

## Why We Need Adequate Revenue: Illinois in Chaos

Illinois' budget impasse has caused more than 1 million people to lose access to critical services – and that toll is increasing every day.

The people of Illinois want the state to invest in great schools, healthy families and vital services that allow communities and businesses to thrive.

Our historic budget impasse is plunging Illinois into chaos as vital, cost-effective services are slashed and the economic climate steadily worsens. Back bills continue to pile up, the deficit balloons, and Illinois' credit rating is repeatedly downgraded.

*“For me, receiving a MAP grant was the key to my college education and to a middle-class life. Now that the program is unfunded, I’m worried that my dream of graduating from college might not become a reality.”*

-Trisha, student at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Young Invincibles student leader

**Without a state budget and enough revenue, the damage is real - and it's getting worse.**

- 22,000 **seniors** outside of Chicago have lost access to services that keep them independent such as home delivered meals and transportation.
- Already ranking 50<sup>th</sup> in state support for public education, our **K-12 schools** are struggling even more by Illinois' failure to fund transportation, special education and school lunches.
- Our **higher education** system is on the brink of collapse due to \$2.3 billion in cuts over the past two years; we are losing our future workforce as Illinois' best and brightest leave the state to attend college.
- Illinois is not funding tuition grants for 130,000 low-income **college students**, leaving a college degree out of reach for many and further threatening higher learning institutions.
- Nearly 47,000 fewer **children** are receiving affordable childcare that allows their parents to go to work and make ends meet and to go to school and become self-sufficient.
- Small **businesses** and local economies are suffering as the lack of predictability hinders their ability to plan and grow.

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**The Responsible Budget Coalition is made up of more than 300 organizations** throughout Illinois representing human services, health care, education, labor unions, civic organizations and faith communities.

**Together, we are calling on Governor Rauner and Illinois lawmakers to pass a budget that raises adequate revenue to fully fund vital services.** Our elected officials must act to make the public investments that Illinois families and communities need to thrive.

## Illinois Needs a State Budget with Adequate Revenue Because without it...

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- **More than 1 million Illinoisans** have lost access to critical services. (*United Way*)
- 22,000 **seniors** outside of Chicago have lost access to services such as home delivered meals, transportation and help accessing resources. (*Age Options*)
- Nearly 47,000 fewer children receive **affordable childcare** that allowed parents to work and go to school. (*SEIU Healthcare*)
- **Higher education** funding has been slashed by \$2.3 billion over the past two years -- 59% -- threatening permanent damage to many colleges amid layoffs, decreased enrollment, academic program cuts, and tuition hikes. (*Center for Tax and Budget Accountability*)
- **K-12 schools** are struggling due to cuts to transportation, special education, and school lunches. (*The State-Journal Register*)
- \$0 dollars of state funding has been provided for **domestic violence** services for the entire state since June 2016, putting thousands of lives at risk. (*Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network*)
- Illinois is not funding **tuition grants** for 130,000 low-income college students, forcing many to drop out. (*Young Invincibles*)
- 80,000 people in Illinois have lost access to needed **mental health services**. (*National Alliance on Mental Illness, Chicago*)
- As rates of **opioid addiction** steadily rise, over 24,000 fewer Illinoisans were admitted to addiction treatment services. (*Illinois Association for Behavioral Health*)
- Nearly 30% fewer pregnant women and **families with young children** have received proven, cost-effective parent coaching and home visiting services. (*The Ounce of Prevention Fund*)
- 34% fewer women received life-saving **breast and cervical cancer** screenings. (*Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Taskforce*)
- 90% of **homeless service** providers have been forced to cut clients, services, or staff. (*Housing Action Illinois*)
- 2,311 fewer formerly homeless Illinoisans received needed **supportive housing** services putting them at risk of losing their homes and entering higher cost systems. (*Housing Action Illinois*)
- Illinois' 29 **rape crisis centers** were forced to lay off staff and cut hours resulting in waitlists for survivors seeking help. (*Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault*)
- **Public transportation** used by workers, seniors and those with disabilities has had days and routes cut in Central and Southern Illinois counties. (*The State-Journal Register*)
- **Adult literacy** grants were cut by 50%, significantly limiting access to this critical step toward self-sufficiency for the 2.1 million Illinoisans with low literacy skills. (*Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition*)
- Cuts to **HIV/AIDS** testing, housing and prevention services are risking lives and increasing stigma. (*AIDS Foundation of Chicago*)
- Over 100,000 **immigrants** have lost access to services like citizenship assistance and language access. (*Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights*)
- **Employment and training** programs have been cut, denying job seekers of these cost-effective services. (*Chicago Jobs Council*)
- Illinois' **agricultural infrastructure** has been damaged by cuts to crop research and development, livestock laboratories, soil and water conservation districts, county fairs and more. (*Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Farmer Today*)
- 21 home healthcare agencies serving **low-income seniors and people with disabilities** have closed, reduced service areas or capped intake, raising the likelihood of institutionalization. (*SEIU Healthcare*)
- Services that **divert youth from incarceration** have been shut down in 24 counties across Illinois. (*Illinois Collaboration on Youth*)
- As **community violence** rises, over 15,000 youth have lost access to safe spaces after school. (*Illinois Collaboration on Youth*)
- **Law enforcement**, which accounts for 40% of referrals for unaccompanied at-risk youth, have lost access to crisis intervention services for young people who need help. (*Illinois Collaboration on Youth*)

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