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Aging, Dept. on

Annual report, FY 2024

The Department spent \$1.5 billion in FY 2024 on its major programs: Community Care, Community Support Services, Adult Protective Services, Nutrition Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Senior Employment Services, Senior Health Assistance Program, and the Senior HelpLine. The report gives details on those programs, and describes other Department efforts, including legal assistance programs, volunteer opportunities, money management assistance, and the Senior Health Insurance program (SHIP). (20 ILCS 105/7.09(2); undated, rec'd Feb. 2025, 21 pp.)

Attorney General, Office of the

Collection statistics, 2024

State agencies referred to the Attorney General 13,835 collection cases involving nearly \$67 million (89% from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services). Total collections (including older cases) were nearly \$291

million. The report lists referrals by agency. Amounts exclude collections related to tobacco industry litigation (\$267.5 million) and estate tax revenues (\$669.4 million). (30 ILCS 205/2(j); issued & rec'd Jan. 2025, 2 pp.)

Board of Higher Education

Annual report, July 2022–June 2023 and FY 2024 budget data

In FY 2024, \$2.53 billion was appropriated for higher education. That included a \$100 million increase for the Monetary Award Program (MAP); \$80.5 million (7%) more for public universities; and \$19.4 million (7%) more for community colleges. Public universities received 166,385 applications in 2022-23 through the Common App, a statewide single application through which students may apply to multiple schools. Also that year, 2,137 students received \$29.6 million in Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity scholarships. (110 ILCS 205/9.04; Jan. 2024, rec'd Jan. 2025, 7 pp.)

Annual report, July 2023–June 2024 and FY 2025 budget data

In FY 2025, \$2.6 billion was appropriated for higher education operations, including a \$10 million increase for MAP, \$24.6 million (2%) more for public universities, and \$5.9 million (2%) more for community colleges. IBHE continued supporting the Illinois Tutoring Initiative, in which 1,462 trained tutors helped 4,853 students in grades 3-8 in 2023-24. Nearly \$1.8 million was awarded to 10 higher education institutions under the End Student Housing Insecurity grant, and 4,694 students received \$76.4 million in Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity scholarships. (110 ILCS 205/9.04; issued & rec'd Jan. 2025, 6 pp.)

Report on gender equity in intercollegiate athletics, FYs 2020-2022

In FY 2022, nine universities issued 699 gender equity tuition waivers worth about \$6.1 million, up from \$5.5

million in FY 2020. Women received 635 waivers worth \$4.7 million (up from 611 waivers worth \$4.5 million in FY 2020). Since gender equity waivers began in 1996, the ratio of female athletes to all participating athletes has risen about 11 percentage points, and funding to female athletic programs has risen more than four-fold. The report includes statistical tables and summaries of gender equity plans. (110 ILCS 205/9.24; April 2023, rec'd Feb. 2025, 17 pp. + 2 appendices)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

Asian American Employment Plan, FY 2024

At FY 2024 year-end, 1,527 state employees (3.2%) identified as Asian American, up from 1,419 (3.2%) in FY 2023. They included 232 employees in supervisory or management positions. The five agencies with the most such employees were the Departments of Human Services (681); Innovation and Technology (156); Public Health (101); Corrections (88); and Revenue (82). (20 ILCS 405/405-120; Oct. 2024, rec'd Feb. 2025, 46 pp. + appendix)

Hispanic Employment Plan, FY 2024

At FY 2024 year-end, 7.7% of state employees (3,569) identified as Hispanic or Latinx, up from 7.4% in FY 2023. They included 356 in

supervisory or management positions. The five agencies with the most such employees were the Departments of Human Services (1,574); Corrections (464); Children and Family Services (332); State Police (231); and Employment Security (219). (20 ILCS 405/405-120; Oct. 2024, rec'd Feb. 2025, 47 pp. + appendix)

Native American Employment Plan, FY 2024

In FY 2024, 0.5% of state employees (214) identified as Native American, up from 0.4% (198) in FY 2023. They included 18 in supervisory or management positions. The five agencies with the highest numbers of Native Americans employed were the Departments of Human Services (66); Corrections (62); Veterans Affairs (16); Innovation & Technology (9); and Children and Family Services (8). (20 ILCS 60/15(b); Oct. 2024, rec'd Feb. 2025, 45 pp. + appendix)

State-owned & surplus real property, 2025 (2024 data)

The Tinley Park Mental Health Center was conveyed to the Tinley Park Park District in early 2024. The report lists eight properties declared surplus and available for transfer to state agencies, and one with environmental issues. (30 ILCS 605/7.1(e.); issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 2 pp. + 4 files on disk)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of
Angel Investment Tax Credit Program, 2024

The program's purpose is to attract and encourage investments in early-stage, innovative companies in Illinois. Applicants received almost \$4.32 million in tax credits in 2024. There were 90 businesses registered as qualified new ventures, and 77 registered investors getting tax credits. (35 ILCS 5/220(h); issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 18 pp.)

