

SOCIAL INDICATORS of quality of life within a region are no doubt numerous and may vary depending on size and ethnic makeup of a region. Some of the indicators you may want to examine include access to childcare, voter registration, use of library and community college system.

ILLINOIS NETWORK FOR CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES collects, maintains and reports statistical information related to childcare supply, demand and quality across the state.

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KIDS COUNT, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is a national and state-by-state effort to track the well-being of children in the United States. By providing high-quality data and trend analysis, KIDS COUNT seeks to enrich local, state and national discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all children — and to raise the visibility of children's issues through a nonpartisan, evidence-based lens.

At the national level, the project develops and distributes reports on key areas of well-being, including the annual *KIDS COUNT Data Book*. In addition to the annual *Data Book*, KIDS COUNT explores the well-being of children using new data and policy analysis.

The Foundation also maintains the KIDS COUNT Data Center, which uses the best available statistics and data to measure the educational, social, economic, and physical well-being of children. The Data Center features hundreds of indicators with more than four million data points. Users of the site are able to view national, congressional district, county, school district and city data from across the country. Visit the KIDS COUNT Data Center.

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