



The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) received a \$29 million appropriation to conduct Census operations for the State of Illinois. IDHS launched a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$20 million to grant awards to eligible community organizations and local governments to serve as Regional Intermediaries (RIs), using their expertise and experience in executing and managing subawards, to encourage a complete count. The IDHS Census Office, grouped and divided Illinois' 102 counties into 12 regions based on their Hard-To-Count (HTC) populations and geographic similarities, using the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development's map as foundational guidance. Each region had a minimum and maximum funding allocation range however, the Census Office and IDHS awarded each county the maximum amount (see table below).

Funding Range

Region	Grant Allocation
Central	\$600,000
Chicago	\$8,900,000
Collar Counties	\$2,200,000
NE Central	\$695,000
North Central	\$650,000
Northern	\$920,000
Northwest	\$475,000
SE Central	\$400,000
Southern	\$700,000
Suburban	\$3,500,000
SW Central	\$660,000
West Central	\$300,000
Grand Total	\$20,000,000

The standard amount of base level funding (see definition, below) per county is \$25,000. The RIs awarded for each region are responsible for allocating HTC funds according to population-based and geographic-based need in those regions.

Definitions

Base Level Funding: Counties that have tracts with low Hard-to-Count (HTC) index scores, meaning they have populations that are more likely to complete the Census, do not receive funding based on HTC populations. For those counties, the Census Office has provided a base level of funding directly to the county that ensures every county will have the opportunity to benefit from State-funded outreach within their geographic boundaries.

HTC Population Funding: Counties that have tracts with high HTC index scores, meaning they have populations that are less likely to complete the Census, were allocated funding for RIs and their subrecipients to conduct targeted outreach, so that the HTC populations in the region will be engaged to complete the Census.

HTC Index Glossary

The glossary includes variables utilized when defining Hard-to-Count populations:

- **Children 0-5:** Percent of population under age 5. More children are living in complex family situations, such as shared parental custody or with a grandparent, increasing the chances they will be left off the Census form. Some new parents mistakenly believe the Census incorporates birth records.
- **Young & Mobile:** 15 to 24-year-olds that are not likely to be engaged in the Census process. Individuals who are 15 years old or older are able to fill out the Census on behalf of their household.
- **Seniors (over age 85):** The population age 85 and over that are living independently may not have the means to respond online or transportation to get to a location to file their Census response.
- **Poverty (income at or below poverty level):** Multiple issues increase the odds of an undercount among the poor. They tend to be renters. Administrative records to supplement the Census, such as tax returns, may be incomplete for this group. They also are less likely to have internet access.
- **Minorities (racial & ethnic minorities):** All populations that are not White Non-Hispanic aggregated together as one population. Minorities may not be aware or want to participate.
- **Foreign (foreign-born):** People who are born in other countries are less likely to be familiar with the Census. Some also are not citizens and may fear the consequences of revealing their presence and legal status to the government.
- **Limited English (limited English households):** Households in which no person age 14 years old or older is fluent in English. People who are not fluent in English will have trouble understanding Census materials, including the rationale for the Census.
- **Immigrants (moved from outside the country):** Persons who were not born in the USA but have come to live in the USA permanently. Recent arrivals likely have little connection to local civic affairs. Proxy information and administrative records about this population will be more difficult to come by.

- **Renters:** The percentage of renter households in a tract or block group is among the strongest hard-to-count indicators. Renters move more often and have a greater chance of being missed during the Census-taking process.
- **Rural:** Designation of counties considered in metro areas, urban populations adjacent to metro areas, and those areas considered rural categorized into nine population and adjacency codes. Access to fast speed internet is low or non-existent in some rural areas.
- **People with Disabilities:** People who meet the Americans with Disabilities Act definition of “disabled” (limits one or more ‘major’ life activities) have been historically undercounted. Some have difficulty completing the form and some don’t believe the Census will impact their lives in a meaningful way.

RIs

Regional Intermediaries
Central
Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA) Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)
Chicago
Community Assistance Programs (CAPs) Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI) Illinois Action for Children (IAFC) Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (ICIRR) Pilsen Wellness Center (PWC) Puerto Rican Cultural Center (PRCC) Rincon Family Services (RFS) University of Illinois @ Chicago (UIC) YWCA Metropolitan Chicago (YWCA)
Collar
Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA) Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (ICIRR) Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) Reaching Across Illinois Library Systems (RAILS) United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, Inc. (UWMC)

Regional Intermediaries
North Central
Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA) Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRP)
Northeast Central
Champaign Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD)
Northern
Region 1 Planning Council (Region 1)
Northwest
Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA)
Southeast Central
Clay County Health Department (CCHD) Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA)
Southern
Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA)
Southwest Central
Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA) Teens Against Killing Everywhere (TAKE)
Suburban
Illinois Action for Children (IAC) Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies (IACAA) Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (ICIRR) Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC)
West Central
Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC)

