

Database of County-Level Health, Education and Economic Indicators for Southern Illinois

Collaboration between the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and SIU School of Medicine has led to the creation of an exciting resource for communities and agencies interested in improving health care in downstate Illinois. We have created a referenced database containing publicly available health, economic, social, and educational indicators at the county level for selected counties in the region, with more data being made available regularly in the coming months.

This project began as a tool to assist communities trying to start school-based health centers, and has grown into a useful set of public health and socioeconomic data for anyone writing grants or seeking to tell the interconnected story of health, economics and education in the region.

Data are presented in the following sections:

Population characteristics
Education
Health indicators
Employment
Economy
Public safety
Visual presentations (charts and tables from selected data)

At present, all data is available for the following counties:

Alexander	Union
Franklin	Wabash
Gallatin	Wayne
Jackson	White
Johnson	Williamson
Saline	

Selected data is being added regularly for the following counties (all data should be posted by May, 2007)

Hardin	Perry
Jefferson	Pulaski
Macoupin	Randolph
Massac	St. Clair
Monroe	Washington

Authored by:

- Sharon K. Hull, MD, MPH, Research Associate Professor, Department of Medical Humanities, SIU School of Medicine and Senior Health Policy Analyst, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Edith N'goma, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute graduate assistant studying for a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling (expected graduation date of May 2007).
- Sharonda Lewis, former Paul Simon Public Policy Institute graduate assistant who earned a master's degree in workforce education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 2005.