



## Community Needs Assessment

# State of Illinois

# Overview

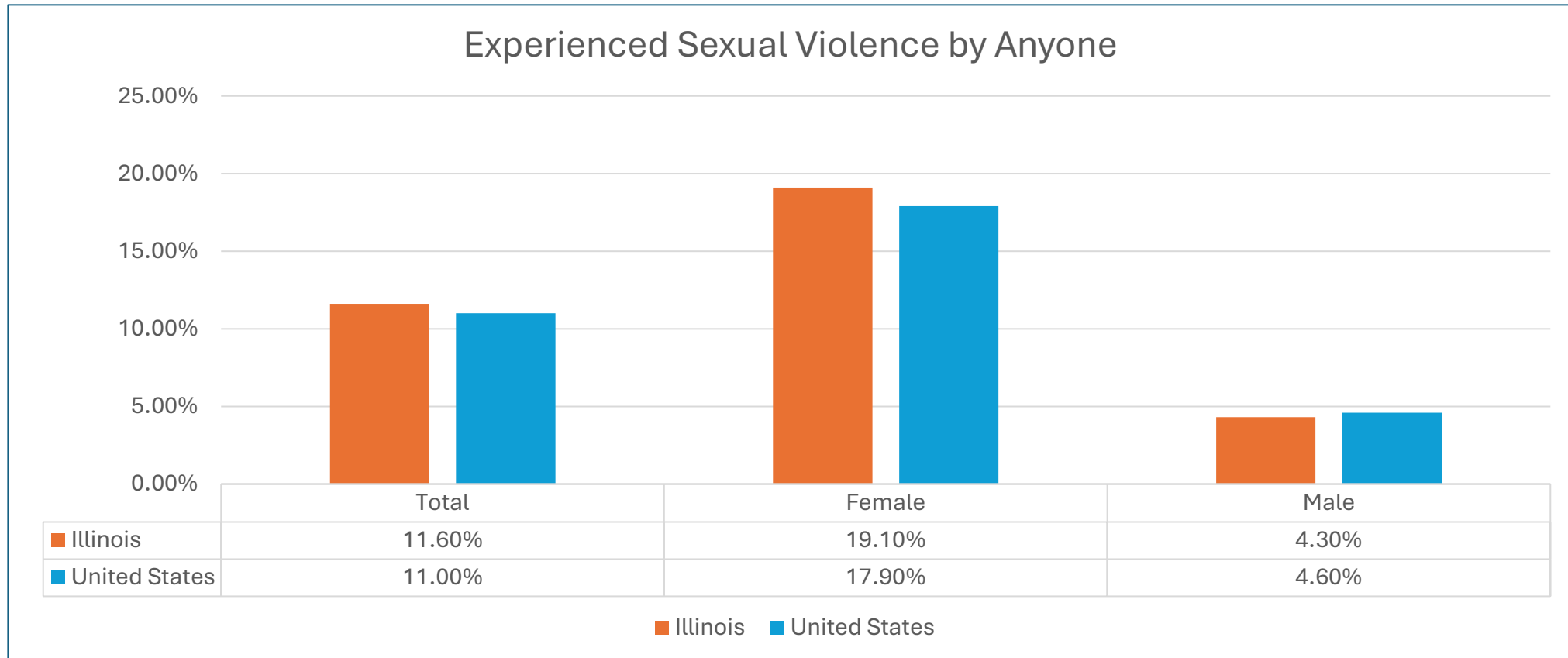
**Sexual violence is a public health concern, with negative impacts to one's health and well-being.** According to a national survey, 11.6% of high school students in Illinois reported experiencing sexual violence in the past 12 months, 7.8% experienced sexual dating violence, and 8.8% were physically forced to have sexual intercourse (YRBS, 2021). Another national survey found that 58.3% of women in Illinois reported contact sexual violence in their lifetime, and 23.9% reported completed or attempted rape. About 34.1% of men in Illinois reported contact sexual violence in their lifetime (Smith et al., 2023).

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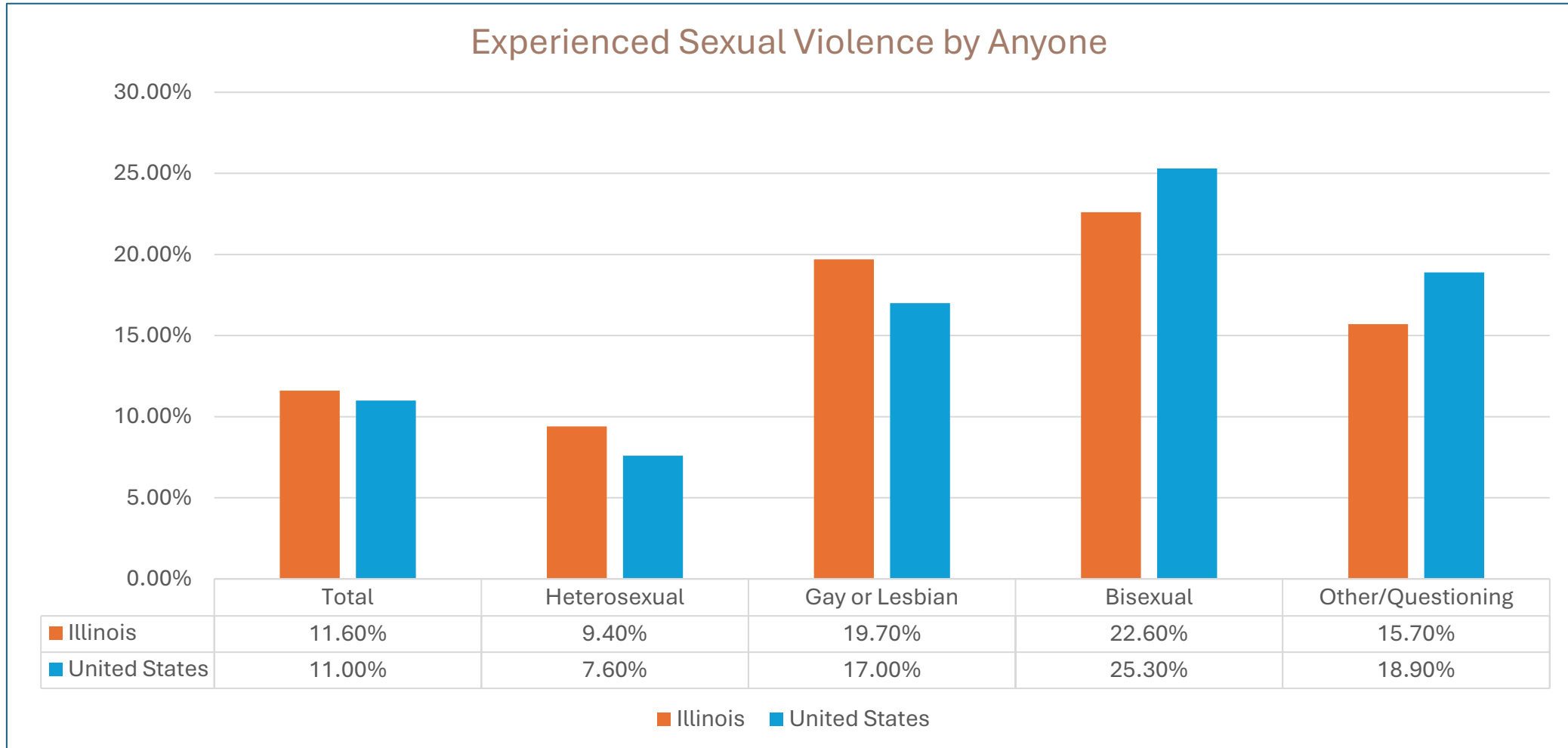
## **Disparities - Individuals who report higher rates of sexual violence: (YRBS, 2021; NISVS, 2022)**

- Female adolescents (compared to male adolescents) and women (compared to men)
- Adolescents who identify as a sexual minority (e.g., lesbian, gay bisexual, or other/questioning; LGB+)
- Adolescents and women who identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, or Multiple Races
- Next few slides illustrate these disparities from the 2021 YRBS

