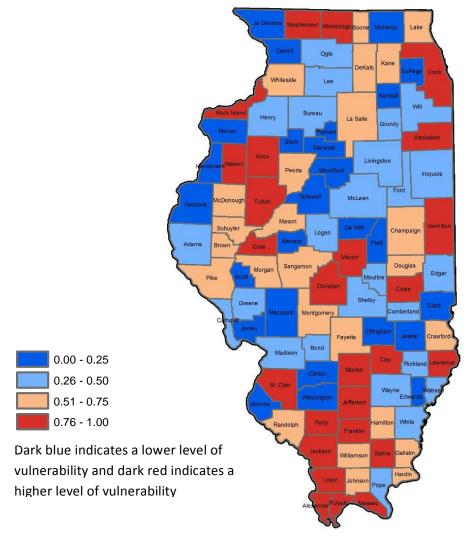
## **Toolkit Addendum for Clinton County Health Department**

In addition to the suggested strategies and tools to strengthen existing heat illness prevention methods, this addendum provides information specific to Clinton County Health Department to further assist your LHD in planning for extreme heat events. Included in this section are the following:

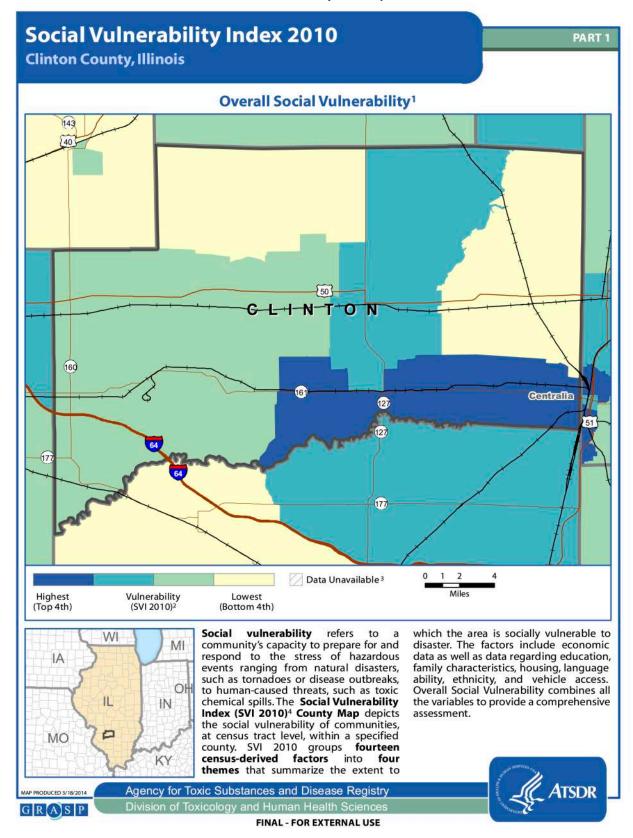
- Social vulnerability Index maps
- Heat hospitalization numbers and rates

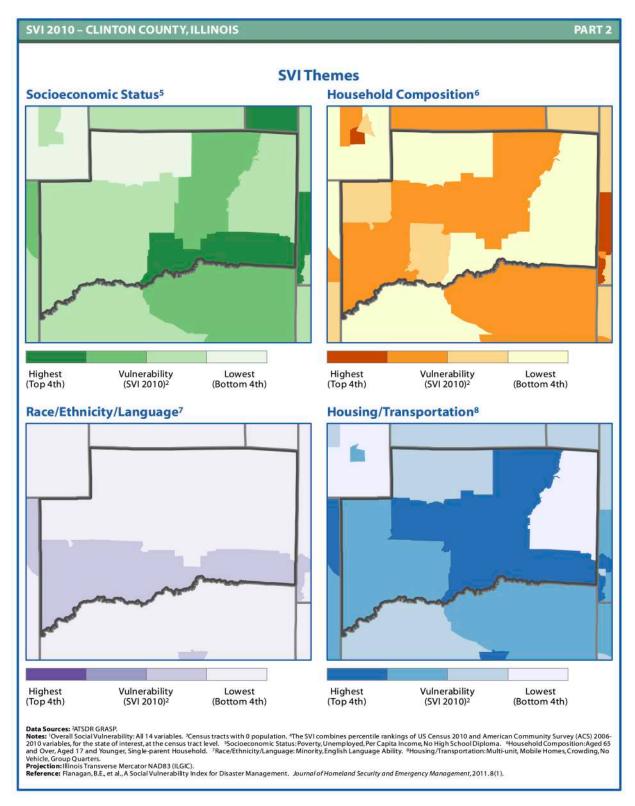
## Social Vulnerability Index Maps

The Center for Disease Prevention and Control's (CDC) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) developed the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI). The SVI is a geospatial tool that was developed to help emergency response planners and public health officials identify and map the communities that will most likely need support before, during, and after a hazardous event. Using 2010 Census Tract data, it breaks vulnerability down into four themes – housing composition, socioeconomic status, minority status/language, and housing/transportation. It then combines the four themes to assess an areas overall vulnerability. Below is a map of the overall vulnerability for all counties in Illinois and maps of the four themes and overall vulnerability specifically for Clinton County. For zip code specific maps, go to http://svi.cdc.gov/map.aspx



## **Clinton County SVI Maps**





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## **Heat Illness in Clinton County, Illinois**

Data from IDPH show that between 1987 and 2014, 45 people in Clinton County were hospitalized for heat illness. The population of Clinton County was 37,762 in the 2010 census. The rate of hospitalization for heat illness in Clinton County is 4.52. This is 82% greater than the rate of Cook County, where the devastating 1995 Chicago heat wave occurred in which over 700 people died.

The known risk factors for dying of heat stroke include living alone, lack of air conditioning, being elderly, and having chronic medical and psychiatric conditions. Doing strenuous work outdoors in the heat also puts people at risk for potentially fatal heat illness.