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County Well-Being Index

Overview of Counties by Well-Being Indicator

**Bold** - Counties on the Watch List  
**Bold Italic** - Counties on the Warning List

County	High School Grad Rate, 2007-2008	Point Change in Grad Rates from Previous Year	Teen Births (live births per 1,000 women age 15-19), 2006	Point Change in Teen Births from Previous Year	Unemployment Rate, Dec 2008	Point Change in Unemployment Rate from Previous Dec	Poverty Rate, 2007	Point Change in Poverty Rate from Previous Year
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
<b>Christian</b>	86.1%	-1.7%	41.5	-1.0	8.5%	2.8%	13.0%	-1.2%
<b>Clay</b>	91.8%	1.8%	57.2	9.3	9.4%	2.6%	13.7%	-2.0%
<b>Effingham</b>	89.0%	-0.6%	42.1	11.0	6.3%	1.8%	10.1%	0.6%
<b>Fayette</b>	93.4%	4.8%	43.8	5.7	10.5%	3.2%	14.3%	-3.6%
<b>Montgomery</b>	88.1%	1.7%	47.1	-5.5	10.9%	2.5%	13.8%	0.8%
Moultrie	91.8%	-2.1%	27.1	-11.0	6.0%	2.2%	8.8%	-1.3%
<b>Shelby</b>	<u>92.4%</u>	<u>0.9%</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>4.5</u>	<u>8.6%</u>	<u>2.9%</u>	<u>12.1%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
	90.4%	0.7%	42.5	13.0	8.6%	2.6%	12.3%	-0.7%

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Local Data

Income & Poverty

County	Number of People in Poverty, 2007	Poverty Rate for Population Under Age 18, 2007	Bankruptcies per 1,000 People 2007	Change in Bankruptcies per 1,000 People 2006 to 2007	Median Household Income, 2007	Percent of Tax Filers Receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) 2006	Percent of EITC Tax Filers Receiving a Refund Anticipation Loan or a Refund Anticipation Check, 2006
	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Christian	4,256	18.0%	4.0	1.9	\$41,660	15.6%	43.4%
Clay	1,846	18.8%	2.0	0.0	\$36,401	20.5%	36.9%
Effingham	3,425	12.9%	2.4	-0.4	\$48,003	14.2%	33.9%
Fayette	2,828	21.0%	2.8	1.4	\$38,527	19.5%	43.2%
Montgomery	3,757	19.7%	3.5	1.0	\$39,530	15.8%	43.5%
Moultrie	1,226	13.9%	2.5	0.4	\$46,868	12.6%	39.8%
<b>Shelby</b>	<u>2,597</u>	<u>14.7%</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>\$41,337</u>	<u>15.4%</u>	<u>31.1%</u>
	19,935	17.0%	2.8	0.7	\$41,761	16.2%	38.8%

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Employment

County	Net Job Flow, 2007	Change in Average New Hire Monthly Earnings, 2006 to 2007	Percent Change in Average New Hire Monthly Earnings, 2006 to 2007	Average Wage per Job, 2007	Number of Unemployed Individuals, Dec 2008	Percent Change in Number of Unemployed Individuals, Dec 2007 to Dec 2008
	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)
Christian	-202	\$180	11.3%	\$32,432	1,454	43.5%
Clay	-126	-\$62	-3.7%	\$29,181	646	34.9%
Effingham	-164	-\$52	-3.3%	\$30,568	1,142	36.1%
Fayette	-13	-\$18	-1.3%	\$27,460	1,065	38.9%
Montgomery	-108	\$11	0.7%	\$29,706	1,491	28.4%
Moultrie	-194	\$51	3.1%	\$30,003	478	53.2%
Shelby	<u>45</u>	<u>-\$55</u>	<u>-3.7%</u>	<u>\$25,944</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>47.4%</u>
	-109	\$8	0.4%	\$29,328	7,221	40.3%

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Housing

County	Renters as a Percent of Total Households, 2000	Fair Market Rent (FMR) for 2BR, 2009	Estimate of Mean Renter Hourly Wage, 2009	Monthly Rent Affordable at Mean Renter Wage, 2009	Wage Needed to Afford 2BR FMR 2009	2BR Housing Wage as a Percent of IL Minimum Wage, 2009	Work Hours per Week at IL Minimum Wage to Afford 2BR FMR 2009
	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)
Christian	24%	\$546	\$9.80	\$509	\$10.50	135%	54
Clay	20%	\$546	\$9.58	\$498	\$10.50	135%	54
Effingham	24%	\$579	\$9.77	\$508	\$11.13	144%	57
Fayette	20%	\$546	\$8.56	\$445	\$10.50	135%	54
Montgomery	22%	\$546	\$9.28	\$483	\$10.50	135%	54
Moultrie	22%	\$561	\$10.96	\$570	\$10.79	139%	56
Shelby	<u>19%</u>	<u>\$546</u>	<u>\$8.46</u>	<u>\$440</u>	<u>\$10.50</u>	<u>135%</u>	<u>54</u>
	22%	\$553	\$9.49	\$493	\$10.63	137%	55

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Health & Education

County	High School Grad Rate for Low-Income Students, 2007-2008	Point Change in Grad Rate for Low-Income Students from Previous Year	Percent of Children Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2008	Point Change in Percent of Children Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch, 2000 to 2008	Funded Head Start Enrollment, 2007	Percentage of Babies Born Low Birth Weight, 2006	Percentage of Adults Not Getting Needed Medication Due to Cost in the Last Year, 2007-2009
	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)
Christian	80.1%	10.2%	40.4%	10.6%	102	9.6%	n/a
Clay	87.3%	2.5%	45.0%	12.2%	43	6.0%	n/a
Effingham	72.3%	-18.2%	28.4%	6.3%	94	6.8%	n/a
Fayette	97.2%	5.6%	48.3%	14.2%	64	11.2%	n/a
Montgomery	72.7%	-0.1%	38.8%	9.0%	64	6.6%	9.7%
Moultrie	64.5%	-32.6%	33.9%	14.5%	19	5.7%	9.8%
Shelby	<u>75.0%</u> 78.4%	<u>7.8%</u> -3.5%	<u>32.5%</u> 38.2%	<u>5.5%</u> 10.3%	<u>34</u> 420	<u>6.0%</u> 7.4%	<u>n/a</u> 2.8%

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