



## Metro East St. Louis Region

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# Human Trafficking Service Inventory and Needs Assessment

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## Background and Methods

In 2019, a small research team developed a [needs assessment](#) and demographic snapshot of human trafficking in the State of Missouri and the neighboring Metro East St. Louis area of Illinois. The needs assessment data were reanalyzed in 2021 and now reflect [CATE](#) regions. A research team also developed a [resource guide](#) of key resources survivors are most likely to indicate needing/ using in all Missouri Counties and 8 counties in the Metro East St. Louis area. In 2020-2021, a small research team quantified the resource guides, developing a comprehensive service inventory. This report includes regional needs assessment and service inventory data, along with brief descriptive narratives depicting identified resource gaps in the Metro East St. Louis Region.

## Service Inventory

In the Metro East St. Louis Region, on the Illinois side of the bi-state area, service inventory data reveal some key patterns (see Table 1). Services appear to be largely concentrated in St. Clair and Madison counties. Shelter is extremely limited outside of these two counties for adults as well as youth. There are service deserts in terms of human trafficking education and training and prevention education outside of these counties as well. Legal services are similarly concentrated in Madison and St. Clair counties, with one option available in Monroe County. There appear to be food pantries and substance use disorder (SUD) related services in all counties in the region. The availability of drop-in centers is particularly lacking, with four available in the region, and all located in St. Clair County.

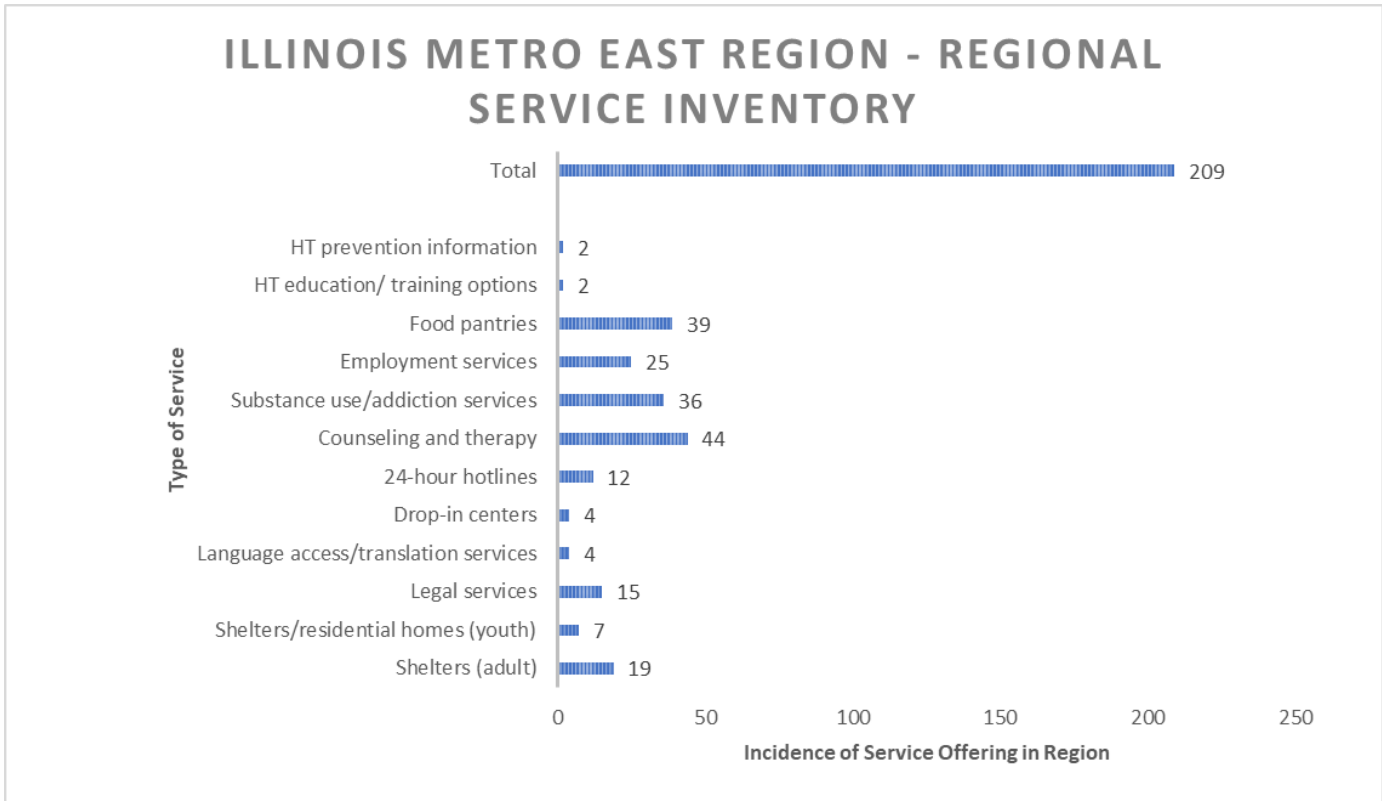
**TABLE 1: ILLINOIS/METRO EAST ST. LOUIS REGIONAL SERVICE INVENTORY BY COUNTY**

County	Shelters (adult)	Shelters/ residential homes (youth)	Legal services	Language access services	Drop-in centers	24-hour hotlines	Counseling and therapy	SUD services	Job services	Food pantries	HT Education and Training	HT Prevention Information	Total
St. Clair	9	4	8	1	4	3	16	7	4	6	1	1	64
Madison	6	2	6	0	0	5	18	17	7	9	1	1	72
Monroe	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	3	4	0	0	15
Macoupin	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	3	8	0	0	19
Jersey	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	3	0	0	11
Clinton	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	3	2	0	0	11
Calhoun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
Bond	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	5	0	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>209</b>

Note: Services were only counted in the counties they were located in to avoid duplication of counts, although service providers often serve neighboring counties and some serve statewide.

When combining service inventory data for the region, services that appear to be significantly lacking include Human Trafficking prevention information and education and training options, drop in centers, youth shelters or residential homes, and language access or translation services (see Figure 1).

**FIGURE 1: ILLINOIS/METRO EAST ST. LOUIS REGIONAL SERVICE INVENTORY**



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### Needs Assessment

Needs assessment data complements service inventory data to show not only what is available, but what service providers indicate is needed in their region. While the service inventory data indicates a larger number of adult shelters compared to youth shelters, when compared to the needs assessment data, both are reported as very high level need services. Demand for shelter for adults appears to outweigh available services. Furthermore, other very high level needs that were not included in the service inventory data also relate to housing, including transitional housing and general housing assistance. This suggests housing as a key area in need of funding and expansion. Legal services, job training (e.g., employment services), and mental healthcare (e.g., therapy/counseling), were also listed as very high level needs, again, suggesting demand for such services exceeds availability. Substance use disorder related services, including residential/detox services, and outpatient services were reported as high level needs, indicating that while all counties had SUD related services, they do not meet the need for such services. Labor trafficking prevention and language access services were reported as moderate needs, indicating ongoing funding is needed to sustain them, and expansion to areas within the region where such services are lacking. Consistent with the identified gaps in the service inventory results, the needs assessment data indicates access to drop in centers is a high level need in the region.

**FIGURE 2: ILLINOIS/ METRO EAST ST. LOUIS REGIONAL NEEDS ASSESSEMENT**

