



Grundy County Statistics

****A family of four with a household income of more than \$41,000 would be ineligible for any public benefits.**

Poverty – U.S. Census Bureau

- 3,989 or 8.0% of residents are living in poverty
- 1,386 or 10.7% of children are living in poverty

Unemployment (December 2014) – Illinois Department of Employment Security

- 1,727 or 6.3% residents are currently unemployed

SNAP Monthly Participation – (Individuals) – Illinois Department of Human Services

2009: 2,081 **2010:** 2,851 **2011:** 3,215 **2012-14:** Office Closed

Food Insecurity – USDA and Feeding America

- 5,590 or 11.2% of residents are at risk of hunger
 - Nearly 2,627 are ineligible for public benefits
- 2,610 or 19.3% of children are at risk of hunger
 - Nearly 1,201 of these children are not eligible for free/reduced price lunch because their family income is too high

Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility – Illinois State Board of Education

- 2,650 are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch with the National School Lunch Program

Self-Sufficiency Standard – Heartland Alliance Social Impact Research Center

- As of 2013, an adult with one preschooler and one school-age child needs to earn **\$65,644 yearly** to make ends meet. Out of the 108 places in the state for which the Standard is calculated, 21 have a higher Self-Sufficiency Wage

Housing – National Low Income Housing Coalition

- Fair Market Rent (FMR) on a two bedroom apartment in Grundy County: \$913
- The mean renter in Grundy County earns \$14.54/hr. and can afford a 2 BR rent at \$756
- In order to afford the FMR on a two bedroom, one would need to make \$17.56/hr.
- A minimum wage renter would need to work 85 hours per week to afford FMR on a two bedroom apartment

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Grundy County Food Partners

Church of Hope (Gardner)

Coal City Food Pantry (Coal City)

Minooka Bible Church (Minooka)

We Care of Grundy County, Inc. (Morris)

**Northern Illinois Food Bank distributed 655,000
pounds of food in Grundy County in FY14,
providing 546,000 meals.**