

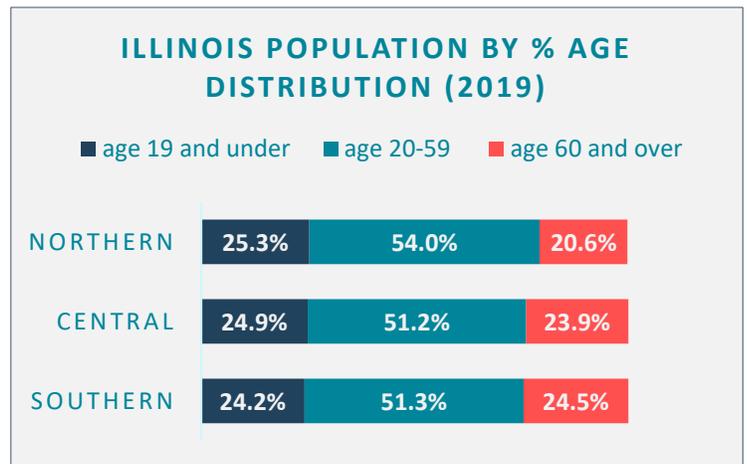
Illinois Aging Together is a campaign for aging equity in Illinois. This campaign strives to have Illinois government develop and adopt a long-term Strategic Action Plan for Aging, and seeks to counteract ageism by promoting the value, meaning, and purpose of life that older adults should be able to enjoy.

Illinois Aging Together is supporting [HB5698](#), the Aging Equity Act, which will establish an Aging Equity Planning Commission to develop a Strategic Action Plan for Aging Equity in Illinois.

Why is a Strategic Action Plan for Aging Equity needed?

Illinois's population is aging. We all are aging all the time and are impacted by aging of our loved ones and neighbors. Aging in place, transportation, housing, recreation, healthcare, and caregiving are some of the concerns that individuals and families have about aging.

Older adulthood should be a time for joy and fulfillment. Unfortunately and unjustly, many struggle with aging. Health inequities reduce quality of life and cut lives short. In Illinois, 21 counties have areas where life expectancy is less than 70 years, compared to others areas of the same county with 80-90 years of life expectancy.



What do we need to support equitable aging for all? Illinois needs a strategic action plan for aging equity for all sectors to address the unmet aging needs of all Illinoisans.

What the Aging Equity Act will do:

[HB5698](#) will establish an Aging Equity Planning Commission, co-chaired by the Governor's Office and the Illinois Department on Aging. This commission's purpose is to research and create policy, practice, and programmatic recommendations for a Strategic Action Plan for Aging Equity in Illinois. This plan will need to work across all departments, programs, policies, and sectors to move toward aging equity throughout the life course.

How can you support the Aging Equity Act?

Illinois Legislators: We would appreciate your support of this bill and movement. Contact Sandy Pastore at spastore@hmprg.org to discuss how you can support. We would be glad to meet with you.

Individuals and organizations: Sign on your support here: <https://illinoisagingtogether.org/get-involved/#get-involved>.



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