Commerce Commission

Electricity, gas, water, and sewer utilities annual report, 2024

Major electric utilities' 2023 average prices per kilowatt-hour were: Commonwealth Edison, 15.09¢, MidAmerican Energy, 7.55¢, Ameren Illinois, 15.40¢, and Mt. Carmel, 18.18¢. Major gas utilities' 2023 average prices per term were: MidAmerican Energy, 59.99¢, Nicor Gas, 89.13¢, North Shore Gas, 81.11¢, Peoples Gas, 121.39¢, Ameren Illinois, 130.09¢, Consumers Gas, 85.96¢, Illinois Gas, 78.07¢, Liberty Utilities, 138.37¢, and Mt. Carmel, 147.20¢. The report reviews Commission activities, examines the utility industry and energy planning, and addresses effects of federal actions on state utility services. It makes no legislative recommendations. (220 ILCS 5/4-304; issued & rec'd Jan. 2025, 71 pp. + 2 appendices)

Community College Board

Status of developmental education reform in Illinois community colleges, FY 2025

This report has data from Illinois community colleges on actions to improve outcomes of students enrolled in developmental education courses to prepare them for credit-earning courses. Community colleges reported adopting non-traditional models of developmental courses, especially co-requisite instruction, in which students enroll in a credit-earning course while also getting developmental instruction or tutoring. Colleges are also implementing early alert systems, improved academic advising, and mentorships. The report gives detailed data on types and structures of developmental courses at community colleges, and student outcomes for each one. (110 ILCS 175/100-30(b); issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 32 pp. + 2 appendices)

Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity

Annual report, 2023

The Consortium, consisting of 62 higher education institutions, seeks to expand the early childhood workforce. From 2019 to 2023, Consortium institutions had a 56.5% increase in enrollment of persons already working in the early childhood field, while enrollment of those not already in that field declined 18.9%. In academic year 2024, 4,694 recipients got \$76.4 million in Consortium scholarships. Institutions are

encouraged to use Consortium grants to eliminate student debt. In academic year 2024, 1,205 early childhood students received debt relief. The report gives data on student populations assisted by the Consortium, its funding and budget, and its goals. (110 ILCS 28/30; issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 58 pp. + 5 appendices)

Housing Development Authority

Comprehensive Housing Plan for 2025

The report identifies five policy priorities: (1) address inequities in housing; (2) advance housing access for priority populations; (3) support economic resiliency and energy efficiency in affordable housing; (4) build partnership and leadership capacity to maximize the impact of new housing resources and programs; and (5) consider changes to the Comprehensive Housing Planning Act (sunsetting at the end of 2026). It summarizes actions and timelines to reach those goals. (30 ILCS 345/7.5 and 310 ILCS 110/15(c); issued & rec'd Jan. 2025, 31 pp. + 4 appendices)

Human Services, Dept. of

Facility statistics and workplace violence quarterly report, Sept. 16-Dec. 15, 2024

State-operated mental health facilities admitted 749 people and discharged 739 in the quarter. Some 76 workplace violence incidents were reported (mostly assaults by patients). Staff were not instigators in

any reported incidents. Injury was reported in 69 incidents. The report also states whether incidents required medical intervention and/or days off work. (20 ILCS 1705/4(c); Jan. 2025, rec'd Feb. 2025, 11 pp.)

