

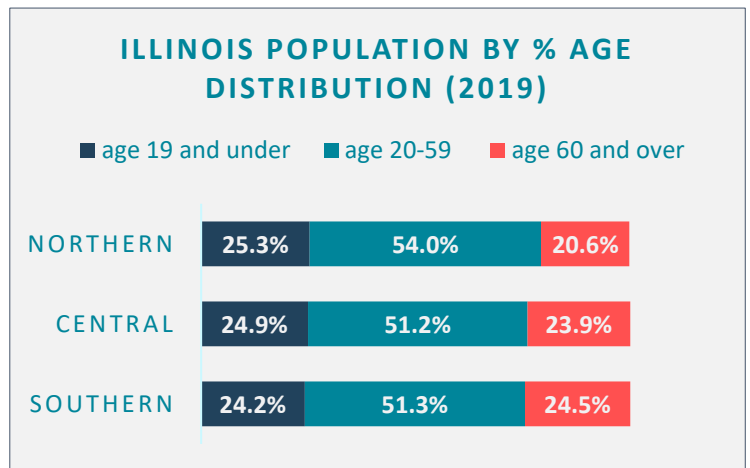
Illinois Aging Together is a campaign for aging equity in Illinois. This campaign strives to have Illinois government develop and adopt a long-term Strategic Action Plan for Aging, and seeks to counteract ageism by promoting the value, meaning, and purpose of life that older adults should be able to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

### Organizational and Business Supporters

Access Community Health	Economic Security for IL	Manufacturing Renaissance
Access Living	Egyptian Area Agency on Aging	Mendota Area Senior Services
AgeGuide Northeastern IL	Fathers, Families, & Healthy Communities	Mercer County Senior Citizen Center
AgeLinc/Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland	Forward Chicago	Metropolitan Planning Council
AgeOptions	Fox Valley Special Recreation Association	Metropolitan Tenants Organization
AgeSmart Community Resources	Graceland Center for Purposeful Aging	Miller Center
Aging Care Connections	Health & Medicine Policy Research Group	Mindful Innovations Consulting, LLC
Aging with Grace	Healthy Illinois Campaign	North Shore Senior Center
AIDS Foundation Chicago	HIRE360	Northwest Center
Alzheimer's Association - Illinois Chapter	Homewatch CareGivers	OAI, Inc.
Arab American Family Services	Housing Choice Partners	Per Scholas
Association for Individual Development (AID)	Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)	PODER
Association of Illinois Senior Centers	I4A Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging	Premier Home Health Care Services
BACOA - Barrington Area Council on Aging	ICNC- Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago	Pride Action Tank
CCSI Case Coordination. LLC	Illinois Academy of Family Physicians	Putnam County Community Center
Center for Changing Lives	Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization	Quad County Urban League
Center for Life and Learning	Illinois Park and Recreation Association	Revolution Workshop
Center for Neighborhood Technology	Illinois Public Health Institute	Right at Home Oak Park Chicago
Chaoticform Design, LLC	Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Services Committees	RiseKit
Chicago Area Project	Illinois YouthBuild Coalition Inc.	SAGESofBG (Senior Adults Growing and Exploring - Buffalo Grove, IL)
Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition	IMPACT CIL	Senior Services of Central Illinois
Chicago Hyde Park Village	Inner Voice	Senior Services Plus
Chicago Jobs Council	JARC	Shawnee Health Service
Chicago Women in Trades	Latinas/os Buscando Refugio y Optimismo Cuando Hacen Arte (La BROCHA)	Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Chicago Women Take Action (CWTA)	Legacy Law Firm, LLC	Skyline Village Chicago
Circle of Friends Adult Day Center	Legal Council for Health Justice	SOAR@Dorr Center
CJE SeniorLife	Life Changes Counseling and Care Planning	Solutions for Care
Community Assistance Programs	Lifescape Community Services, Inc	The Equiticity Racial Equity Movement
Coordinated Care Alliance	Make Room @ The Table	Transitions Home Medical Group
CourAGEus, formerly, A Tribe Called Aging		Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare
CRIS Healthy-Aging Center		Illinois Park and Recreation Association
Dementia Friendly Elgin Area		Upwardly Global
DirectCourse Online Training published by Elsevier		West Suburban Jobs Council
East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc,		Women Employed
		Women Over 70--Aging Reimagined, LLC.
		Youth Guidance