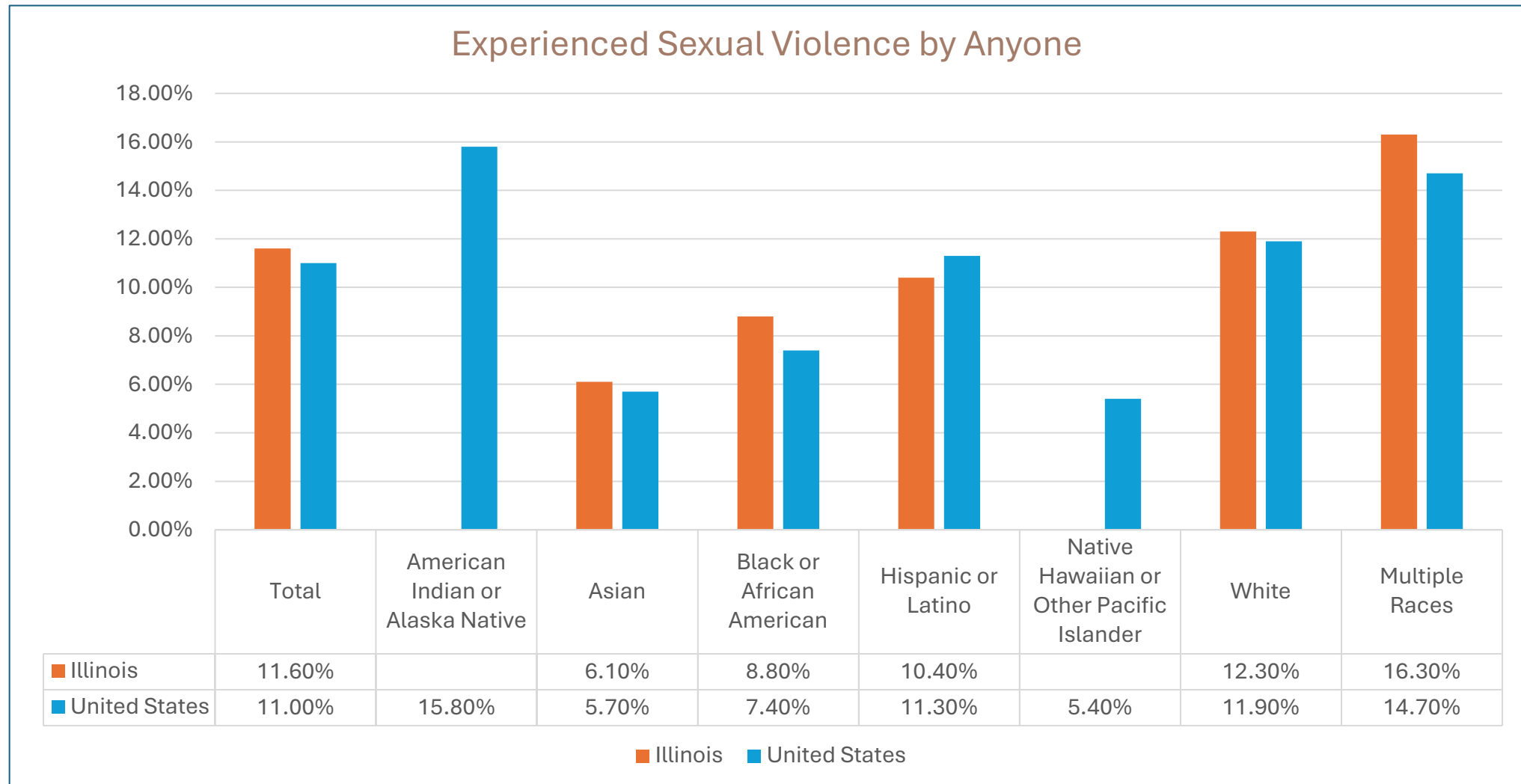
# Comparison of Sexual Violence Rates by Sex



# Comparison of Sexual Violence Rates by Sexual Orientation



# Comparison of Sexual Violence Rates by Race/Ethnicity



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**Violence prevention efforts focus on reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors.** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, 2024), risk factors for sexual violence perpetration include alcohol and drug use, suicidal behavior, early sexual initiation, an emotionally unsupportive family environment, poverty, lack of employment opportunities, and societal norms that support sexual violence. Protective factors for sexual violence perpetration include academic achievement, empathy and concern for how one's actions affect others, and families where caregivers work through conflicts peacefully. For a full list of risk and protective factors, please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/sexual-violence/risk-factors/index.html>

# Community Needs Assessments

**Needs assessments allow for prevention planning, ensuring that prevention efforts match the needs of their service region/community.** Needs assessments can help illuminate the severity of the problem, the number of people affected, and if a program or service is needed to address a particular problem. A first step is often reviewing existing data, including state and county-level reports. A second step can include additional data collection, obtaining more specialized data via surveys, interviews, focus groups, etc. This project includes data for the first step, reviewing existing databases available for each service region of ICASA Centers. This report includes data for the state of Illinois.

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*Note: the most recent data was pulled for each form of violence as it was available.*

# State Descriptive Information (Census)

According to the U.S. Census American Community Survey, the total population in Illinois was 12,812,508.

**Ages:** Approximately 21.5% of the population were under the age of 18, and 17.6% were over the age of 65.

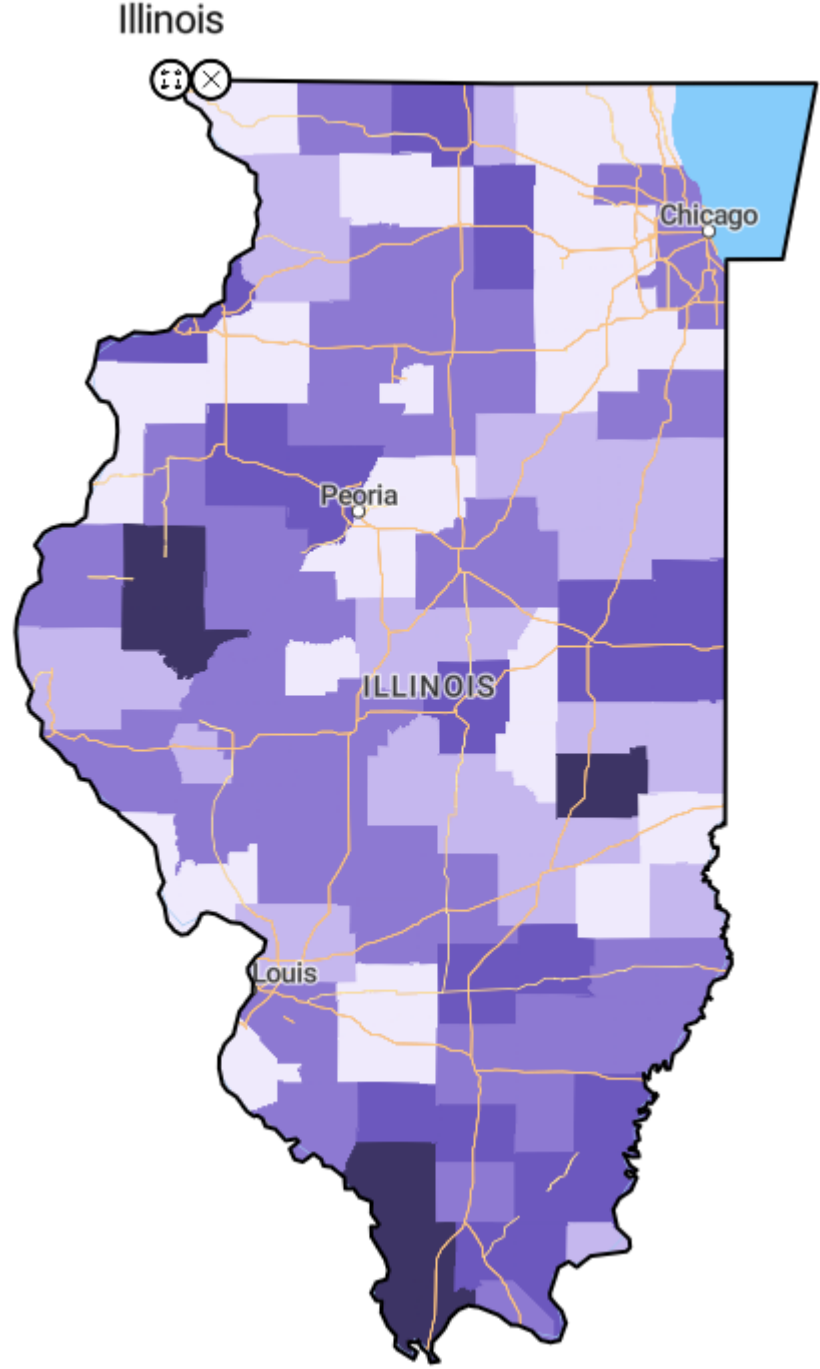
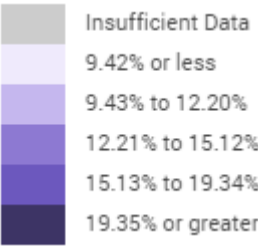
**Race and Ethnicity:** The predominant race in the service area was White (60.7%), followed by Black or African American (13.3%). About 19% reported a Hispanic or Latine ethnicity (of any race).