Region & County Grant Allocations

CHICAGO

Regional Intermediary: Community Assistance Programs

Region	Assignment/Neighborhood	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Chicago	Avalon Park	HTC	CAPs	\$1,000,000
Chicago	Burnside	HTC		
Chicago	Calumet Heights	HTC		
Chicago	Chatham	HTC		
Chicago	Douglas	HTC		
Chicago	Fuller Park	HTC		
Chicago	Grand Boulevard	HTC		
Chicago	Greater Grand Crossing	HTC		
Chicago	Hegewisch	HTC		
Chicago	Hyde Park	HTC		
Chicago	Kenwood	HTC		
Chicago	Oakland	HTC		
Chicago	Pullman	HTC		
Chicago	Riverdale	HTC		
Chicago	South Chicago	HTC		
Chicago	South Deering	HTC		
Chicago	South Shore	HTC		
Chicago	Washington Park	HTC		
Chicago	West Pullman	HTC		
Chicago	Woodlawn	HTC		

Regional Intermediary: Habilitative Systems Inc.

Region	Assignment/Neighborhood	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Chicago	Ashburn	HTC	HSI	\$2,350,000
Chicago	Auburn Gresham	HTC		
Chicago	Austin	HTC		
Chicago	Chicago Lawn	HTC		
Chicago	East Garfield Park	HTC		
Chicago	Englewood	HTC		
Chicago	Morgan Park	HTC		
Chicago	Near West Side	HTC		
Chicago	North Lawndale	HTC		
Chicago	Roseland	HTC		
Chicago	Washington Heights	HTC		
Chicago	West Englewood	HTC		
Chicago	West Garfield Park	HTC		

Regional Intermediary: Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Region	Assignment/Neighborhood	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Chicago	Albany Park	HTC	ICIRR	\$2,000,000
Chicago	Archer Heights	HTC		
Chicago	Armour Square	HTC		
Chicago	Bridgeport	HTC		
Chicago	Brighton Park	HTC		
Chicago	Clearing	HTC		
Chicago	East Side	HTC		
Chicago	Edgewater	HTC		
Chicago	Gage Park	HTC		
Chicago	Garfield Ridge	HTC		
Chicago	Logan Square	HTC		
Chicago	McKinley Park	HTC		
Chicago	New City	HTC		
Chicago	North Park	HTC		
Chicago	Portage Park	HTC		
Chicago	Rogers Park	HTC		
Chicago	South Lawndale	HTC		
Chicago	Uptown	HTC		
Chicago	West Elsdon	HTC		
Chicago	West Lawn	HTC		
Chicago	West Ridge	HTC		

Regional Intermediary: Illinois Action for Children

Region	Assignment/Neighborhood	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Chicago	Children 0-5 Citywide	HTC	IAFC	\$1,000,000

Regional Intermediary: Pilsen Wellness Center

Region	Assignment/Neighborhood	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Chicago	Lower West Side (Pilsen)	HTC	PWC	\$135,000

Regional Intermediary: Puerto Rican Cultural Center

Region	Assignment/Neighborhood	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Chicago	Humboldt Park	HTC	PRCC	\$215,000

Regional Intermediary: Rincon Family Services

Region	Assignment/Neighborhood	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Chicago	Avondale	HTC	RFS	\$1,000,000
Chicago	Belmont Cragin	HTC		
Chicago	Dunning	HTC		
Chicago	Hermosa	HTC		
Chicago	Irving	HTC		
Chicago	Jefferson Park	HTC		
Chicago	Montclare	HTC		
Chicago	West Town	HTC		

Regional Intermediary: University of Illinois at Chicago

Region	Assignment/Neighborhood	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Chicago	Young & Mobile	HTC	UIC	\$200,000
Chicago	Community College Students	HTC		

Regional Intermediary: YWCA of Metro Chicago

Region	Assignment/Neighborhood	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Chicago	LGBTQ	HTC	YWCA	\$1,000,000
Chicago	Homeless	HTC		

SUBURBAN (Cook County)

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Suburban	Cook	HTC	IAC	\$750,000
Suburban	Cook	HTC	IACAA	\$750,000
Suburban	Cook	HTC	ICIRR	\$1,000,000
Suburban	Cook	HTC	MMC	\$1,000,000

COLLAR COUNTIES

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Collar	Grundy	Base	IACAA	\$25,000
Collar	Kendall	Base	IACAA	\$25,000
Collar	Will	HTC	IACAA	\$150,000
Collar	DuPage	HTC	ICIRR	\$750,000
Collar	Kane	HTC	ICIRR	
Collar	Kankakee	HTC	ICIRR	
Collar	Lake	HTC	ICIRR	
Collar	McHenry	HTC	ICIRR	
Collar	Will	HTC	ICIRR	
Collar	DuPage	HTC	MMC	
Collar	Kane	HTC	MMC	
Collar	Kankakee	HTC	MMC	
Collar	Lake	HTC	MMC	
Collar	McHenry	HTC	MMC	
Collar	Will	HTC	MMC	
Collar	DuPage	HTC	RAILS	\$750,000
Collar	Kane	HTC	RAILS	
Collar	Kankakee	HTC	RAILS	
Collar	Lake	HTC	RAILS	
Collar	McHenry	HTC	RAILS	
Collar	Will	HTC	RAILS	
Collar	Lake	HTC	UW	\$200,000
Collar	McHenry	HTC	UW	

