

ABSTRACTS OF STATE REPORTS

AUGUST 2024

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Reports Filed with the General Assembly

The CGFA staff is required to prepare abstracts of reports required to be filed with the General Assembly (25 ILCS 130/10-6). Legislators may receive copies of entire reports by emailing the form that was delivered to their Springfield office to isinfo@ilsos.net or by mailing it to the State Government Report Distribution Center at the Illinois State Library. This report is posted monthly on our website.

Central Management Services, Dept. of

Annual Lease and Purchase Option Report, 2024

CMS is to report annually on its installment or lease purchases, with analysis of whether the state should exercise purchase options on leased buildings. It contracted with Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) to analyze three leased state properties (two in Springfield and one in Aurora) with leases expiring in 2025. JLL recommends continuing to lease all three. A detailed analysis of each property is included. (20 ILCS 405/405-300(h)(4); undated, rec'd June 2024, 39 pp.)

State Workers' Compensation Program Advisory Board annual report, FY 2024

The Board (created to review and make recommendations for improving workers' compensation) met three times in FY 2024. Best practices were identified for creating a scorecard to monitor workers' compensation program performance indicators; settling cases that have lasted several years; doing onsite claim reviews; creating Statewide Workers' Compensation Coordinator positions; using a Transitional Services Team; and creating a Resolution Associate

training program. (20 ILCS 405/405-411(e); undated, rec'd July 2024, 18 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

Business Development Relocation Survey, 2023

The Department is to survey businesses annually on whether they left the state, and if so why. Only 6 relocated businesses of 158 contacted by the Department completed the survey. Among 14 possible reasons offered for leaving Illinois, the top two were "company restructuring" and "other." (20 ILCS 605/605-456(b); July 2024, rec'd Aug. 2024, 5 pp.)

Data Center Investment Program annual report, 2023

The Program aims to attract large-scale data centers through sales and use tax exemptions, and tax credits for projects in underserved areas. By year-end 2023, the Department executed memoranda of understanding with, and issued sales and use tax exemption certificates to, 21 data center operators. The data centers reported investing \$11.0 billion and creating 429 jobs. They estimated the value of their sales tax exemptions at \$465.3 million. The report also summarizes

similar incentive programs in other states. (20 ILCS 605/605-1025(e); undated, rec'd July 2024, 15 pp.)

Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) Tax Credit Program annual report, 2023

The EDGE program gives tax credits to eligible firms to expand or retain jobs. Eligibility is based on capital investment, and job creation and retention. In calendar year 2023, companies with active EDGE agreements reported creating 37,284 jobs and retaining 20,298. Some \$226.1 million in EDGE tax credits were issued in 2023. The total value of EDGE tax credit certificates issued by DCEO since 2001 is almost \$3 billion. The report describes each EDGE project approved in 2023, and summarizes business incentive tax credits in states with which Illinois often competes for relocating businesses. (35 ILCS 10/5-70; undated, rec'd July 2024, 23 pp.)

Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund annual report, 2024

The Fund collects money to help low-income households buy energy. In 2023, there were no deposits into the Fund. Its

May 2024 balance was \$14,546. The report summarizes issues preventing DCEO from achieving the Fund's goals, and recommends its abolition. (305 ILCS 22/35; May 2024, rec'd July 2024, 7 pp.)

Invest in Illinois Act annual report, 2023

The Act authorizes the Department to award funds to eligible businesses that pledge to make capital investments and create or retain jobs in Illinois. One application was approved and executed in 2023, for a lithium-ion battery facility in Manteno. The applicant received \$125 million, and is to create 2,612 jobs. (30 ILCS 751/45; undated, rec'd July 2024, 4 pp.)

Manufacturing Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity (MICRO) Act annual report, 2023

The Act offers tax exemptions and credits to manufacturers of semiconductors, microchips, and their parts. DCEO continues to meet with companies to promote the incentives. The report also summarizes similar incentive programs in other states. (35 ILCS 45/110-75; undated, rec'd July 2024, 5 pp.)

Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes

Annual report, 2023

The Commission focused its work on five areas in 2023: strengthening responses to hate; developing tools to support people affected by hate; increasing education about hate; improving data and research; and coordinating government and private-sector efforts. The report describes work done in those areas, and progress on addressing the Commission's recommendations in 2022. Among that progress is receiving

a federal grant to establish an "Illinois v. Hate" helpline for people affected by hate crimes. The Commission also hired its first permanent full-time executive director in 2023. (20 ILCS 4070/20; undated, rec'd July 2024, 30 pp.)

Human Services, Dept. of
Strengthening and Transforming Behavioral Health Crisis Care in Illinois Act action plan and status report, 2024

As required by the Act, an independent company was chosen to analyze fiscal needs of the state's behavioral health crisis system. A stakeholder workgroup met monthly and expanded membership since the last report. It developed an action plan for developing the state's Unified Crisis Continuum for all residents who experience behavioral health crises. (405 ILCS 160/25 and 160/30(d); July 2024, rec'd Aug. 2024, 6 pp. + appendix)

Law Enforcement Training Standards Board

Mobile Team Training Units annual report, FY 2023

The 13 Mobile Team Training Units collectively spent about \$13.8 million in federal, state, and local funds (\$8.8 million in state funds). The Units conducted 44,776 hours of instruction statewide; trained 179,025 registrants; and had 967,522 total trainee hours. The cost was \$200.52 per instructional hour and \$10.09 per trainee hour. They offered 146 mandatory firearms training courses to 466 officers. The report includes funding and expense reports for each Unit in FY 2023. (50 ILCS 720/6; Jan. 2024, rec'd Aug. 2024, 4 pp. + 12 attachments & appendix)

Natural Resources, Dept. of
Coal statistical report, 2023

The state's 14 coal mines employed 2,511 workers and produced almost 38.9 million tons in 2023. The report has information on counties with mines, transportation methods, use of explosives, mining methods, office addresses of mines, and historical information on mining. It also gives data on physical characteristics of individual mines. (225 ILCS 705/4.18; undated, rec'd July 2024, 24 pp.)

Public Health, Dept. of

Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2024

Under the Act, agencies must report demographic information of participants in each of their major programs. IDPH identified 10 major programs for analysis in FY 2023 and 9 for FY 2024. The report lists program participation by race, ethnicity, age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and primary or preferred language. IDPH will continue to refine and standardize definitions for the remaining demographic categories in the coming year. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(f); issued & rec'd July 2024, 8 pp.)

Long-term care facility annual report, 2024 (2023 data)

Illinois had 1,032 long-term care facilities in 2023, down from 1,055 in 2022. The Central Complaint Registry processed 10,831 complaints of abuse, neglect, assault, or other allegations in 2023—up 4.4% from 2022. IDPH issued 1,313 licensure violations in 2023, including 16 "AA" (the most serious, down from 23 in

2022); 429 “A” (down from 445 in 2022); 677 “B” (up from 493 in 2022); and 178 “C” (up from 98 in 2022). (210 ILCS 45/3-804 and 30/6; issued & rec’d July 2024, 48 pp. + 5 appendices)

State Board of Education

Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act annual report, school year 2022-23
Under the Act, agencies must report demographic information of participants in each major program. An earlier report identified 32 major programs for analysis. This report has demographic information for those programs on ethnicity, age, disability status, gender identity, and primary or preferred language. ISBE is working to provide the two other kinds of demographic data: sex and sexual orientation. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(a); June 2024, rec’d July 2024, 8 pp. + attachments)

English Learners in Illinois, school year 2022-23

School districts enrolled over 294,000 English Learner students in 2022-23. Some 637 districts implemented Transitional Bilingual Education programs, and 587 offered Transitional Programs of Instruction. Over 8,100 teachers have bilingual endorsements in Spanish, and 20,052 have English as a Second Language endorsements (a teacher may have multiple endorsements). Some 87% of English Learners were in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, or Will Counties. Their most common languages were Spanish (75.25%), Arabic (3.79%), and Polish (2.2%). Most English Learners are in grades K-5. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.39; June 2024, rec’d July 2024, 38 pp. + appendix)

Ensuring Success in School Task Force report, 2024

The Task Force met eight times to discuss issues of students who are parents or are victims of domestic or sexual violence, and how those issues should be considered in disciplinary hearings, home instruction, truancy, and supportive measures. The report contains model policies for schools and five recommendations, including more training for school personnel on helping such students. (105 ILCS 26A-15(d); June 2024, rec’d July 2024, 36 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

FOID Card Review Board monthly report, June 2024

The Board hears petitions from persons whose FOID card applications were denied or whose cards are revoked. It received 5 cases in June. It granted relief in 3 and denied relief in 2; none were continued. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); June 2024, rec’d July 2024, 1 p.)