	N	%
White	7,617,749	60.7%
Black or African American	1,671,959	13.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	87,339	0.7%
Asian	756,661	6.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5,852	0.0%
Some Other Race	1,019,976	8.1%
Two or More Races	1,390,153	11.1%
Hispanic or Latine (of any race)	2,378,186	19.0%

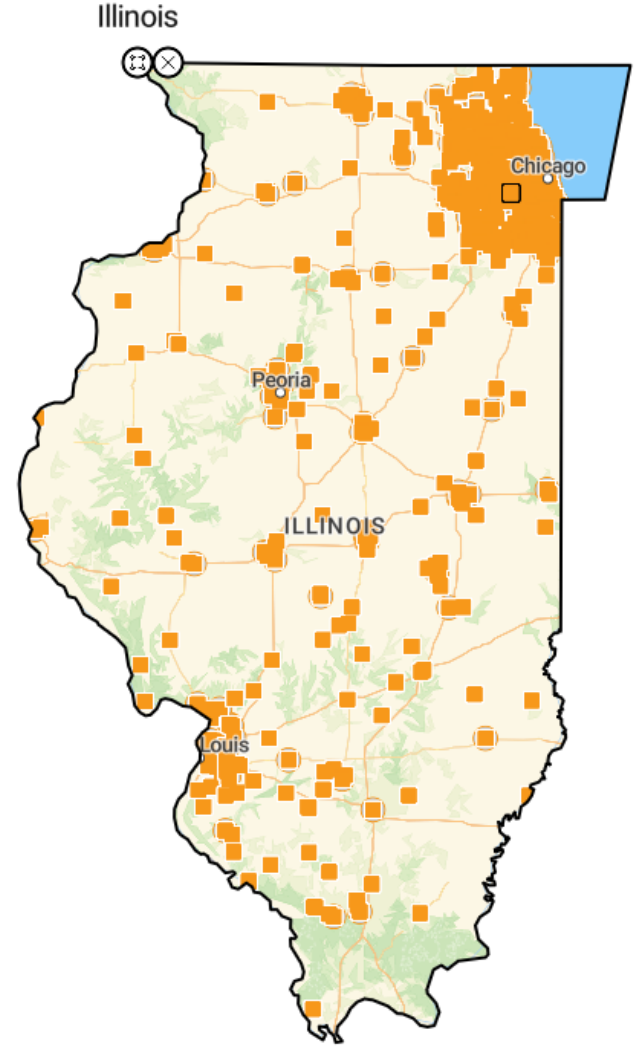
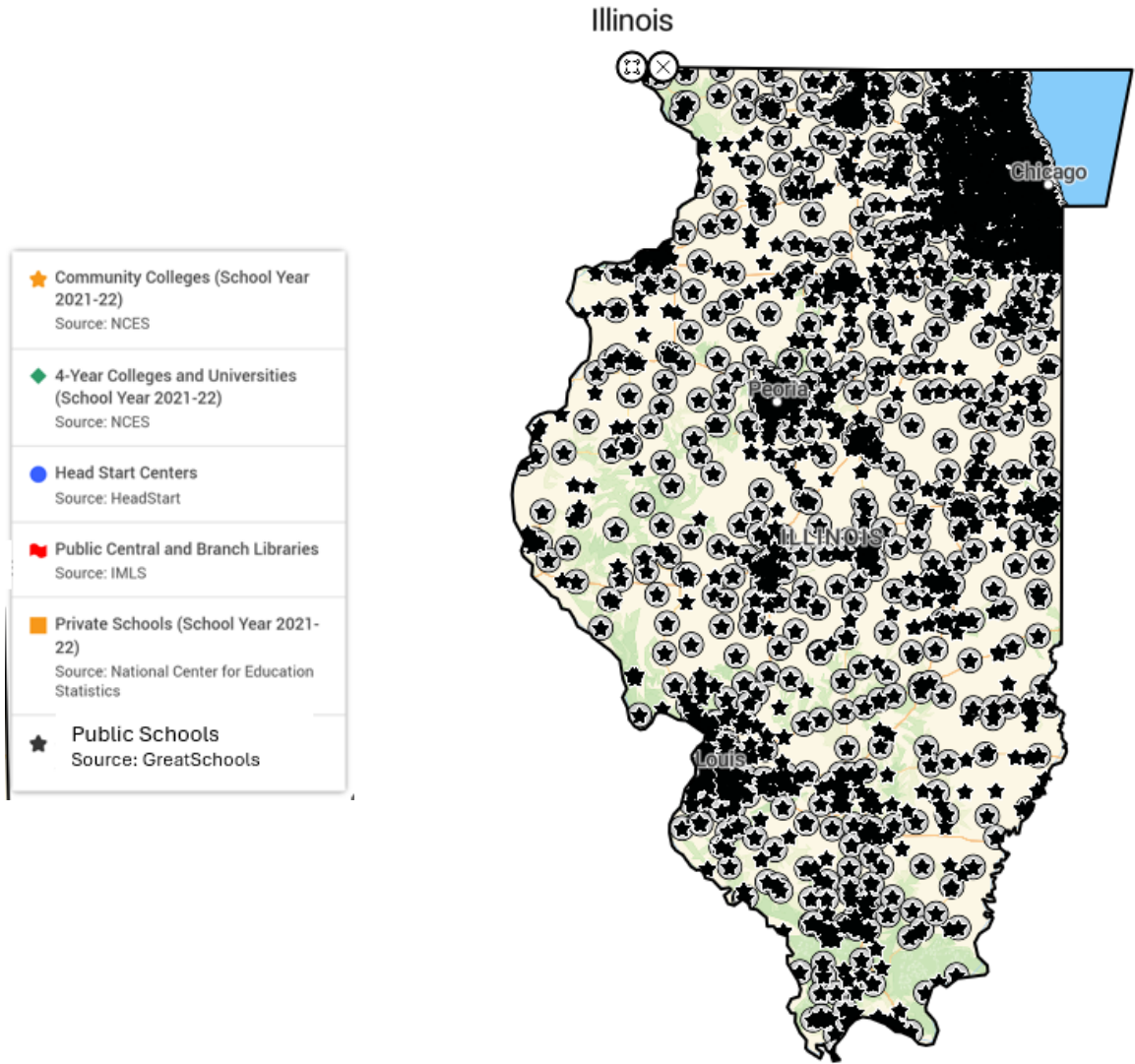
# State Descriptive Information (Census), continued

- **Disability:** 12.5% of the population reported a disability; the most reported disabilities included ambulatory difficulties (6.5%) and independent living difficulties (5.7%).
- **Veterans:** 4.7% of the population are Veterans.
- **Employment Rate:** 62.1% of the population is employed.
- **Educational Attainment:** 38.3% have a Bachelor's Degree or higher.
- **Healthcare Coverage:** 6.2% of the population were without healthcare coverage.
- **Income & Poverty:** In 2023, the median household income was \$80,306, and approximately 11.6% of the population were living in poverty.
- **Homeownership Rate:** 67.4% is the homeownership rate.

