Counties Information

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/public/vaccination_qa_pub.htm] has recommended that certain groups of the population receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine when it first becomes available. These target groups include pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, health care and emergency medical services personnel, persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old, and persons between the ages of 25 and 64 years old who are at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems. One of the first groups to receive the vaccine will be children 6 months through 4 years of age.

Data on the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM) [../../index.html] are used by a wide range of individuals—advocates, administrators, legislators, policy makers, and Public Health Department personnel.

County health departments in Illinois have requested demographic information to assist them in accurately estimating their need for H1N1 vaccines for children 5 and under in their county. In response, IECAM has made available the following new Standard Report.

Creating Standard Reports

In this report, you can find data on Early Care and Education Services (including Preschool for All, Head Start, and child care) and Child Population by County:

1. From the IECAM home page (http://iecam.illinois.edu [../../index.html]), click on the link for “Search Data” in the menu bar near the top of the page, to go to the GIS map introductory page.
2. In the Task box near the top left of the GIS map introductory page, click on the link for “Create Standard Report.”
3. From the “Select Report” list/menu box, select “Early Care and Education Services and Child Population by County.”
4. Select the geographic area “counties.”
5. Select the county in which you’re interested and click on the Submit button.

Video Instructions

For additional text or video instructions, see the following page [../../help/tabular/std-rpt/index.html]


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IECAM is a work in progress. Please complete our User Survey so that we can continue to improve the site. We estimate that it will take about 5 minutes to complete the survey. Click on the link below: https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/3423151


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Check out the most recent data now available on IECAM!

- FY2008 child care data
- FY2009 child care data
- FY2009 Head Start data
- FY2009 Early Head Start and Migrant Services Head Start data

Child care

Child care is essential for families transitioning from welfare to work, as well as those of low income striving to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. Appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly ensure that parents of low income have the supportive systems needed to gain and maintain employment. Funds support access to a variety of child care settings and impact the quality of services provided to Illinois children. According to the Illinois Annual Child Care Report FY08 [http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=31681], the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Care Assistance Program in FY08 supported an average of 172,300 children of 91,000 families every month.

Head Start

Head Start has provided comprehensive early childhood developmental services to children from low-income families since its inception in 1965. The Office of Head Start [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs] is located organizationally in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [http://www.hhs.gov/], Administration for Children & Families [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/] (ACF). Head Start supports school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.


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Not sure how to find the data you need?

IECAM offers a new “search options page” that allows users to read or view instructions on how to perform searches on the Web site. This secondary page also provides links to different types of searches of the data.

Simply clicking on Search Data on the home page....

will take you to the Options for Searching Data on IECAM page:

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IECAM has added a new geographic region—U.S. Federal Congressional Districts.

Currently, users can access PreK/PFA, child care, and demographic data. Other data, such as Head Start data, will be available in the coming months.


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IECAM now offers text and video instructions on how to search the data on this Web-based tool. Instructions are focused on specific search tasks. For your convenience, videos are available in different formats and resolutions.


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The Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM) provides a page with "other data and resources" that features reports pertinent to data found on IECAM.

Click Links [http://iecam.illinois.edu/resources.html] on the home page.

Check out the following URLs for the most recent report by Chicago Metropolis 2020.

Editor's note: Chicago Metropolis 2020 is now Metropolis Strategies. This report is no longer available online.


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We wanted to share some of the ways individuals and groups are using IECAM!

“I used IECAM to assess the number of children in our county last year when we were beginning the H1N1 immunizations for our county. It was extremely helpful in determining the amounts of vaccine that we would need for our youngest populations. Thanks for giving us these tools to help improve the quality of life in our county.” (Andrea Mueller, St. Clair County)

“We utilized the information for a federal grant that we…were awarded.” (Kellie Clark, Prairie State College)

“As a data specialist for a large Child Care Resource and Referral, IECAM has made my life a whole lot easier!” (Stephanie Showalter, Granite City)

“Currently IECAM is putting forth an enormous effort to collect invaluable demographic data related to the State of Illinois’ early education population. This data is then ‘mapped’ to provide a comprehensive assessment of the various types of programs that are being funded and administered throughout Illinois.” (Chapin Rose, State Representative, 110th District)


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IECAM Legislative Update

IECAM recently sent an IECAM Legislative Update to each member of the Illinois General Assembly. These Legislative Reports are available online on the IECAM Web site.

Each update includes information about the following:

- number of spaces for children in publicly funded early education programs (Preschool for All and Head Start)
- number of children 3 and 4 years old at several poverty levels
- number of children under 5 participating in child care

Find Your Own District

From the IECAM Home page [../../index.html]:

1. Go to the Search Options page [../../search-options.html].
2. In the “View Legislative Reports” row, click on “Legislative Reports page [../reports/legislative/index.html]”:
3. From the table, select the desired Senate or House district (here, SD52, IECAM’s district).
4. View the report in PDF format.
5. Scroll down the page to view the tables and charts, e.g., PFA + HS and 185% FPL:


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Please take a few minutes to complete our user survey...

IECAM is committed to providing users with the most current data on the access for young children to participate in early care and education programs.

In order to provide ongoing improvements to the Web site, would you take a few minutes to complete our User Survey?

Click on the link below:
https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/3423151

We estimate that it will take no more than 3 minutes to complete the survey.


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