Whether you are a novice or experienced IECAM user, you might find the IECAM Web site a bit overwhelming or confusing at times. Although we have multiple ways to get to the interactive maps or tabular data for which you may be looking, the easiest way to begin is to use the Search Options Page!

On the IECAM Home Page, click on Search Options!

You will be directed to the page (as seen below), where you have presented the options for searching the data on IECAM. For more detail on any of the options, simply click on it and you will be given the choice of reading instructions, watching a video explaining how to conduct a particular search, or performing the actual search.
Search Options provides a request for help, types of data found on IECAM, as well as popular searches, as denoted by stars.

This page should help you get started as you use IECAM!


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Check out the new Quick Help Handout that has been posted on the IECAM Web site!

In the IECAM standard search, you are able to search on multiple early care and education variables, such as PFA, Head Start, or other child care, and multiple demographic variables (population, poverty level). However, you may view them for only one year at a time.

In the multiyear search, you select only one early care and education or demographic variable, but you are able to select multiple years of data. The purpose of this search is to see the change in the selected variable over time.
Watch for the FY2012 Preschool for All (ISBE) data!

There are two different ways to get to the data:

- Start on the [Home Page](http://iecam.illinois.edu/pubs/newsletter/)
- Click on [Search Options](http://iecam.illinois.edu/pubs/newsletter/)
- Once on [Search Options](http://iecam.illinois.edu/pubs/newsletter/), click on [Find Data in Tables Only](http://iecam.illinois.edu/pubs/newsletter/)
Choose to either read/watch instructions or to perform the search
You will reach the **Search the IECAM Data Collection**

OR

Start on the **Home Page**
Click on **Easy-to-Use Tabular Search**
This is a highlighted link located in the information section of the home page (middle of the page)
You will reach the **Search the IECAM Data Collection**

**THEN**

Once on the IECAM data collection page:
- Select 2012 as the year you wish to search
- Select the desired geographic region (e.g., county) and the instance of that region (e.g., Adams County)
- Select **ISBE Prek/PFA** in the early childhood service type box


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Watch for the FY2012 Child Care (IDHS) data!

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- Start on the Home Page
- Click on Search Options
Once on **Search Options**, click on **Find Data in Tables Only**
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**THEN**

Once on the IECAM data collection page:
- Select 2012 as the year you wish to search
- Select the desired **geographic region** (e.g., county) and the **instance of that region** (e.g., Putnam County)
- Select a **Child Care** parameter in the early childhood service type box


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**Congressional and Legislative Districts (Census 2010)**

Check out the new data by clicking on the link in IECAM News on the Home Page titled [Data by New Legislative Districts](http://iecam.illinois.edu/pubs/newsletter/). You will find information about the new Congressional and Legislative districts.
Currently reported districts

IECAM currently reports data on site-based early care and education services and on demographics for Illinois’s federal congressional districts, state house districts, and state senate districts. These are the districts that were based on the 2000 census, were redrawn in 2001, were applied to the election of November 2002, and took effect in with the congress and general assembly that began in 2003. These districts were in effect through 2012.

New districts

After the 2010 census, new districts were redrawn in 2011, were applied to the election of November 2012, and take effect with the congress and general assembly that begin in 2013.

Although these districts are not applicable to 2011 and 2012, IECAM is making available data on site-based early care and education services by the new districts for those years, in order to provide a baseline for the same data in subsequent years. Demographic data by the new districts for those years will not be available, because the Census Bureau is not providing such data upon which to base estimates.

Early Care and Education Data

The data are currently being processed for IECAM’s searchable public database. The data should be available around mid-February 2013. However, to assist IECAM users who would like to use those data sooner, we are making the data available in Excel files that can be downloaded from this page.

You will also find tabular data pertaining to these districts.


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One way in which IECAM can be most responsive is to listen to what users say. By completing a User Survey (at https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/3423151), your voice can be heard!

We also welcome your emails and telephone calls!


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We have made some changes to the IECAM Home Page!
Click on Search Options to find various options to search for tabular and map data

Click on Tabular Data for a quick search for numbers (and not maps)

Click on All Maps to get to the GIS map section for both numbers and maps

Click on Standard Reports for easy-to-use data addressing frequently asked questions about early care and education

Click on Risk Factors for data on risk factors for children and families in Illinois

Demographic Theme Maps can be found on the GIS map page, however we are constructing a separate page that will be available soon

The Snapshots of Illinois Counties are still available

For the most recent news and changes to be found on the Web site click on the IECAM News

Help Pages are still available in the form of Quick Help Handouts and a Quick Help page.

Information related to Resources, Publications, early childhood programs in Illinois are still available on the menu on the top of the Home Page.

FOR THE LATEST NEWS CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!


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