

Illinois State Budget Impasse

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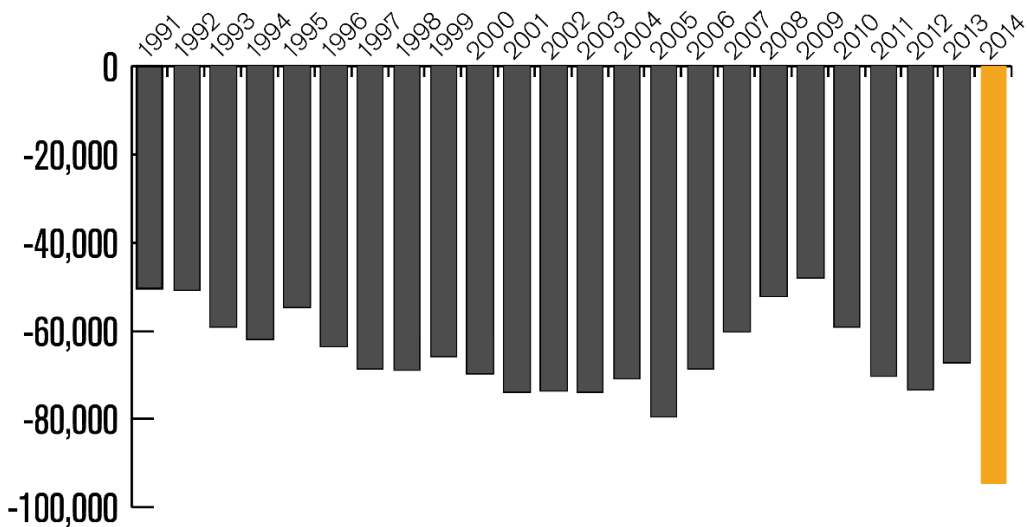
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Human service providers all over the state of Illinois are being dramatically affected by the lack of budget set in place by Governor Bruce Rauner. Since there has been no movement towards any functional funding for critical state services, this impasse is causing the following:

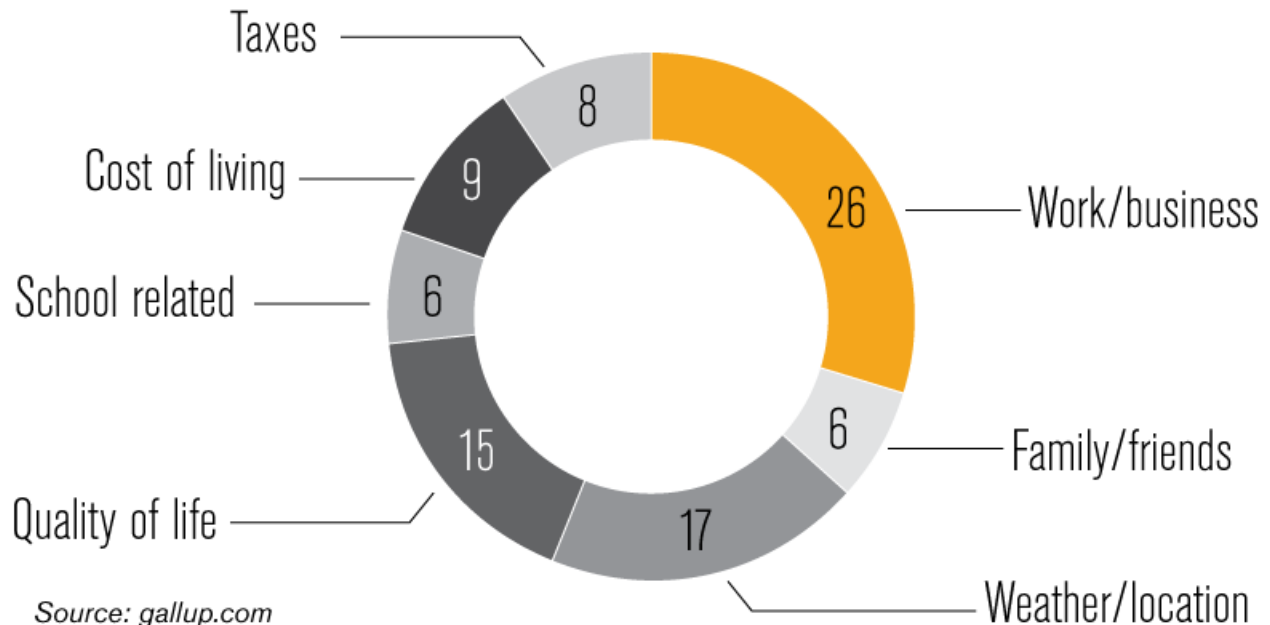
- **No state funding for Adult Education and Literacy Programs**
 - *With many education programs scheduled to start in September, community-based providers are being forced to gamble—those that can are using other dollars to cover the costs of their adult, parent, and family education programs and hoping the state dollars eventually come through. When adults gain literary skills, their children’s literacy benefits.*
- **No state funding for comprehensive community-based youth services (\$16m in FY15)**
 - *Reported provider closures, reductions in services to mandated clients only, transferring cases, and staff layoffs. September a crucial month for most agencies’ cash flow.*
- **No state funding for immigrant services**
 - *Providers laying off staff and reducing number of immigrants they help connect to vital services and work towards obtaining citizenship. Centro Romero in Chicago is operating at 60% capacity along with layoffs and furloughs. The Latino Organization of the Southwest shutdown operations after more than 20 years of service. More organization closures are expected.*
- **Citizens are leaving Illinois in record numbers and taking taxable income with them**
 - *In 2014, more people moved away from Illinois than any other state in the US. In one year, Illinois lost \$1.5 billion dollars in taxable income from population moving from the state. Human services in the state, among other factors, have shown that 50% of Illinois residents want to leave the state according to a 2014 Gallup Poll.*

Illinois' record exodus Illinois' net loss of residents to other states, 1991-2014



Illinoisans want jobs and a better business environment

Reasons for leaving Illinois



- **No state funding for The Autism Project (\$4.3m)**
 - Program closure in Charleston, eliminating services for over 100 children and their families and trainings/consultations for about 900 educators and health providers.
- **No state funding for domestic violence shelters and services (\$18m)**
 - Services for 75,000 survivors of domestic violence are at risk. Many providers reducing hours and staff and experiencing difficulty extending credit lines due to uncertain state funding.
- **No state funding for HIV/AIDS prevention and Treatment Services (\$28m)**
 - Federal funding is estimated to only support HIV Prevention Lead Support Grants into October, depriving thousands of at-risk resident's access to life-saving education, prevention services, counseling, and testing.
- **No state funding for civic legal aid**
 - 17,500 fewer vulnerable Illinoisans impacted by domestic violence, eviction, and financial exploitation will have access to the civil justice system.
- **No state funding for employment and training programs for unemployed, low-income, or low-skilled workers**
 - Hundreds of unemployed, low-income, or low-skilled workers don't have access to employment training that helps improve employment rates and increase earning potential.

Information taken from US Census Bureau, Gallup, Voices for Illinois Children, The Fiscal Policy Center, Literacy Works

This full informational packet can be found on Centro Romero's website in PDF format at www.centroromero.org/factsheet



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