

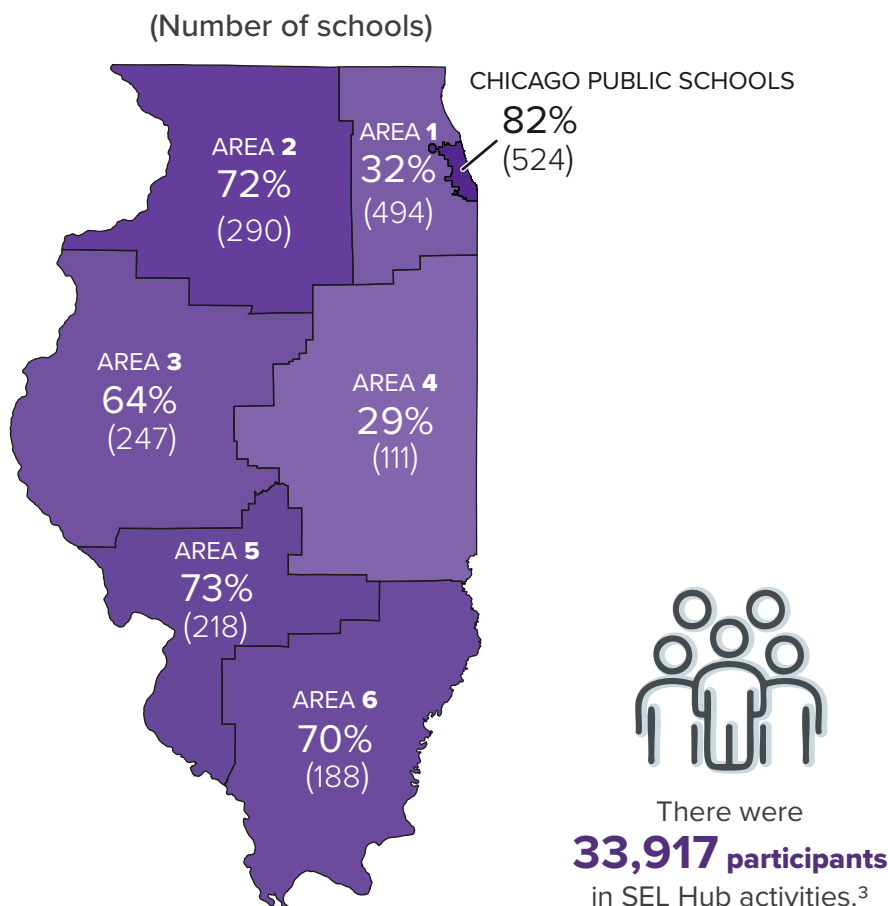
Illinois Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Hubs

What are the SEL Hubs?

The Illinois Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Hubs provide schools and districts with professional development, training, resources, and support for SEL, mental health, and trauma-responsive educational approaches that meet local needs. This includes the Resilience Education to Advance Community Healing (REACH) Initiative.¹

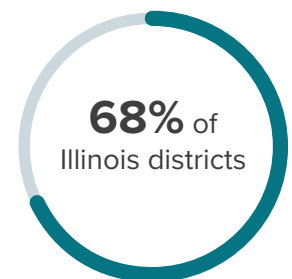
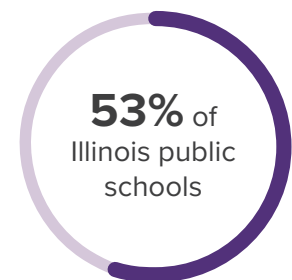
The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) created the SEL Hubs in 2021 and the seven SEL Hubs are housed in six Regional Offices of Education and in Chicago Public Schools.

Percentage and number of schools that participated in at least one SEL Hub activity in 2023–24



In addition to schools, SEL Hub participants included staff and students from districts, private schools, regional offices of education, career centers, community-based organizations, and other entities.

In the **2023–24 school year:**



participated in at least one
SEL Hub activity.²

“The SEL Hubs were designed to really implement a comprehensive plan to address student safety, mental health, and well-being.”

— **Illinois Regional Leader**

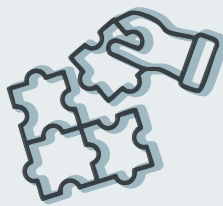
SEL Hubs provided 1,500 activities⁴ in the 2023–24 school year:

- Most frequent activities included **workshops**, **coaching**, **resource sharing**, and **action planning**
- About half were **in-person events**
- Content during the activities included: educator well-being, family and community engagement, trauma-related PD, safe and supportive school climate, and fundamentals of SEL.

Regional leaders reported that the SEL Hubs provided many benefits to schools and districts.



Introducing a **common language** and **understanding of trauma**, **SEL**, and **self-care**;



Cultivating **long-term partnerships** and **cross-agency collaboration** to share and problem solve around SEL; and



Focusing on **educator well-being** and **adult social-emotional competencies**.



The AIR-ISBE Learning Renewal SEL Study is a research practice partnership between ISBE and the [American Institutes for Research® \(AIR®\)](#). The study aims to provide useful feedback about effective strategies for implementing and scaling SEL programs.

For more information about the study, visit [Illinois Learning Renewal - SEL](#)

¹ The Center for Childhood Resilience at Lurie Children's Hospital developed REACH. The initiative builds skills for trauma-responsive and healing-centered practices in schools and districts. REACH focuses on understanding and addressing the needs of the whole child by creating healthy learning environments that protect, support, and heal. [REACH](#) expanded into the [Resilience-Supportive Schools Illinois](#) initiative in the 2024–25 school year.

² A total of 2,909 entities in the state took part in at least one SEL Hub in 2023–24.

³ Participants include school staff such as teachers, counselors, administrators. Participants who participated in multiple activities may be counted multiple times due to how the data was collected. The number of total unique participants is likely less than this number as some participants may have participated in multiple activities. Number of participants does not include Chicago Public Schools due to data availability.

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