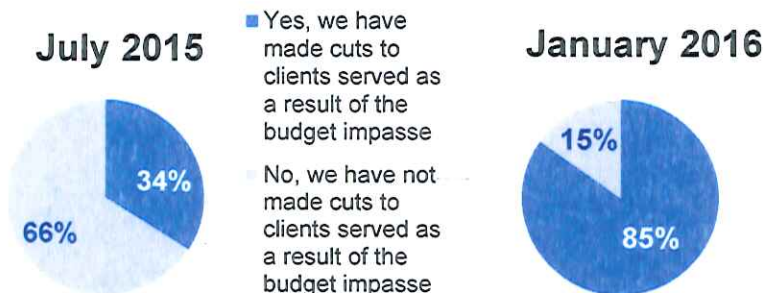


United Way of Illinois 3rd Agency State Budget Survey: High Level Findings

The findings below were drawn from 444 responses to a survey conducted January 6 –13, 2016 of human service agencies in every Illinois county that receive some amount of state funding. Nearly half of these agencies reported making service, program, and/or operational cuts due to the budget impasse. Of those agencies who report making cuts:

85% of agencies have cut the number of clients they serve

Agencies reporting they had made cuts to clients served increased from 34% in July 2015 to 85% in January 2016.



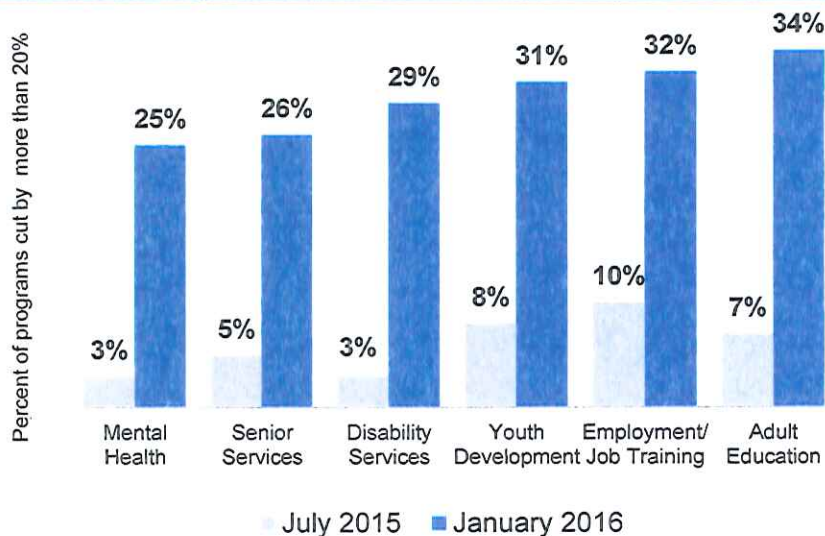
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Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services, a domestic violence and sexual assault agency serving 500 clients in Urbana, Illinois

84% of respondents have cut programs; cuts to programs supporting the mentally ill and the disabled have increased dramatically and cuts to programming serving seniors, children and adults seeking education or jobs have more than tripled

"Elimination of Teen Reach has left many students without any after school programs. Also, with the elimination of youth jobs programs, youth have lost employment opportunities in the community and have lost an average of \$2,500 in income for their families."

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, a Chicago, Illinois agency serving 4,000 clients



23% of agencies report they will struggle to operate at existing levels if the budget impasse continues through March

Of all agency respondents that report taking measures to maintain operations as of January 2016:

- 49% of agencies have **tapped into their cash reserves**
- 26% of agencies have **utilized lines of credit** and, of those:
 - Respondents have taken on **over \$35,000,000 in debt to stay open**
 - The average credit line utilized by these respondents was **\$300,000**
- 27% of agencies have **laid off staff** and 5% have had to **skip payroll**

"We are now borrowing...we will need to borrow a minimum of \$3.5 million and I hope we make it. Meanwhile, seniors are starving and being left in the cold."

Senior Services Plus, a senior services agency serving 30,000 clients in Alton, Illinois

United Way of Illinois 3rd Agency State Budget Survey: Select Agency Respondent Quotes

Impact on Clients

"The Home Delivered Meals Program for DuPage County was reduced from 5 days per week to 2 days per week...The Community Dining Program has been closed until further notice. This program served a hot meal and provided socialization to 400 seniors each day."

- DuPage Senior Citizens Council, a food programs agency serving 4,000 in Lombard, Illinois

"Clients, who often need counseling services immediately after an assault, are triaged and on our waiting list for up to 12 weeks before an appointment is available. Due to reductions in services by other agencies in our area, there is no place to refer them for quicker access to counseling - as well as other needs."

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"We have had to cut the hours of our two part-time psychiatrists by 30%. Many patients have been referred elsewhere for this care and are waiting longer and finding it much more difficult to access care. New patients are not being accepted for psychiatric services at the agency."

- Family Service and Mental Health Center of Cicero, a mental health agency serving 1,620 in Cicero, Illinois

Impact on Programs

"By next week, we will begin to cease services including adult day service...If we close, the daily transportation and senior lunch program will not have a site to provide these two services. Socialization, depression prevention and health programs provided to 300 seniors will close at the same time."

- Fox Valley Older Adult Services, a senior services agency serving 365 in Sandwich, Illinois

"All of our modified case management services have been cut...That leaves 75 youth who no longer get one-on-one services, school grade monitoring, staffing and family contacts."

- Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto, an agency serving youth in Bethalto, Illinois

"The Illinois Healthy Families Program had to be closed because of non-payment from the state. More than 60 young pregnant mothers were being provided with comprehensive case management to ensure their children were born healthy and that they had the parenting skills to assure their children received the care that is needed."

- Lessie Bates David Neighborhood House, an agency providing support services for 19,500 in East Saint Louis, Illinois

Impact on Operational and Fiscal Health

"The social service infrastructure in Illinois is fundamentally contracting as a result of inaction on the budget. It will be very costly to recreate [that] infrastructure once it's gone."

- Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, a youth development agency serving 4,000 in Chicago, Illinois

"We have withdrawn approximately \$400,000 from our endowment and can't withdraw anymore. When this is gone we will have to use our line of credit that has a max of \$300,000...we will have to close the programs in the very near future."

- Senior Services Associates, an agency serving 28,000 in Elgin, Illinois

"The 2017 survival of our organization is in question. We cannot float the state for an entire year with no idea of when a budget will be passed...After June 30, 2016 we will have to start developing plans to shut down our programs..."

- Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative, an AIDS prevention organization serving 150 clients in Chicago, Illinois