Illinois State Budget Survey

The following survey of Illinois human service agencies was conducted in December 2017, six months after the budget impasse ended. The results indicate that the ripple effects of the July 2017 state budget are complex, and that the impact of the budget impasse continues to be felt.

AGENCIES

382

Human service agencies surveyed across Illinois

Child Welfare
Childhood Education
Youth Development
Food Programs
Housing/Shelter
Temporary Financial Assistance

Financial Literacy/Asset Building
Adult Education
Employment/Job Training
Criminal Justice
Legal Assistance
Mental Health
Alcohol and Substance Abuse
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Immigration Services
Senior Services
Disability Services

Average amount owed to organizations by the State of Illinois:

$882,000

$100,000

FY17

FY18

45%

believe the July 2017 state budget is a “step in the right direction” but it will take time for the full effects to be felt.

19%

don’t feel optimistic, stating that the budget impasse created severe damage for their organization.

17%

think the state budget is not going to have a significant impact on their organization.

4%

think the state budget will help their organization quickly get back on track with services and programs provided.

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—VISION OF RESTORATION

FINANCIALS

38% of agencies depend on the State for more than half of their budget. Most still haven’t received full payment.

Average amount owed to organizations by the State of Illinois:

$229,171

Average amount past due for 90 days or more.
(as of December 1, 2017)

1 in 5 Agencies with a credit line are using more than half to fund debts owed by the State.

Organizations used a variety of methods to compensate for this shortfall:

40%

Utilized cash reserves

38%

Did not fill vacant positions

20%

Referred clients to other providers

20%

Reduced staff hours/benefits

19%

Utilized lines of credit

17%

Changed services provided

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—CORAZÓN COMMUNITY SERVICES

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CLIENTS

The top four service areas where providers have had to reduce services.
(Since June 2015)

49% of Disability Services providers

48% of Youth Development providers

44% of Childhood Education providers

39% of Adult Education providers

1 in 5 Organizations surveyed closed at least one program.
(July 2015–June 2017)

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