Caregiving in the US 2025:

Spotlight on Illinois





In Illinois, one quarter of adults (23%) are family caregivers, currently providing care to a family member or friend or had provided care within the last year, representing 2,224,000 adults in Illinois.

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Who Are Family Caregivers in Illinois?

71% Women



Caregiver average age is 49 years old



have worked while caregiving

Care recipient average age is 66 years old



care for a parent

32%

are sandwich generation caregivers with a child at home while caring for an adult

Well-Being of Family Caregivers in Illinois



47%

experienced at least one negative financial impact such as taking on more debt, stopping saving, or being unable to afford basic expenses



40% report moderate to high levels of emotional stress



receive no help with caregiving (either paid or unpaid)

What Are Family Caregivers in Illinois Doing?

99%

assist with instrumental activities of daily living such as meal prep, administering medicines, and managing finances

61%

assist with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, and feeding

49%

help with medical and nursing tasks

36%

engage in high-intensity caregiving (more hours and higher complexity of care)

provide at least 40 hours of care per week or constant care

For full methodology, see Methodology Appendix of Caregiving in the US: Caring Across States. www.aarp.org/caringacrossstates



