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### **Central Management Services, Dept. of**

*Bilingual employees, 2023*  
CMS had 6 bilingual frontline employees speaking Spanish in March 2023: two in the Director's Office and four in the Bureau of Personnel. Job titles and descriptions are included. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; issued & rec'd April 2023, 2 pp. + 5 appendices)

### **Employment Security, Dept. of**

*Bilingual frontline staff, FY 2022*  
IDES had 136 bilingual frontline employees in January 2022, speaking Spanish (129), Polish (6), or Chinese (1). Job titles and descriptions are included. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; April 2022, rec'd April 2023, 5 pp.)

### *Bilingual frontline staff, FY 2023*

IDES had 139 bilingual frontline employees in January 2023, speaking Spanish (130), Polish (8), or Chinese (1). Job titles and descriptions are included. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; issued & rec'd April 2023, 5 pp.)

### *Women and minorities in Illinois workforce report, 2022*

Illinois' labor force shrank from 6,366,700 in 2020 to 6,318,900 in 2021. Women's labor participation rate was 58.5%—below men's (68.6%) but above the national women's participation rate (56.1%). Participation rose in 2021 for all racial groups except African Americans. Hispanics had the highest participation rate of all groups. Illinois' unemployment rate in 2021 was 6.1%, moderately above the national rate (5.3%). Unemployment rates were 5.1% for whites, 6.9% for Hispanics, and 12.3% for African Americans. Women's median pay in 2020 was 80.1% of men's pay in Illinois, and 82.3% nationally. (20 ILCS 1505/1505-20; March 2022, rec'd April 2023, 32 pp. + 7 tables.)

### **Human Services, Dept. of**

*Youth Transitional Living Housing Program report, 2021*  
DHS is to report on the

number of homeless minors referred to youth transitional housing programs. A 2018 law allowed homeless youth between ages 16 and 18 to join such programs without parental consent in some circumstances, even if they are not emancipated. There are no providers with Youth Transitional Housing Licenses. Only two agencies ever had such licenses; neither served any emancipated or partially emancipated youth under the program, and neither has renewed its license. Separately, DHS' Emergency and Transitional Housing Program served 14,890 adults and 5,208 children in FY 2021 with beds, meals, and supportive services. Emancipated minors and unaccompanied youth were counted as adults. (750 ILCS 30/2(g); April 2022, rec'd April 2023, 9 pp. + appendix)

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**Illinois Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans Report, 2021-2022**

The Task Force was created to identify strategies to reduce maternal and infant mortality of African Americans. The overall infant mortality rate in Illinois dropped from 6.5 deaths per 1,000 births in 2018 to 5.5 per 1,000 in 2020. African American mothers and infants die at significantly higher rates than white and Hispanic mothers. The Task Force issued a number of recommendations, including coordinating the efforts and data of all state maternal and child health social service programs, and more funding to support the work of the Task Force. (20 ILCS 5145/20; Dec. 2022, rec'd April 2023, 17 pp. + 4 appendices)

**Public Health, Dept. of Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2023**

Under the Act, agencies must report demographic information on participants in each of their major programs. IDPH identified 11 major programs for analysis. Six demographic categories have been defined and standardized across the programs; IDPH is still working to standardize the definitions of race, indigence, and disability status. The report describes what IDPH is doing to collect data for each program. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(f); issued & rec'd March 2023, 4 pp.)

**Veterans Affairs', Dept. of Locally-held benefit funds quarterly report, Jan.-March 2023**

For each state veterans' home, the report describes monetary and nonmonetary donations

received to benefit residents; how and when they were disbursed; and quarter-end fund balances. (20 ILCS 2805/2.01a; issued & rec'd May 2023, 12 pp.)

*Semiannual reports on staffing, resident complaints, and communicable diseases, July-Dec. 2022*

The staffing report gives numbers of staff providing direct patient care at the five state veterans' homes. Veterans' homes had 25 resident complaints filed on official grievance forms or requiring follow-up: 6 in Chicago, 1 in LaSalle, 12 in Manteno, and 6 in Quincy; none were filed at Anna. Most were resolved. The report also gives statistics on communicable diseases requiring antibiotic treatment by type, month, and facility, and COVID-19 diagnoses. (20 ILCS 2805/2.07 and 2805/2.13(b); Jan. 2023, rec'd May 2023, 1 p. + 2 attachments)

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