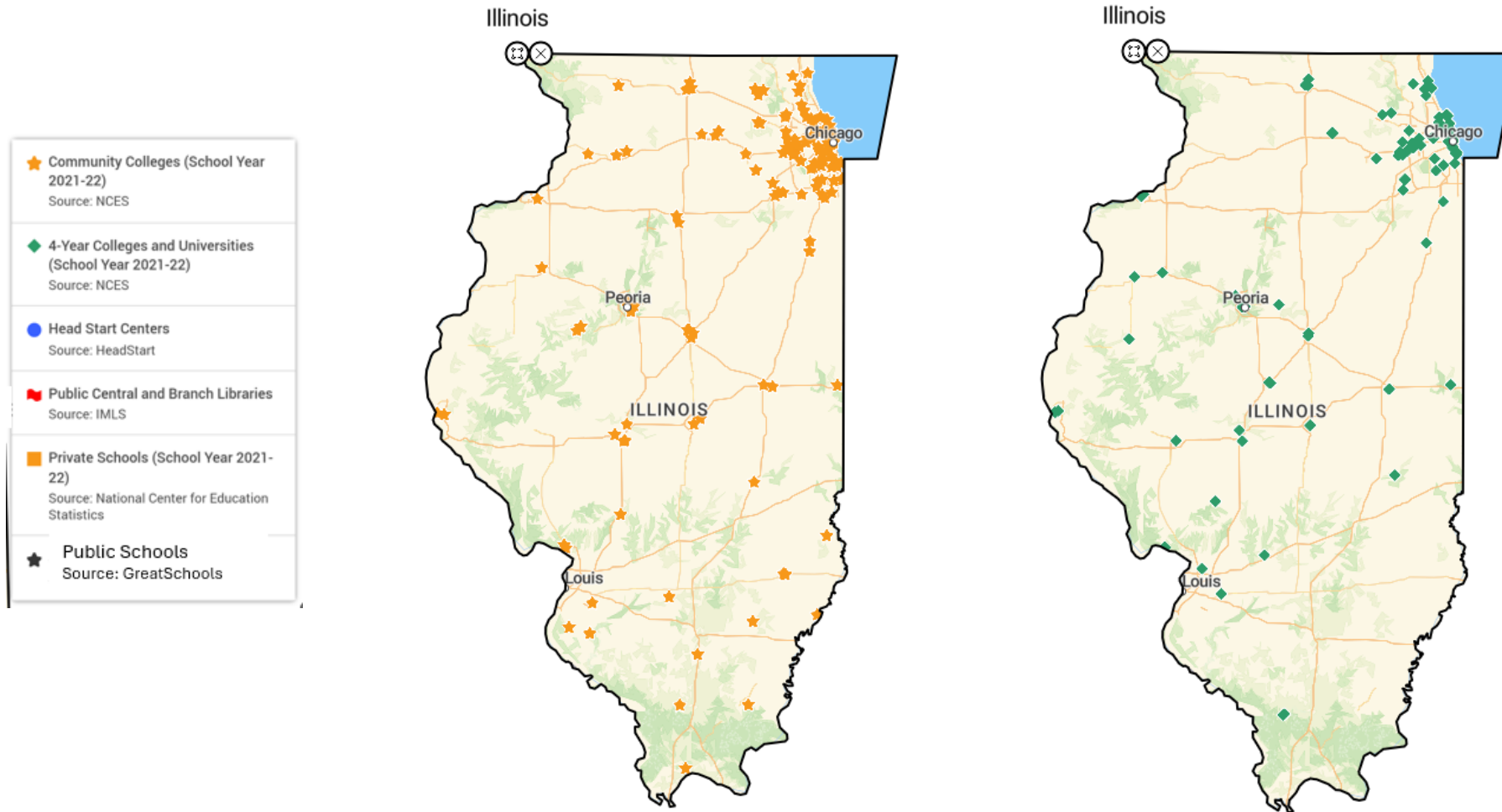
# Estimated percent of all people living in poverty as of 2018-2022



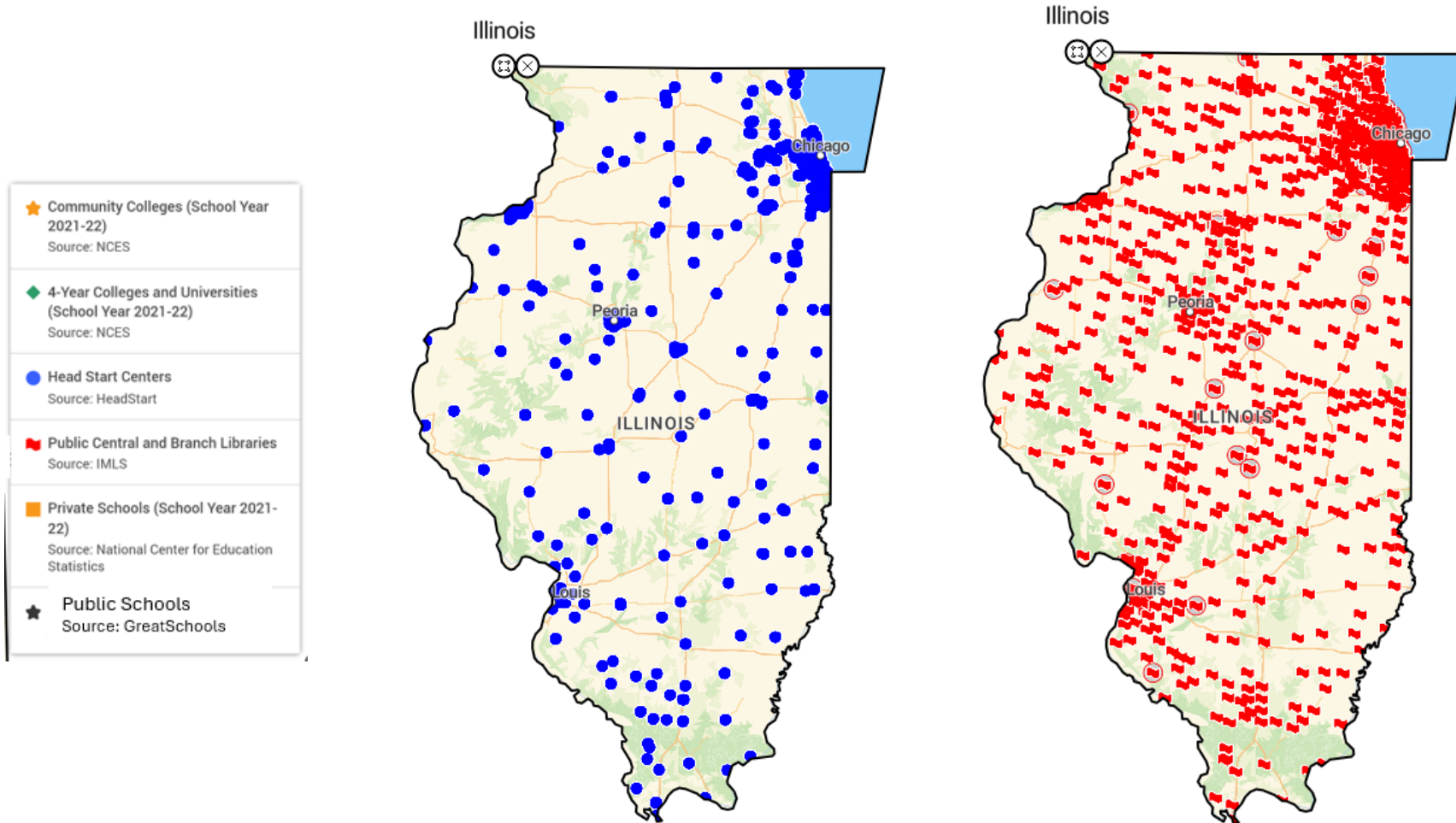
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# InfoNet: Population Served (past 5 years)