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

Annual report, 2025

The Authority's FY 2025 budget anticipates \$1.72 billion in revenue. Spending is as follows: maintenance and operations, \$470.6 million; debt service transfers, \$537 million; and renewing, replacing, and improving property, \$712 million. Separately, the Authority plans to invest \$1.15 billion for the 14th year of its Move Illinois capital program. By 2025 year-end the Authority expects to have spent about 86% of \$15 billion authorized for Move Illinois. (605 ILCS 10/23(e); issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 180 pp. + appendix)

Innovation & Technology, Dept. of

Annual report, 2024

DoIT was created in 2016 to accelerate the state's information technology efforts. It delivers technology services to state agencies, helps develop telecommunication policy and standards, and protects state data security. The report summarizes DoIT's achievements in 2024, including collaborating with the State Police to launch a crash safety alert system; working on the

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's new online licensing system; and holding the first annual Tech Connect event with agency IT leaders. (Exec. Ord. 2016-1; Jan. 2025, rec'd Feb. 2025, 14 pp. + 2 appendices)

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

Annual report, 2024

JCAR reviewed 375 rulemakings in 2024: 341 general; 16 exempt; 13 emergency; 4 required; and 1 peremptory. The report lists and summarizes notable rulemakings on which JCAR acted, and laws and bills related to rulemaking. It summarizes JCAR's Public Act review and complaint review programs, and gives histories of JCAR actions and general rulemaking by agency. (5 ILCS 100/5-140; issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 46 pp.)

Labor Relations Board

Annual report, FY 2024

The State Panel heard 140 unfair labor practice charges, 156 representation cases, and 257 mediation or arbitration cases (including 3 grievance cases); it issued 1 declaratory ruling. The Local Panel handled 68 unfair labor practice charges, 39 representation cases, and 4 mediation or arbitration cases. The report gives an overview of the Board's functions and selected case summaries. FY 2024 spending was \$1.93 million. (5 ILCS 315/5(e); issued & rec'd Jan. 2025, 46 pp.)

Legislative Reference Bureau *Illinois delegation to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 2024*

The Commissioners study state laws and recommend "uniform" acts for state adoption. They proposed two new acts in 2024: Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act and Uniform Mortgage Modification Act. They also proposed updating the Uniform Unincorporated Organization Acts. (25 ILCS 135/5.07; Dec. 2024, rec'd Feb. 2025, 23 pp.)

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority

Affirmative action plan, FY 2023

On July 1, 2022 the Authority had 237 workers; 87 (36.7%) were minority group members and 47 (19.8%) were women. Those workers are categorized by type of position held. Of the Authority's 30 departments, 80% included minorities and 60% included women. In FY 2022, 22 new employees were hired, including 9 minorities and 6 women. (70 ILCS 210/23.1(a); undated, rec'd Feb. 2025, 9 pp. + 8 appendices)

Property Tax Appeal Board

Annual report, 2024

The report presents data by county for recent years on commercial and industrial property tax assessment appeals and any resulting assessment reductions. The Board also closed 29,255 residential appeals involving 62,720

parcels. (35 ILCS 200/16-190(b); issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 9 pp.)

Public Health, Dept. of *Breast reconstruction and prostheses options and education program, FYs 2022 to 2023*

The Department of Public Health (IDPH) partners with other agencies and public universities to raise awareness of breast reconstruction and prosthesis options, especially for patients of racial and ethnic minority groups. IDPH and its partners updated the "Your Right to Know" booklet for breast cancer patients, and provided information through conferences, webinars, training, and IDPH's website. Breast and cervical cancer educational materials were viewed on IDPH's website 2,447 times in 2022 and 11,769 times in 2023. (20 ILCS 2310/2310-670(e); undated, rec'd Feb. 2025, 8 pp.)

Healthy Illinois 2028 State Health Improvement Plan progress report, 2025

Healthy Illinois 2028 is a 5-year state plan to improve health and advance health equity. Priorities include: (1) chronic diseases, (2) emerging diseases, (3) maternal and infant health, (4) mental health and substance use disorders, and (5) racism as a public health crisis. A partnership of state and community agencies assists with the plan. They met twice in 2024 and will continue to meet twice a year. The report

gives results of a survey of public health stakeholders on accomplishments and improvements needed by priority area, and next steps for IDPH and the partnership. (20 ILCS 5/5-565(a)(10); Jan. 2025, rec'd Feb. 2025, 22 pp. + 3 appendices)

Opioid overdose semiannual report, 2023

This report gives 2023 data on opioid overdose deaths of Illinois residents. Total Illinois drug overdose deaths declined 8.3%, from 3,819 in 2022 to 3,502 in 2023. Opioid overdose deaths declined by 9.7%, from 3,160 in 2022 to 2,855 in 2023, but remained the highest numbers of drug-related deaths. Deaths from heroin and cocaine fell; deaths from alcohol rose slightly (0.8%). The report has statistics on drug-related deaths by race/ethnicity, age, sex, and county. (210 ILCS 85/6.14g(d); Jan. 2025, rec'd Feb. 2025, 14 pp.)