FOID Card Review Board monthly report, July 2024

In July the Board received 82 cases. It granted relief in 54 and denied relief in none; 28 were continued. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); issued & rec’d Aug. 2024, 1 p.)

Juvenile charge report, April–June 2024

The State Police received 4,569 charge reports in the second quarter of 2024. Charges are listed by disposition code, offense type, gender, race, and age at arrest. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355; issued & rec’d Aug. 2024, 2 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

Missing children report, 2023

In 2023, 10,866 minors were reported missing; 10,553 were found and 313 remained missing. One AMBER alert was issued from 30 requests; 29 did not meet AMBER system criteria. The report lists, by county, numbers of children reported missing and cleared (located, returned home, arrested, or found dead), and how many cases were pending. (325 ILCS 40/8; undated, rec’d July 2024, 13 pp.)

Silver Search annual report, 2023

The Silver Search program was created to raise public awareness and use technology to locate missing persons with Alzheimer’s or dementia. There is no fiscal liability to the state; all activities are performed under the Illinois State Police. The program also works with the State Lottery to distribute information at digital lottery terminals. The task force met twice in 2023. There were 127 advisories disseminated in 2023, down from 164 in 2022. Of those, 112 involved people qualifying for Silver Search. Six remained active into 2024. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-485(e)(3); undated, rec’d July 2024, 6 pp.)

Transportation, Dept. of

Chief Procurement Office sole-source procurements, FY 2024

IDOT Highway Construction awarded no contracts by sole-source procurement in FY 2024. (30 ILCS 500/20-25(d); July 2024, rec’d Aug. 2024, 1 p.)

Traffic and Pedestrian Stop Study annual report, 2023

In 2023, 779 participating agencies reported 2,260,647 traffic stops; 37 reported no stops; 23 provided incomplete information; and 158 did not

report. The report estimates stop rates by race (rates are estimates, and each rate has a range reflecting the 95% confidence interval): 0.1974 White; 0.3424 Black or African American; 0.235 Hispanic or Latino; 0.139 Asian; 0.301 American Indian or Alaska Native; and 1.08 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Similar rates are estimated for reasons for stops; outcomes; vehicle search events; driver or passenger search events; and dog sniff events.

Separately, 242 participating agencies reported 83,149 pedestrian stops, 270 reported none, and 485 did not report. The Chicago Police Department reported 94.6% of all pedestrian stops. The report estimates stop rates, pat-down events, and outcomes of pedestrian stops, classified by racial group. It

suggests considering all sources of uncertainty and confidence intervals when drawing conclusions. (625 ILCS 5/11-212(e); undated, rec'd July 2024. Pedestrian report: 17 pp. + 4 appendices. Traffic report: 38 pp. + 5 appendices)

Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of
Illinois Veterans Advisory Council
annual report, FY 2024

The Council met three times in FY 2024. The report describes bills affecting veterans in the 2024 session, and the need to address veteran suicide and having continuity among veteran committees in Illinois state agencies. It describes key strategies to support employment of veterans after re-entry. (20 ILCS 2805/15(d)(4); June 2024, rec'd July 2024, 11 pp.)

Veterans' Affairs, Dept. of
Semiannual reports on staffing,
resident complaints, and
communicable diseases, Jan.-
June 2024

The report gives numbers of staff providing direct patient care at the five state veterans' homes. They had 64 resident complaints filed on official grievance forms or requiring follow up: 22 in Manteno, 21 in LaSalle, 21 in Chicago, and none in Quincy or Anna. Most were resolved. The report also has statistics on communicable diseases requiring antibiotic treatment by type, month, and facility, and COVID-19 diagnoses. (20 ILCS 2805/2.07 and 2.13(b); June 2024, rec'd July 2024, 16 pp.)

802 Stratton Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Phone: (217) 782-5320