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Demographics of victims served:

- Gender: 29,849 (85.4%) identified as female, 3,676 male (10.5%), 757 transgender or genderqueer/gender non-conforming or other (2.2%), and 678 unknown/not reported.
- Race of Victims:

	N	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	415	1.2%
Asian or South Asian	592	1.7%
Black/African American	7,534	21.6%
Hispanic/Latino	6,888	19.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	103	0.3%
White	18,581	53.1%
Middle Eastern North African	157	0.5%
Multiple Races	1,547	4.4%
Unknown	3,163	9.0%

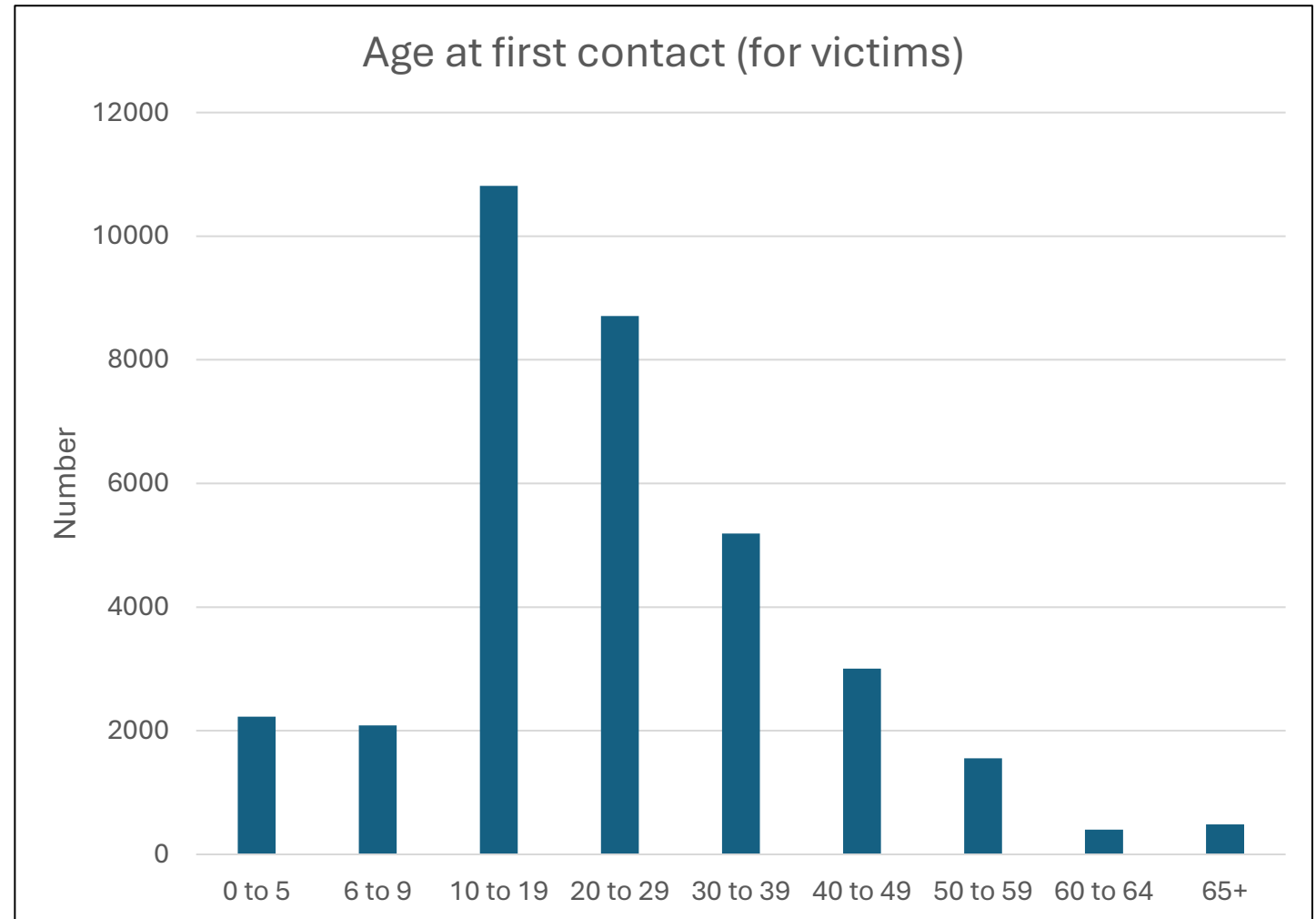
*Note: N does not total 34,960, as multiple identities could be selected*

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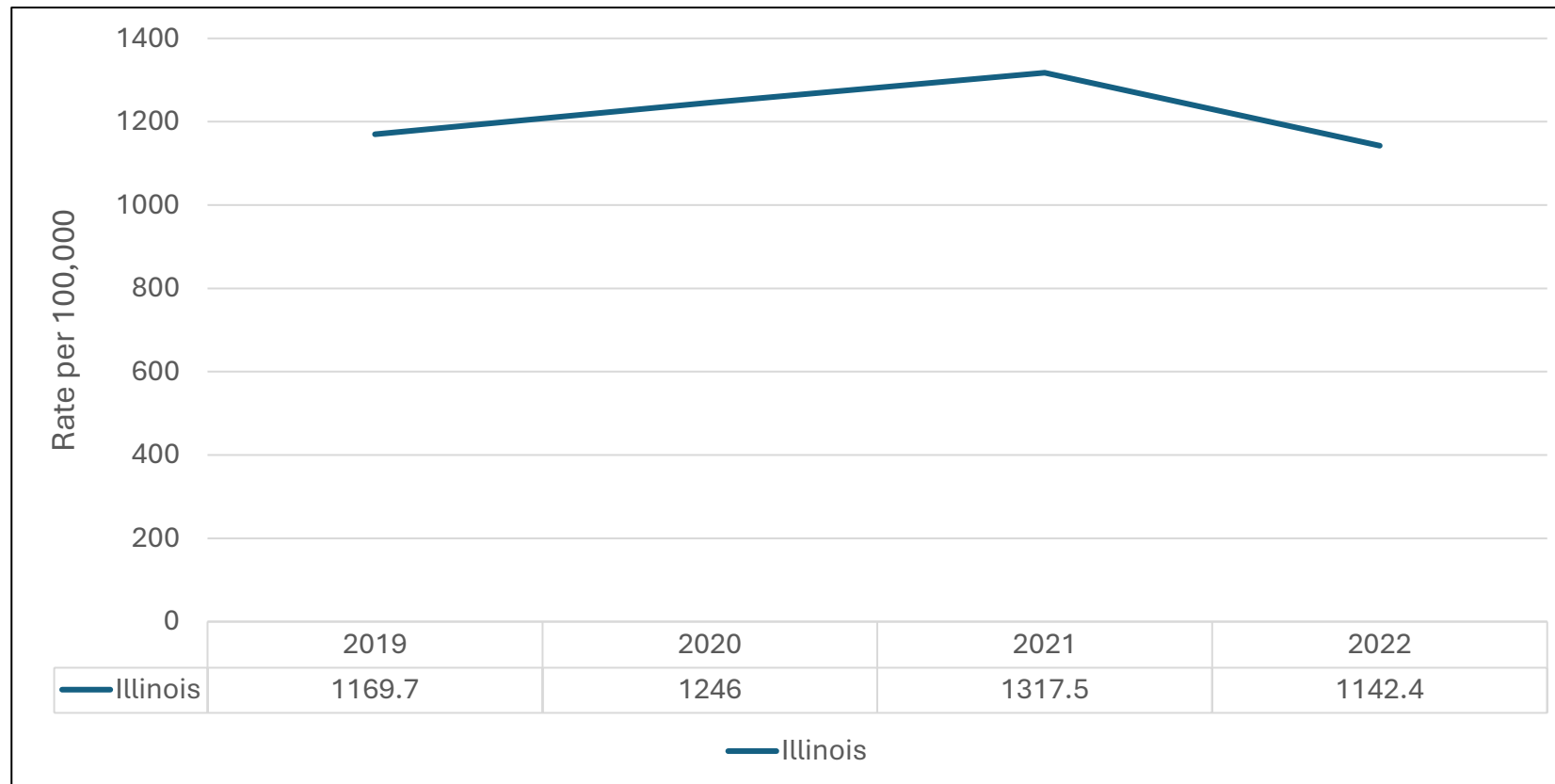
Demographics of victims served, continued:

- **Age of First Contact:** The most frequent age group at first contact among victims was between the ages of 10 and 19.
- **Sexual Orientation:** Among those who reported sexual orientation, approximately 68.9% identified as heterosexual or straight, and 9.8% as bisexual
- **Employment:** 62.9% of victims were not employed; 8.2% were college students
- **Disability:** About 17% of victims indicated a disability
- **Referrals:** Most common referral source was from hospitals (31.8%).