CENTRAL

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Central	Christian	Base	IPHCA	\$25,000
Central	Logan	Base	IPHCA	\$25,000
Central	Macoupin	Base	IPHCA	\$25,000
Central	Menard	Base	IPHCA	\$25,000
Central	Scott	Base	IPHCA	\$25,000
Central	Shelby	Base	IPHCA	\$25,000
Central	Sangamon	HTC	IPHCA	\$350,000
Central	Macon	HTC		
Central	Cass	HTC		
Central	Montgomery	HTC		
Central	Greene	HTC	IACAA	\$100,000
Central	Morgan	HTC		

NORTH CENTRAL

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
North Central	Peoria	HTC	IACAA	\$150,000
North Central	Dewitt	Base	TCRP	\$25,000
North Central	Marshall	Base	TCRP	\$25,000
North Central	Mason	Base	TCRP	\$25,000
North Central	Stark	Base	TCRP	\$25,000
North Central	Tazewell	Base	TCRP	\$25,000
North Central	Woodford	Base	TCRP	\$25,000
North Central	Fulton	HTC	TCRP	\$350,000
North Central	Livingston	HTC	TCRP	
North Central	McClellan	HTC	TCRP	

NORTHEAST CENTRAL

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Northeast Central	Champaign	HTC	CUPHD	\$620,000
Northeast Central	Iroquois	HTC	CUPHD	
Northeast Central	Vermilion	HTC	CUPHD	
Northeast Central	Douglas	Base	CUPHD	\$25,000
Northeast Central	Ford	Base	CUPHD	\$25,000
Northeast Central	Piatt	Base	CUPHD	\$25,000

NORTHERN

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Northern	Boone	HTC	Region 1	\$920,000
Northern	DeKalb	HTC	Region 1	
Northern	Ogle	HTC	Region 1	
Northern	Stephenson	HTC	Region 1	
Northern	Winnebago	HTC	Region 1	

NORTHWEST

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Northwest	Carroll	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Northwest	Jo Daviess	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Northwest	Mercer	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Northwest	Putnam	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Northwest	Bureau	HTC	IPHA	\$375,000
Northwest	Henry	HTC	IPHA	
Northwest	Lee	HTC	IPHA	
Northwest	LaSalle	HTC	IPHA	
Northwest	Rock Island	HTC	IPHA	
Northwest	Whiteside	HTC	IPHA	

SOUTHEAST CENTRAL

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Southeast Central	Clark	Base	CCHD	\$25,000
Southeast Central	Clay	Base	CCHD	\$25,000
Southeast Central	Cumberland	Base	CCHD	\$25,000
Southeast Central	Edgar	Base	CCHD	\$25,000
Southeast Central	Jasper	Base	CCHD	\$25,000
Southeast Central	Moultrie	Base	CCHD	\$25,000
Southeast Central	Coles	HTC	CCHD	\$200,000
Southeast Central	Crawford	HTC	CCHD	
Southeast Central	Effingham	HTC	CCHD	
Southeast Central	Fayette	HTC	CCHD	
Southeast Central	Lawrence	HTC	CCHD	
Southeast Central	Richland	HTC	CCHD	
Southeast Central	Marion	HTC	IACAA	\$50,000

SOUTHWEST CENTRAL

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Southwest Central	Calhoun	Base	TAKE	\$25,000
Southwest Central	Clinton	Base	TAKE	\$25,000
Southwest Central	Jersey	Base	TAKE	\$25,000
Southwest Central	Monroe	Base	TAKE	\$25,000
Southwest Central	Washington	Base	TAKE	\$25,000
Southwest Central	St. Clair	HTC	TAKE	\$205,000
Southwest Central	Bond	HTC	IACAA	\$330,000
Southwest Central	Madison	HTC	IACAA	

SOUTHERN

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
Southern	Edwards	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Southern	Gallatin	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Southern	Hamilton	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Southern	Hardin	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Southern	Pope	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Southern	White	Base	IPHA	\$25,000
Southern	Alexander	HTC	IPHA	\$550,000
Southern	Franklin	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Jackson	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Jefferson	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Johnson	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Massac	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Perry	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Pulaski	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Randolph	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Saline	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Wabash	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Wayne	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Williamson	HTC	IPHA	
Southern	Union	HTC	IPHA	

WEST CENTRAL

Region	County	Base or HTC	RI	Award
West Central	Brown	Base	WIRC	\$25,000
West Central	Hancock	Base	WIRC	\$25,000
West Central	Henderson	Base	WIRC	\$25,000
West Central	Pike	Base	WIRC	\$25,000
West Central	Adams	HTC	WIRC	\$200,000
West Central	Knox	HTC	WIRC	
West Central	McDonough	HTC	WIRC	
West Central	Schuyler	HTC	WIRC	
West Central	Warren	HTC	WIRC	