

The Illinois Economic Policy Institute (ILEPI) is a nonpartisan nonprofit research organization that uses advanced statistics and the latest forecasting models to promote thoughtful economic growth for businesses and working families.

KEY FACTS

- We have published over 200 reports since our founding in 2013.
- Our research has been cited in over 100 news stories every year for the past five years.
- Our focus areas include: transportation funding, prevailing wage, apprenticeship training, responsible bidding, climate jobs, workers' rights, the \$15 minimum wage, economic development, and budgets and taxes.
- We maintain an updated toolkit on the Rebuild Illinois capital program on our website—with fact sheets, revenue estimates, funding breakdowns, maps, and links to legislation.

RECENT POLICY CHANGES INFLUENCED BY OUR RESEARCH

1. The \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois capital plan
2. The Safe Roads (Lockbox) Amendment
3. Funding for the I-80 reconstruction project
4. Performance-based programming for transportation projects
5. The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act
6. The first \$15 minimum wage in the Midwest
7. The Workers' Rights Amendment
8. A stronger Illinois Prevailing Wage Act
9. The WorkShare IL program
10. Legal adult-use recreational cannabis

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