# Child Maltreatment

Rates of substantiated child maltreatment cases 2019-2022:



# Youth Violence

Prevalence across forms of youth violence in 2024:

In the past 12 months...	% Statewide
Been in a physical fight	15.6%
Carried a weapon such as a handgun, knife or club	7.6%
Bullied, harassed, made fun of because of your religion, sexual orientation, or race/ethnicity	13.4%
Bullied, harassed, made fun of because of your appearance or a disability	23.5%
Another student at school threatened to hurt you	12.4%
Experienced verbal bullying	21.7%
Experienced physical bullying	8.2%
Experienced cyber bullying	17.3%
Seriously considered attempting suicide	10.5%
Experienced physical dating violence	5.1%
Experienced psychological dating violence	11.2%

# Associated Risk Factors of Youth Violence

	% Statewide
<b>Depressive Symptoms:</b> Ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities	29.2%
<b>Substance Use (used at least once in past 30 days)</b>	
Alcohol	14.4%
Binge drinking	4.8%
E-cigarettes	6.4%
Smoked tobacco	1.6%
Used marijuana	5.1%
<b>Unsafe at School:</b> Did not go to school at least 1 day because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?	9.5%
<b>School Absenteeism:</b> Absent 10 or more school days (during an entire school year)	31%

# Associated Protective Factors of Youth Violence

	% Statewide
<b>Positive School Climate</b>	
There is a teacher or some other adult at school who really cares about me (pretty much true or very much true)	74.2%
I feel safe in my school (agree or strongly agree)	67.5%
I feel close to people at this school (agree or strongly agree)	65.9%
There is an adult (other than your parent) who you could talk to about important things in your life	88.5%
<b>Parental Supervision/Monitoring</b>	
When I am not at home, one of my parents/guardians knows where I am and who I am with (most of the time or always)	89.8%
My parents/guardians ask if I've gotten my homework done (most of the time or always)	73.5%
Would your parents/guardians know if you did not come home on time? (most of the time or always)	85.5%

# Criminal Legal Involvement

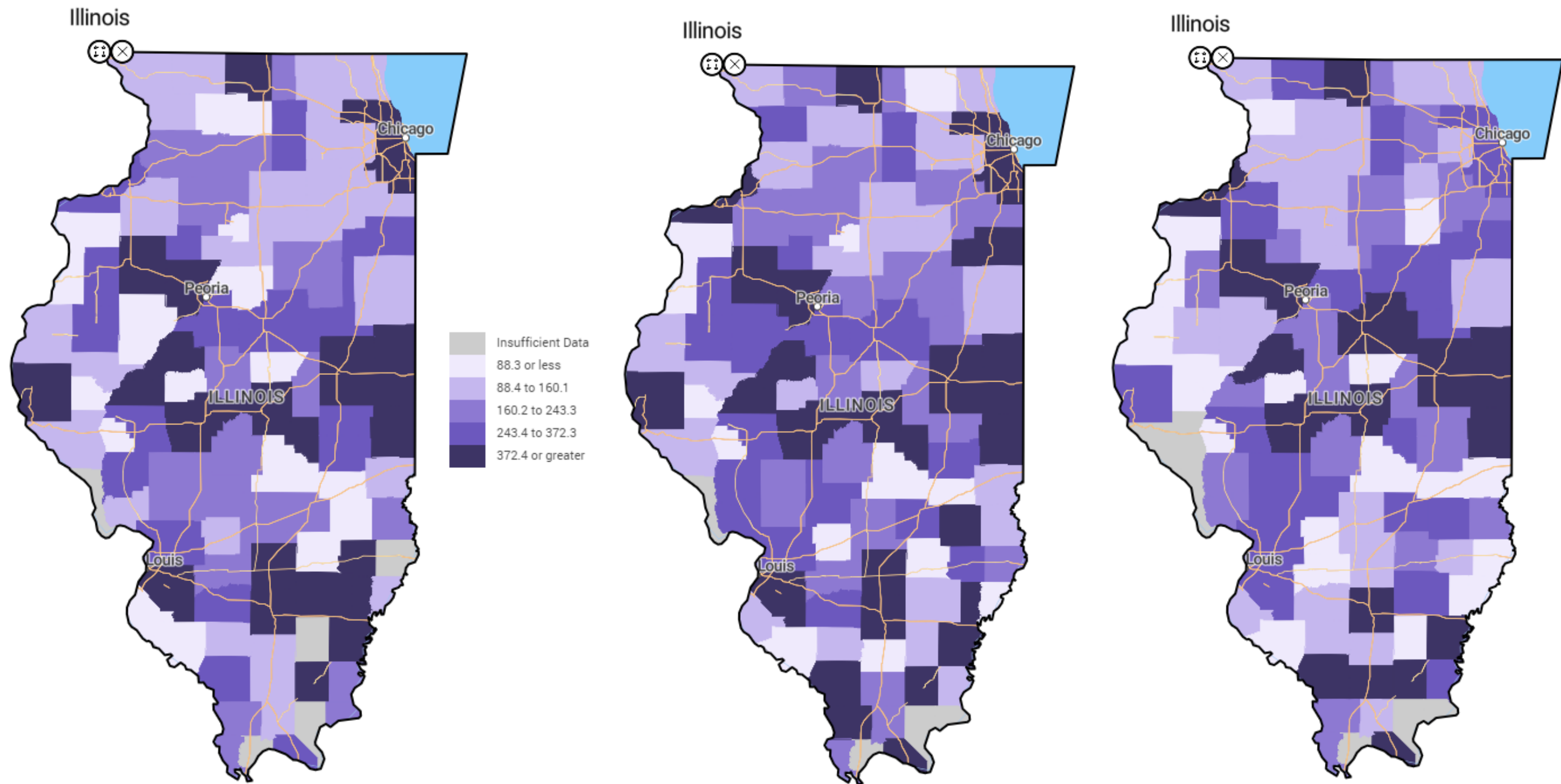
- **Juvenile Detention Admissions:** Rates (per 100,000) of juvenile detention admissions from 2017 to 2019.

