



# Poverty, U.S.A. Poverty, Illinois Poverty, Chicago

Since 1997, Illinois's welfare rolls have decreased by 74%. Fewer Illinoisans are on welfare. But the number in poverty grows.

Preliminary census data indicates that Illinois is one of ten states where poverty has increased since 1999.

The causes of poverty are complex. But the impact is simple: a life of diminished choices, desolated hopes and constant vulnerability.

Affordable and public housing stock are decreasing in Chicago. Few of the new housing developments are affordable to people in poverty.





ATTENTION ALL  
TENANTS  
ON FRIDAY OCT. 27 & MONDAY  
OCT. 30, WED OCT. 1. ALL  
ROOMS NEED TO BE OPEN  
FOR  
EXTERMINATING



Nowhere in the United States is the minimum wage adequate for a full-time worker to afford a two-bedroom apartment.







39 million Americans have no health insurance. 85% are full- and part-time workers.