State Board of Education
Full-Day Kindergarten Task Force final report, 2025

The Task Force issued three recommendations: (1) ISBE develop a process for any school to request a delay in implementing full-day kindergarten; (2) districts with the lowest state funding adequacy rate, highest percentage of students of color and low-income students, and a lack of preschools get priority for Early Childhood Construction

Grants; and (3) schools get state funding to implement full-day kindergarten. The report includes the results of a survey of districts not currently offering full-day programming, and exhibits from the Task Force's meetings. (105 ILCS 5/10-22.18e(e); issued & rec'd Jan. 2025, 36 pp. + 10 appendices)

School mandate waiver requests, spring 2025

The report summarizes 58 waiver requests: 8 approved by ISBE, 41 transmitted to the General Assembly, 6 withdrawn or not needed, and 3 ineligible. It classifies requests by topic and legislative action, and gives relevant statutes. The most common waiver topics were: administrative cost limitation (28 transmitted, 4 withdrawn or not needed, 2 ineligible); driver education (4 transmitted, 2 approved, 1 withdrawn or not needed, 1 ineligible); school improvement (6 approved); and physical education (5 transmitted). (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g; issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 36 pp.)

State Fire Marshal
Annual report, 2024

The report gives information on the Office's activities, including grants and loans to fire departments; arson investigations; boiler and pressure vessel safety; elevator safety; petroleum and chemical safety; personnel standards and education; technical services support; advisory boards and

commissions; and the Office's budget. The Office did 1,210 arson investigations; 45,594 boiler and pressure vessel inspections; and 15,893 fire safety inspections. It also processed 12,126 elevator operation certifications, and registered 18,712 active petroleum chemical tanks. (50 ILCS 740/13; issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 31 pp.)

Report on intentionally added PFAS in Illinois firefighting foam, 2024

The Office of the State Fire Marshal surveyed Illinois fire departments on the prevalence and use of Class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS (chemicals used in some industrial and consumer products, including firefighting foam, that can harm health). The survey covered October 2023 to September 2024. The Office received responses from 223 fire departments which had 84,700 gallons of Class B firefighting foam on September 30, 2024. The Office worked with foam makers to determine the likely PFAS content of that foam. Some 34% likely contain intentionally added PFAS, and 52% contain unintentionally added PFAS. Responding departments discharged 6,100 gallons of Class B foam and disposed of 2,600 gallons, all likely containing intentionally added PFAS. (415 ILCS 170/25(b); issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 5 pp.)

State Police, Illinois*Commission on Implementing the Firearms Restraining Order Act annual report, 2024*

At its 2024 meeting the Commission heard from the Department of Public Health, the Attorney General's office, and the State Police on efforts to support communities affected by gun violence and to train law enforcement officers and court officials on the Act. In 2023, 148 firearm restraining orders were issued. They are listed by county (Cook County did not report). The Commission made no new legislative recommendations. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-51.1(d); issued & rec'd Jan. 2025, 2 pp.)

Consensual eavesdropping report, 2024

State's attorneys in 85 counties filed eavesdropping reports with ISP; 52 reported no eavesdropping. The other 17 counties did not report. Counties reported 203 consensual eavesdropping applications (188 original and 15 extensions). Crimes investigated were reported as 59% drugs, 22% sex-related, 5% murder-related, 4% theft-related, and 7% other; 3% were not reported. Eavesdropping brought 110 arrests with 19 convictions; 71 arrests and 76 trials were pending. (725 ILCS 5/108A-11(c); issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 8 pp.)

Court decisions on FOID card denials, 2024

Illinois courts made 12 decisions on State Police denials of Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) cards. They upheld denials in 6 cases and directed the State Police to issue FOID cards in the other 6. (40 ILCS 65/11; Feb. 2025, rec'd March 2025, 2 pp.)

FOID Card Review Board report, Jan. 2025

The Board hears petitions from persons whose FOID card applications were denied or FOID cards were revoked. It received 32 cases in January, granting relief in 22, denying relief in 2, and continuing 8. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); Jan. 2025, rec'd Feb. 2025, 1 p.)

