprofits received grants
275	funders gave to the region
534	grants were awarded
\$7,318	median grant amount
\$36,064,654	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

- 1 Human Services**
\$14.8 million
- 2 Health**
\$12.2 million
- 3 Public Safety**
\$5.8 million
- 4 Human Rights**
\$2.4 million
- 5 Education**
\$2.4 million, with Higher Ed representing \$764,287

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

- 1 Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois**
- 2 St. Clair County Community Action Agency**
- 3 James & Aune Nelson Foundation**
- 4 The Four Leaf Clover Foundation**
- 5 Elizabeth Smysor Charitable Trust**

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation

[View additional Region 4 data online.](#)

REGION 5

Marion, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, Perry, Jackson, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Hamilton, White, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Massac, and Pulaski counties

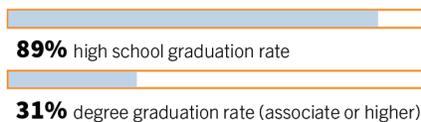


Population: 410,079

Poverty



Educational Attainment



Food Insecurity



Cost Burdened



Regional Statistics

2,490	nonprofit organizations
143	nonprofits received grants
161	funders gave to the region
253	grants were awarded
\$5,000	median grant amount
\$8,869,404	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

1	Human Services \$3.8 million
2	Health \$1.7 million
3	Education \$1.1 million, with Higher Ed representing \$198,411
4	Sports & Recreation \$928,818
5	Public Safety \$532,228

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

1	Egyptian Area Agency on Aging
2	Fred G. Harrison Foundation
3	Mary's Alabaster Jar Perpetual Charitable Foundation
4	The Wolfe Foundation of Edwards County, Inc.
5	Julia Harrison Bruce Foundation

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

Southern Pride Senior Program

[View additional Region 5 data online.](#)

REGION 6

Iroquois, Ford, DeWitt, Piatt, Champaign, Vermillion, Macon, Moultrie, Douglas, Edgar, Shelby, Coles, Cumberland, Clark, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Clay, Richland, and Lawrence counties

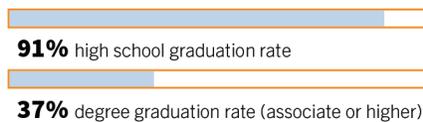


Population: 747,095

Poverty



Educational Attainment



Food Insecurity



Cost Burdened



Regional Statistics

4,298	nonprofit organizations
398	nonprofits received grants
487	funders gave to the region
1,131	grants were awarded
\$8,331	median grant amount
\$289,028,855	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

- 1 Education**
\$227,885,778, with Higher Ed representing \$219,800,851
- 2 Agriculture, Fishing, & Forestry**
\$17 million
- 3 Human Services**
\$16.9 million
- 4 Health**
\$16.6 million
- 5 Science & Engineering**
\$16.2 million

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

- 1 Howard G. Buffett Foundation**
- 2 Donnini-Rudolph Family Foundation**
- 3 Carle Foundation Hospital**
- 4 Lumpkin Family Foundation**
- 5 Neal Foundation**

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

University of Illinois

Recipient of the largest amount of grant dollars not higher education or hospital related:

Sequoia Farm Foundation

[View additional Region 6 data online.](#)

REGION 7

Will and Kankakee counties

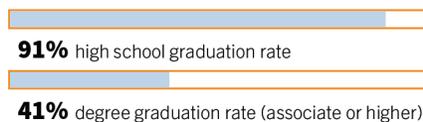


Population: 799,952

Poverty



Educational Attainment



Food Insecurity



Cost Burdened



Regional Statistics

2,712	nonprofit organizations
166	nonprofits received grants
263	funders gave to the region
420	grants were awarded
\$7,388	median grant amount
\$15,023,188	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

1	Health \$4.6 million
2	Human Services \$3.6 million
3	Religion \$3.2 million
4	Education \$2.4 million, with Higher Ed representing \$1.1 million
5	Agriculture, Fishing, & Forestry \$823,422

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

1	Lucille & Vic Wertz Foundation
2	United Way of Will County
3	Robert S. & Mary Ann Kaminski Family Foundation
4	Moore for Kids
5	J. Edward Mahoney Foundation

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

[Bible League International](#)

[View additional Region 7 data online.](#)

REGION 8

Kane and DuPage counties

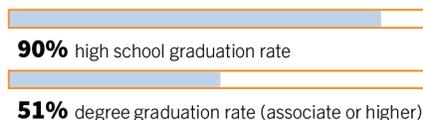


Population: 1,460,436

Poverty



Educational Attainment



Food Insecurity



Cost Burdened



Regional Statistics

7,318	nonprofit organizations
794	nonprofits received grants
1,158	funders gave to the region
2,981	grants were awarded
\$5,594	median grant amount
\$110,615,865	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

- Health**
\$34.4 million
- Education**
\$22.6 million, with Higher Ed representing \$6.7 million
- Human Services**
\$21.1 million
- Religion**
\$11.7 million
- International Relations**
\$7 million

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

- Davee Foundation**
- Lions Club International Foundation**
- Illinois Hospital Research & Education Fund**
- Ace Hardware Foundation**
- Franciscan Ministries Inc.**

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

[Advocate Health](#)

Recipient of the largest amount of grant dollars not higher education or hospital related:

[Passages America Israel](#)

[View additional Region 8 data online.](#)

