

Illinois
(Dollars in Thousands)

Illinois	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	108,966	-5,158	103,808

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Illinois totaled about \$109 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$5 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has over 250 employees in Illinois. Illinois has one historic site and shares three historic trails with adjoining States in addition to seven refuges that preserve habitat and species.
- Together these assets attracted almost 1.5 million visitors, created 842 jobs, and generated \$59 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Illinois stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$3.0 million from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities.
 - \$1.4 million from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge*.
 - \$257 thousand from National Park Service sites like *Lincoln Home National Historic Site*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Illinois would drop by about \$2.5 million.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	23,882	-1,218	22,664
Historic Preservation Fund	1,144	-57	1,087
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	1,452	-73	1,379
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,175	-60	1,115
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	19,093	-974	18,119
State and Wildlife Grants	1,568	-78	1,490
Mineral Revenue Payments	264	-13	251
Total, Illinois	45,578	-2,473	46,105

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.