	State of Illinois
2017	7.1
2018	6.8
2019	6.4

- **Adult Violent Crime Offenses:** Across 2018-2020, adult violent crime (i.e., murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault) rates (per 100,000):

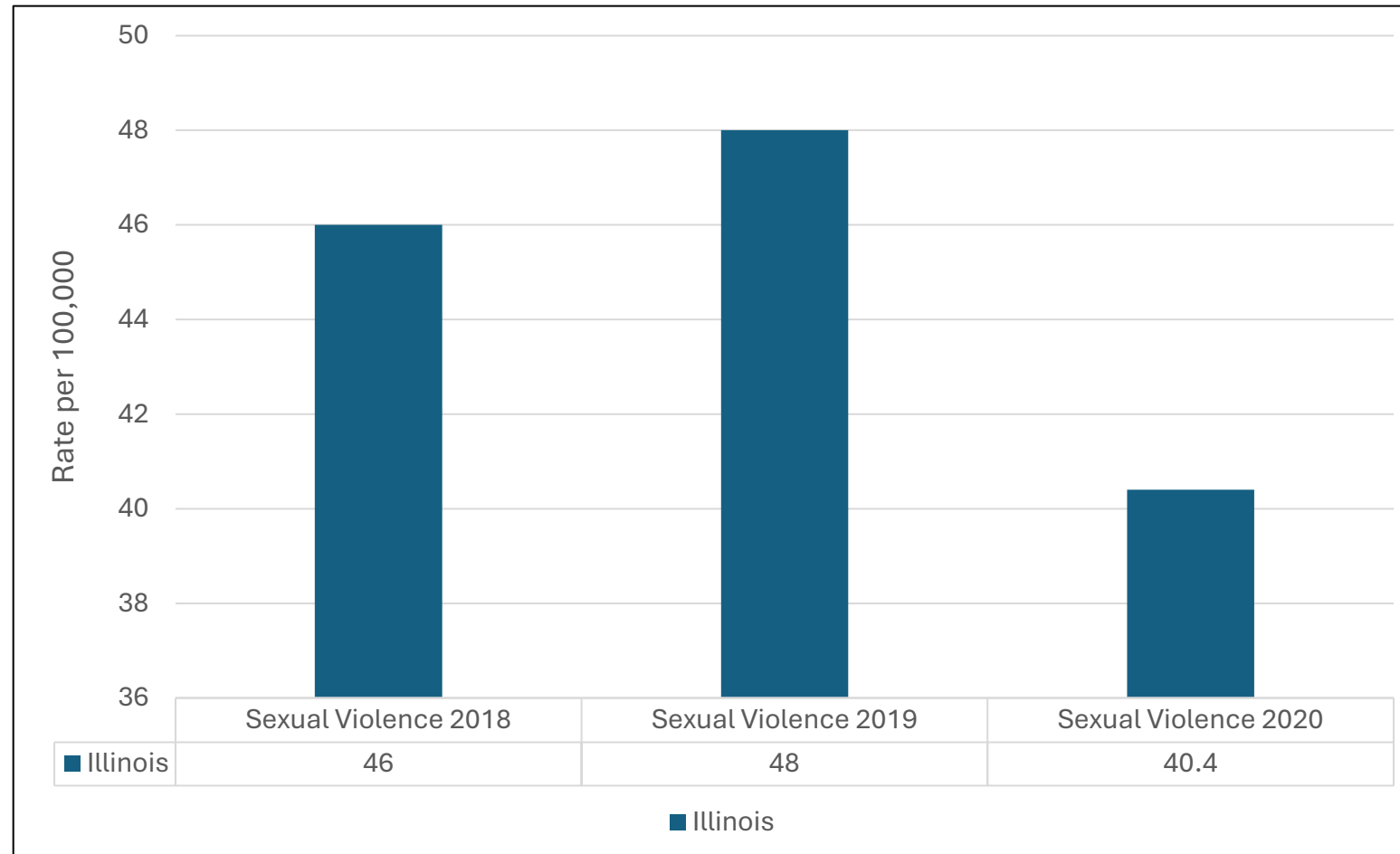
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2018	404.1
2019	406.9
2020	425.9

# Across Illinois: Adult Violent Crime (2018, 2019, 2020)

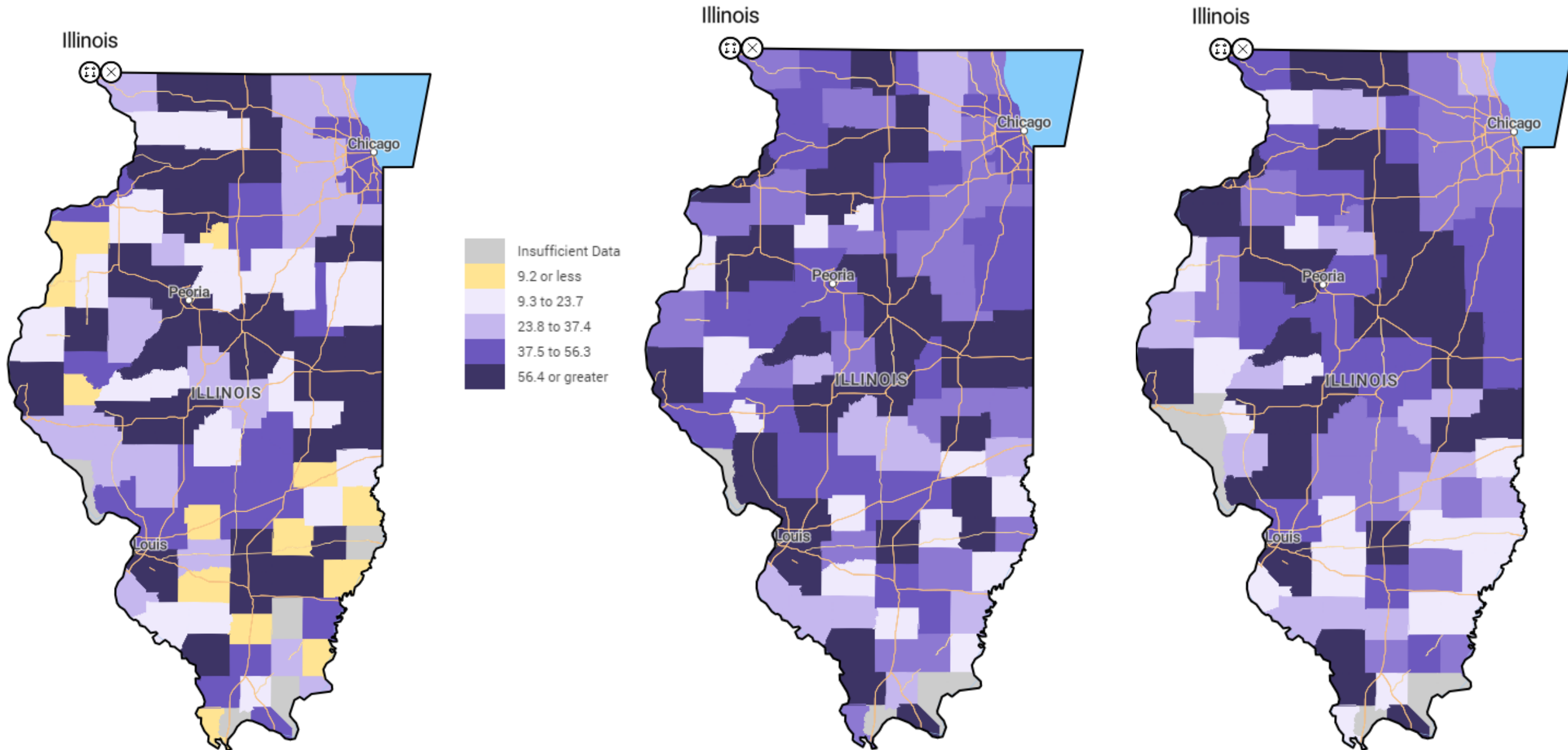


# Rates of Sexual Violence Offenses

Sexual violence offense rates (per 100,000) from 2018 to 2020:



# Across Illinois: Sexual Violence Offenses (2018, 2019, 2020)



# InfoNet: Prevention Services (Past 5 Years)

	Number of Activities	Number of Participants
<b>Coalition Building/Institutional Partnership</b> (Meetings, Email/Text (80.1%), Events, Presentations, Other)	20,700	70,737
<b>Policy Education/Change</b> (21 policies created; 27 policies revised)	491	1,927
<b>Education Programs/Public Education</b> (Public Education Elementary 53.2%, Jr High/Middle 23.5%)	76,073	1,720,615
<b>Professional Training: Prevention</b> (Teacher/Educator 41.1%, Law Enforcement 22.3%)	1,371	31,911
<b>Prevention Informational Materials</b> (Print materials 68.7%)	12,051	77,612
<b>Community Mobilization</b> (Events had 50.6% of participants)	5,259	44,265