Juvenile charge report, Oct.–Dec. 2024

The State Police received 3,922 charge reports in the fourth quarter of 2024. Total charges reported for 2024 were 17,053. Charges are listed by disposition code, offense type, county, gender, race, and age at arrest. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355; issued & rec'd Jan. 2025, 2 pp.)

Metropolitan Enforcement Groups annual report, FY 2023

Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEGs) were authorized in 1977 to enforce state drug laws and investigate gang activity. Illinois has 9

MEGs covering 20 counties (including 1 Iowa county).

They have 105 staff: 25 State Police officers, 51 local officers, 8 federal officers, and 21 administrators. They received \$1.17 million in funding in FY 2023. They opened 1,615 cases and closed 766 by arrest and 757 administratively. MEGs arrested 77 gang members and seized 320 weapons. The report also lists drugs seized and drug arrests by type; weapons seized by type; and gang arrests by gang name. It also gives statistics on each MEG. (30 ILCS 715/6; Dec. 2023, rec'd Feb. 2025, 34 pp. + appendix)

Metropolitan Enforcement Groups annual report, 2024

Illinois MEGs received \$1.17 million in funding in 2024. They opened 1,375 cases and closed 705 by arrest and 458 administratively. They arrested 41 gang members and seized 445 weapons. The report also lists drugs seized and drug arrests by type; weapons seized by type; and gang arrests by gang name. It also gives statistics on each MEG. (30 ILCS 715/6; undated, rec'd Feb. 2025, 35 pp. + appendix)

Nonconsensual eavesdropping report, 2024

ISP reported no counties with nonconsensual eavesdropping requests. Among Illinois counties, 85 reported to ISP and 17 did not respond. (725 ILCS 5/108B-13; issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 4 pp.)

*Statewide 911 Advisory Board
annual report, 2025*

The last county lacking E911 service (Stark) began providing it in 2024. AT&T transitioned 49 more Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to the statewide Next Generation 911 network; the last 11 transitions are planned in 2025. The Board has \$7.5 million for consolidation grants and \$9 million for grants for Next Generation 911 expenses. Surcharges to support 911 systems are projected to collect \$219 million in FY 2025. Objectives for 2025 include reviewing the current 911 funding formula and assessing the impact of previous consolidation efforts. (50 ILCS 750/19(e); issued & rec'd March 2025, 18 pp.)

**State's Attorneys Appellate
Prosecutor**

Annual report, FY 2024

The agency filed 838 main briefs and responded to 654 calls seeking advice. The SAFE-T Act Division provided assistance on 2,109 SAFE-T Act appeals in 85 counties. The

Continuing Legal Education Unit sponsored or co-sponsored 7 CLE seminars. The Special Prosecution Unit helped on 1,418 cases in 96 counties. The Tax Objection Division handled 210 matters for 24 counties. (725 ILCS 210/4.06; undated, rec'd Feb. 2025, 27 pp.)

Veterans Affairs', Dept. of
*Locally-held benefit funds
quarterly report, April-June
2024*

For each state veterans' home, the report describes monetary and nonmonetary donations received for residents' benefit; how and when they were disbursed; and fund balances at quarter-end. (20 ILCS 2805/2.01a; July 2024, rec'd Feb. 2025, 35 pp.)

*Locally-held benefit funds
quarterly report, July-Sept.
2024*

For each state veterans' home, the report describes monetary and nonmonetary donations received for residents' benefit; how and when they were

disbursed; and fund balances at quarter-end. (20 ILCS 2805/2.01a; issued & rec'd Feb. 2025, 42 pp.)

*Semiannual report on staffing,
resident complaints, and
communicable diseases, July-
Dec. 2024*

The staffing report gives data on staff providing direct patient care at the five state veterans' homes. Each home had enough staff to provide the federally required 2½ hours of care per patient per day. They had 53 resident complaints filed on official grievance forms or requiring follow-up: 22 in LaSalle, 14 in Chicago, 11 in Manteno, 6 in Quincy, and none in Anna. All were resolved. The report also gives data on communicable diseases requiring antibiotic treatment by type, month, and facility, and COVID-19 diagnoses. (20 ILCS 2805/2.07 and 2.13(b); Jan. 2025, rec'd Feb. 2025, 11 pp.)