REGION 9

McHenry and Lake counties

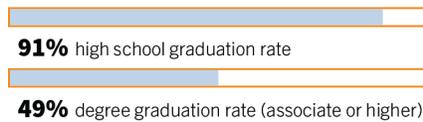


Population: 1,009,187

Poverty



Educational Attainment



Food Insecurity



Cost Burdened



Regional Statistics

4,108	nonprofit organizations
657	nonprofits received grants
1,011	funders gave to the region
2,739	grants were awarded
\$7,000	median grant amount
\$67,559,241	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

- Religion**
\$16 million
- Education**
\$13.8 million, with Higher Ed representing \$4.2 million
- Human Services**
\$11.5 million
- Health**
\$6.8 million
- Agriculture, Fishing, & Forestry**
\$5.1 million

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

- Abbvie Foundation**
- Grainger Foundation**
- Baxter International Foundation**
- United Way of Lake County**
- Jackson Kemper Foundation**

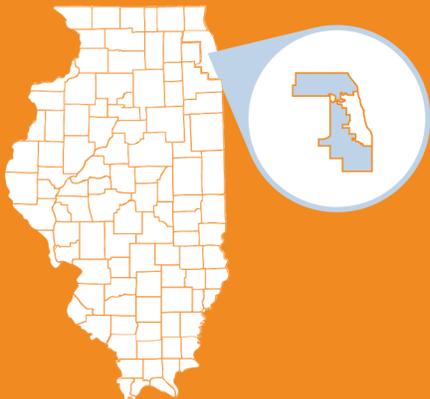
Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

Alpha USA

[View additional Region 9 data online.](#)

REGION 10

Suburban Cook County



Population: 2,472,695

Poverty

10% in poverty

19% child poverty* Includes the City of Chicago.

Educational Attainment

89% high school graduation rate

45% degree graduation rate (associate or higher)

Food Insecurity

16% food insecure

Cost Burdened

34% cost burdened

16% severely burdened

Regional Statistics

11,578	nonprofit organizations
1,510	nonprofits received grants
2,909	fundors gave to the region
7,277	grants were awarded
\$6,000	median grant amount
\$440,248,333	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

- 1 Education**
\$190.7 million, with Higher Ed representing \$63.7 million
- 2 Health**
\$73.6 million
- 3 Human Services**
\$67 million
- 4 Religion**
\$30.6 million
- 5 Agriculture, Fishing, & Forestry**
\$29.6 million

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

- 1 The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**
- 2 Allstate Foundation**
- 3 Saul Zaentz Charitable Foundation**
- 4 Caerus Foundation Inc.**
- 5 Ageoptions Inc.**

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

Northwestern University

Recipient of the largest amount of grant dollars not higher education or hospital related:

National Dairy Council

[View additional Region 10 data online.](#)

REGION 11

City of Chicago



Population: 2,709,534

Poverty

18% in poverty

24% child poverty

Educational Attainment

85% high school graduation rate

45% degree graduation rate (associate or higher)

Food Insecurity

21% food insecure

Cost Burdened

39% cost burdened

20% severely burdened

Regional Statistics

17,105	nonprofit organizations
3,332	nonprofits received grants
5,166	funders gave to the region
24,335	grants were awarded
\$10,000	median grant amount
\$1,694,837,785	total granted to region

Top Focus Areas and Amounts

- 1 Education**
\$430.6 million, with Higher Ed representing \$114.9 million
- 2 Health**
\$342.4 million
- 3 Human Services**
\$315 million
- 4 Community & Economic Development**
\$246.3 million
- 5 Arts & Culture**
\$232.9 million

Top Foundations in Area by Giving

Excludes government agencies and includes foundations giving more than 1 grant in the year

- 1 Feeding America**
- 2 Chicago Community Trust**
- 3 John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**
- 4 Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago**
- 5 Jewish Federation of Metro Chicago**

Recipient of the largest amount of foundation grant dollars:

University of Chicago

Recipient of the largest amount of grant dollars not higher education or hospital related:

Chicago Community Foundation

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About the Grants Set

The grants data in this report is collected by Candid from filed IRS documents, foundations that self-report their information, news sources, and foundation websites.

The analysis of the 2018 charitable giving to Illinois is based on 43,958 grants totaling \$2.8 billion from a national sample of 8,440 funders including 2,961 Illinois-based funders that awarded at least one grant for \$1,000 or more to an Illinois-based recipient organization.

Grantmaker types include independent, corporate, community, and grantmaking operating foundations, in addition to public charities. For community foundations, the set includes only discretionary grants and donor-advised grants (when provided by the funder). The set also excludes grants to individuals. Grant amounts may represent the full authorized amount of the grant or the amount paid in that year depending upon the information made available by each foundation.

Grant records included in the set were reported to Candid between December 2018 and August 2019. All foundations are represented with 2018 grants data or the most recent, complete data set.

In their own effort to offer more complete and timely information, Candid has begun including early reports of gifts. This work is reflected in [the maps they have created of racial equity funding and of COVID-19 related funding](#). We hope that the change results in more recent data for use in future versions of this report.

Additional References

American Community Survey is from [Metopio](#)'s poverty, education, and housing data.

Food insecurity data is from Feeding America's [Map the Meal Gap 2020](#).

This report's grant data comes from [Candid](#).

This report's child poverty data comes from the Annie E. Casey Foundation's [Kids Count Data Center](#), except for the city of Chicago, which is from Heartland Alliance Research & Policy Division and Social IMPACT Research Center's [Illinois and Chicago Region: Poverty, Income and Health Insurance](#).

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