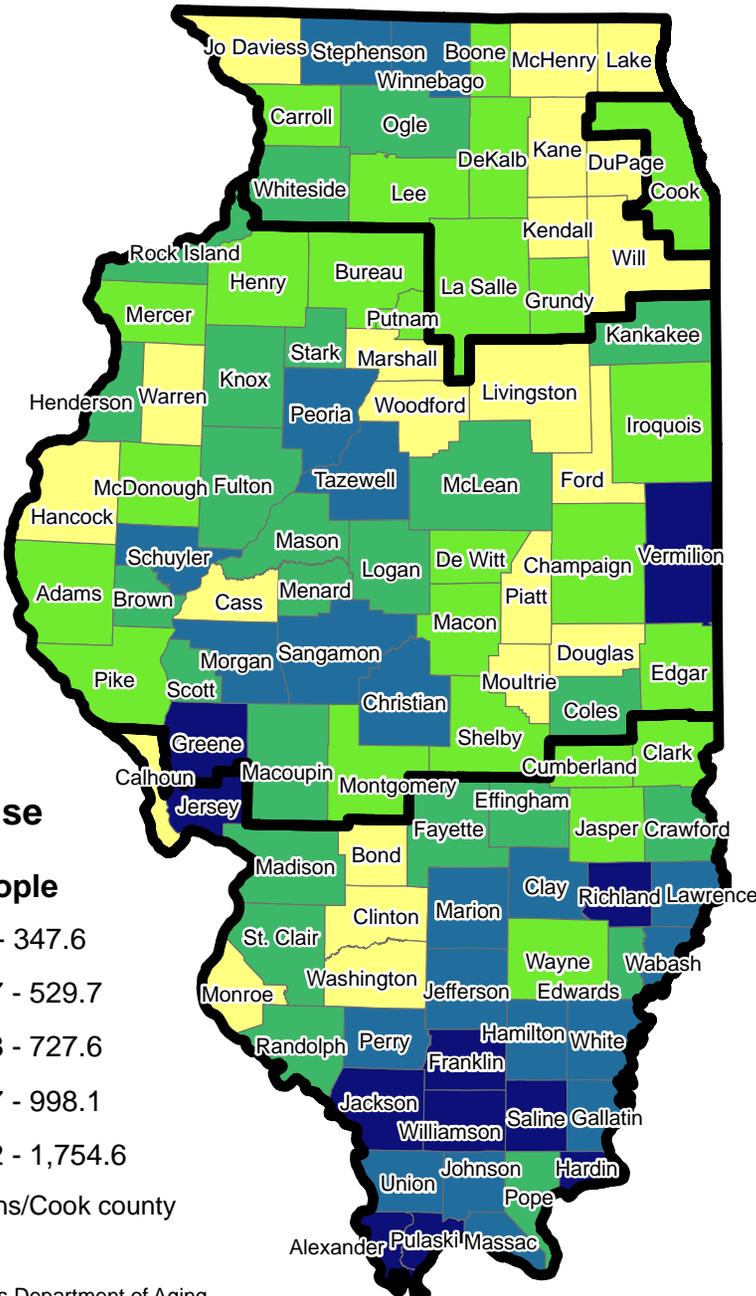
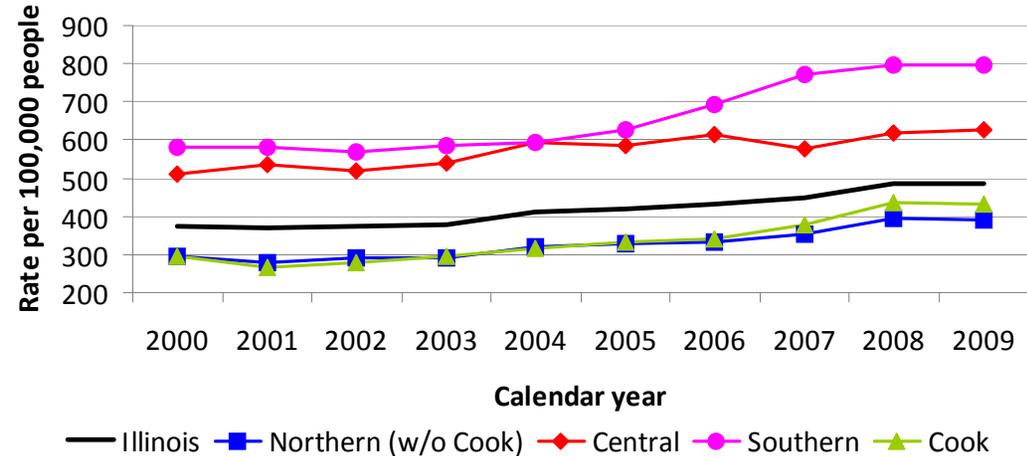


Elder Abuse Rate Per 100,000 People CY2009



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- Elder abuse, as reported to the Illinois Department on Aging (I-DOA) under the Elder Abuse and Neglect Program is the least recognized form of family violence, and can include physical, sexual or emotional abuse, confinement, passive neglect, willful deprivation and financial exploitation. In most cases, victims are subjected to more than one form of maltreatment.
- For instance, according to the I-DOA's 2008 Annual Report, 73 percent of the total 10,583 reported elder abuse cases involved some form of abuse: emotional (4,846), physical (2,321), and/or sexual (576). Additional reported incidences were due to financial exploitation (56%), passive neglect (39%), willful deprivation (13%), and confinement (9%).
- The 2008 Annual Report also highlighted that three-fourths of the abusers were within the family such as children (44%), spouses (11%), or some other relative of the victim (22%), and that 75 percent of the victims were female.
- In 2009, there were 10,830 reported cases of elder abuse in Illinois, a 47 percent increase from the number reported in 2000 (7,382). The map shows the distribution of reported elder abuse cases, in terms of the rate per 100,000 persons ages 60 and older.
- From 2000 through 2009, the rate of reported cases of elder abuse increased in every region of the state: 33 percent in the Northern region outside Cook County, 46 percent in Cook County, 37 percent in the Southern region, and 23 percent in the Central region. (See map for geographic regions).