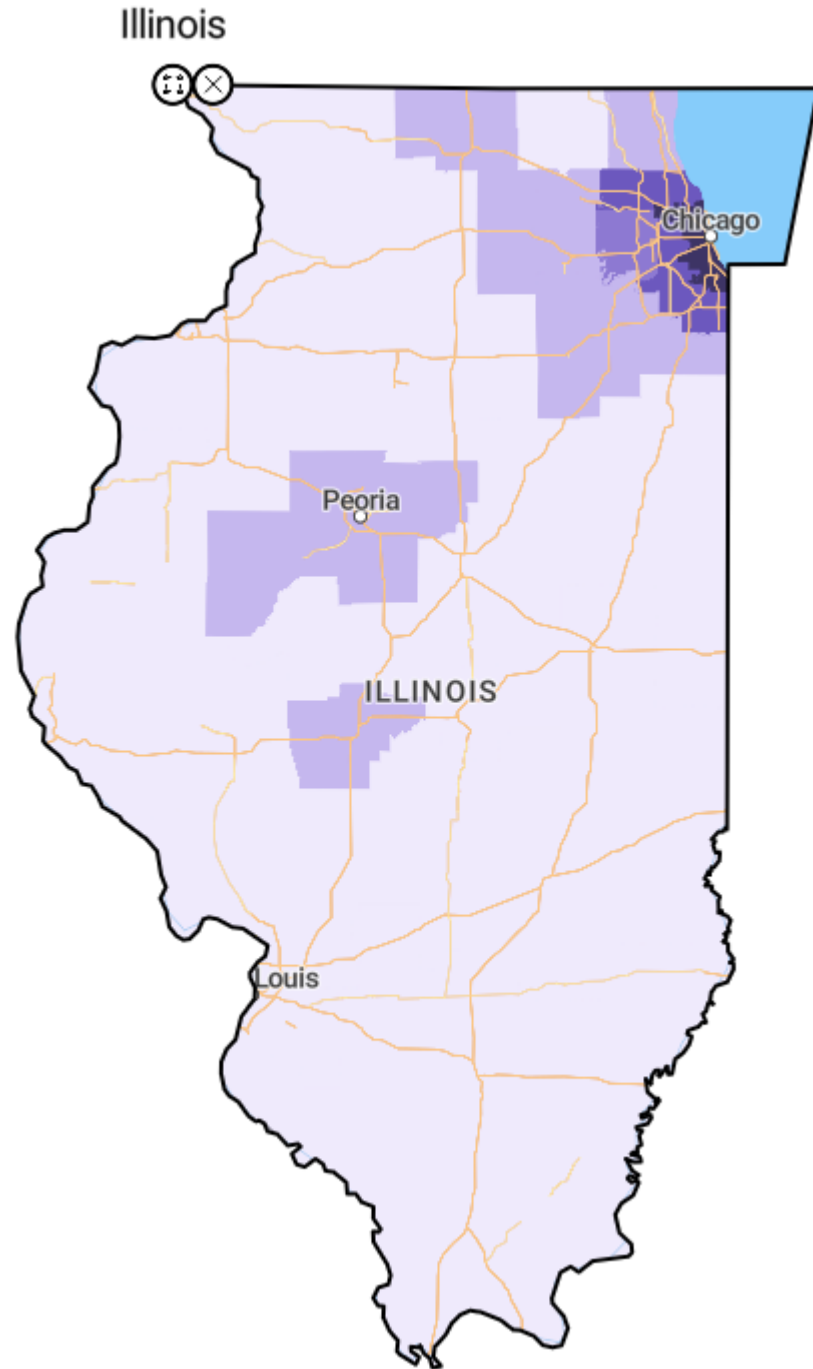
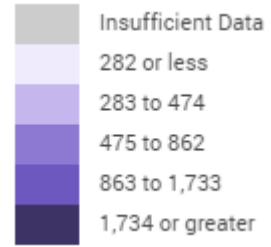
# Data Sources

- U.S. Census Data retrieved from Data Profiles
- U.S. Census race and ethnicity data retrieved from Table DP05 (ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates; American Community Survey, 2023: ACS 1-year Estimates Data Profile)
- Illinois Department of Children and Family Services – Children and Family Research Center (CFRC)
- Illinois Youth Survey – Center for Prevention Research and Development
- Kids Count Data Center: juvenile detention data
- Policy map: poverty data, educational locations, violent crime and sexual offenses data
- InfoNet: data on populations served and prevention efforts

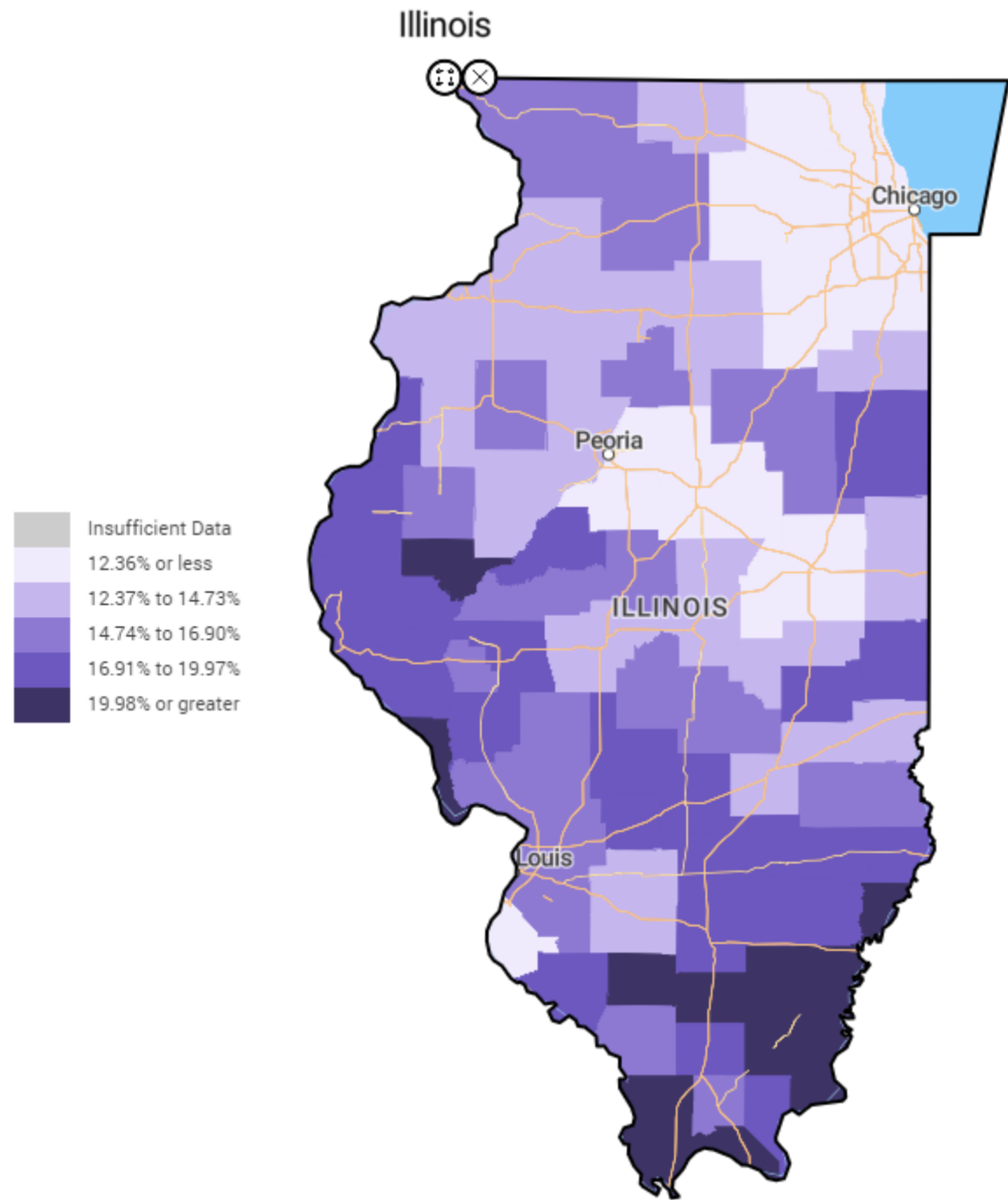
# Appendix

Additional Maps

- Homelessness (2023)



- Disabilities (2018-2022)



- English only spoken at home (2018-2022)

