



Illinois

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Parole in Place Eligible Population



In June 2024, President Biden announced the extension of Parole in Place to undocumented spouses of U.S. citizens who entered the country without inspection. The Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS) estimates that 455,000 undocumented spouses of U.S. citizens are eligible for this program. In this guide, we present characteristics of the eligible population in all of the top counties in Illinois with at least 1,000 eligible immigrants. All figures cited below are based on CMS estimates of the undocumented population using the 2022 IPUMS microdata file of the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey.

In Illinois, it is estimated that nearly 20,000 are eligible for the Parole in Place process with a majority of individuals residing in Cook and Lake Counties. In addition, 2,600 Parole in Place immigrants are dispersed throughout Illinois' other 96 counties, with no other county exceeding the threshold of 1,000 eligible immigrants.



Cook County Parole in Place Eligible Population: 9,700

Average Age **37**

Average Years in United States **17**

Gender

Male **65%**

Female..... **35%**

Language

Spanish Speaking..... **90%**

English Speaking **8%**

Other **2%**

Country of Origin



87%
Mexico



5%
El Salvador

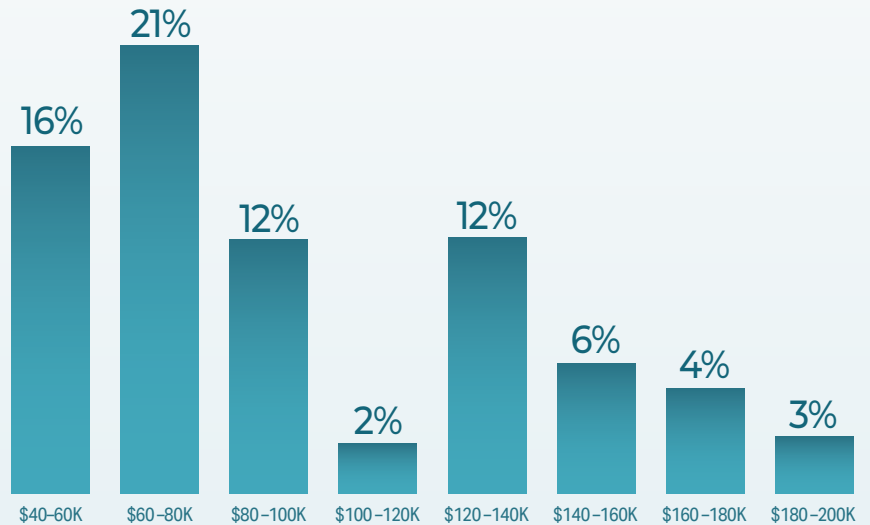


5%
Guatemala



3%
Other

Household Income



Lake County Parole in Place Eligible Population: 2,200

Average Age **45**

Average Years in United States **18**

Gender

Male **55%**

Female..... **45%**

Language

Spanish Speaking..... **100%**

Country of Origin

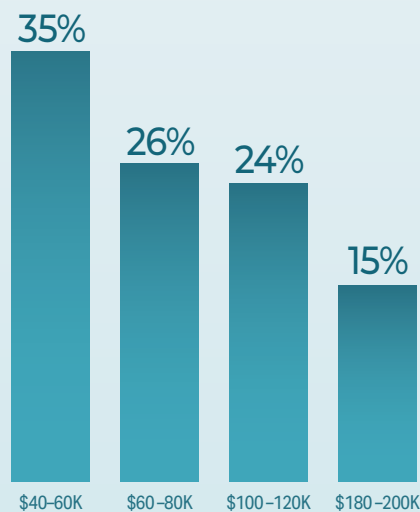


90%
Mexico



10%
El Salvador

Household Income



Illinois Counties at a Glance (Counties with at least 1,000 eligible immigrants)

Counties	Total PIP eligible	Average age	Average years in U.S.	From Mexico	From El Salvador	From Guatemala	From Honduras	Other
Will	1700	39.3	15.4	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Kane	1700	45.6	19.0	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DuPage	1100	41.4	19.1	82%	0%	0%	6%	12%
Winnebago	1000	39.2	16.1	0%	70%	30%	0%	0%

The federal courts have issued an administrative stay on the Keeping Families Together Parole in Place program. Applications for Parole in Place can still be filed online and applicants will still be scheduled for and need to attend biometrics appointments; however, USCIS can not grant parole at this time.

The National Partnership for New Americans, Center for Migration Studies, and Ready to Stay urge individuals to seek [reputable and trusted legal service providers](#) if they think they may qualify for the Keeping Families Together Parole in Place process.

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