

Community Data Snapshot | West Chicago

GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS, 2015

	Community	DuPage County**	CMAP Region
Total Population	27,461	930,412	8,505,977
Total Households	7,566	338,083	3,067,594
Average Household Size	3.6	2.7	2.7
Population Change, 2000-10	15.4%	1.4%	3.5%
Median Age*	31.6	38.8	36.5

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census, 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

*Note that all Regional Medians were calculated based on Grouped Frequency Distributions.

**For municipalities located in more than one county, data provided is for the county containing the largest portion of the municipality.



RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White	10,714	39.0	638,010	68.6	4,437,089	52.2
Hispanic or Latino*	14,257	51.9	129,549	13.9	1,902,685	22.4
Black	614	2.2	42,526	4.6	1,443,074	17.0
Asian	1,659	6.0	100,181	10.8	564,622	6.6
Other	217	0.8	20,146	2.2	158,507	1.9

Source: 2015 American Community Survey, five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

*Includes Hispanic or Latino residents of any race

AGE COHORTS, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
19 and under	9,547	34.8	245,897	26.4	2,271,714	26.7
20 to 34	5,446	19.8	175,819	18.9	1,810,122	21.3
35 to 49	6,173	22.5	190,925	20.5	1,757,378	20.7
50 to 64	4,048	14.7	197,408	21.2	1,623,940	19.1
65 to 79	1,814	6.6	88,262	9.5	763,055	9.0
80 and Older	433	1.6	32,101	3.5	279,768	3.3

Source: 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	864	11.4	42,209	12.5	611,519	19.9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,941	25.7	61,051	18.1	628,579	20.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,228	16.2	56,810	16.8	525,203	17.1
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,043	13.8	47,261	14.0	390,982	12.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,312	17.3	62,654	18.5	469,634	15.3
\$150,000 and Over	1,178	15.6	68,098	20.1	441,677	14.4
Median Income	\$69,071		\$79,658		\$63,441	

Source: 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total households.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
High School Diploma or Higher	11,812	73.0	579,645	92.4	4,930,208	87.0
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,918	24.2	293,166	46.7	2,095,647	37.0

Source: 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 and older.

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HOUSING AND TENURE, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	7,566	94.2	338,083	94.7	3,067,594	90.9
Owner-Occupied	5,052	66.8	248,508	73.5	1,964,992	64.1
Renter-Occupied	2,514	33.2	89,575	26.5	1,102,602	35.9
Vacant Housing Units	467	5.8	18,933	5.3	307,518	9.1

Source: 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates. Universe: Total housing units.

HOUSING TYPE, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	5,261	66.0	213,557	60.0	1,687,381	50.4
Single Family, Attached	528	6.6	43,691	12.3	255,569	7.6
2 Units	85	1.1	2,441	0.7	237,396	7.1
3 or 4 Units	188	2.4	11,585	3.3	281,795	8.4
5 or more Units	1,909	23.9	84,942	23.8	886,515	26.5

Source: 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates. Universe: Total housing units excluding mobile, boat, RV, van, etc.

HOUSING SIZE, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 to 1 Bedrooms	923	11.5	42,816	12.0	546,567	16.2
2 Bedrooms	1,846	23.0	88,113	24.7	968,317	28.7
3 Bedrooms	2,792	34.8	119,867	33.6	1,132,344	33.5
4 Bedrooms	2,060	25.6	86,014	24.1	573,487	17.0
5+ Bedrooms	412	5.1	20,206	5.7	154,397	4.6
Median Number of Rooms*	6.0		6.2		6.0	

Source: 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates. Universe: Total housing units. *Includes all rooms.

HOUSING AGE, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2000 or Later	1,678	20.9	33,997	9.5	415,030	12.3
Built 1970 to 1999	3,635	45.3	205,817	57.6	1,134,825	33.6
Built 1940 to 1969	1,669	20.8	96,630	27.1	1,049,851	31.1
Built Before 1940	1,051	13.1	20,572	5.8	775,406	23.0
Median Year Built	1983		1977		1967	

Source: 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates. Universe: Total housing units.

HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION (H+T)* COSTS, PERCENT OF INCOME PER HOUSEHOLD

	Median-Income Family	Low-Income Single-Parent Family	Moderate-Income Retired Couple	Moderate-Income Family
Housing Costs	29.3	50.2	37.1	35.9
Transportation Costs	21.1	29.7	11.9	20.1
H + T Costs	50.4	79.8	49.1	56.0

Source: Location Affordability Index, U.S. Dept. of Transportation and U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

*The purpose of the H+T Index is to isolate the effect of location on housing and transportation costs, grouped by common demographic characteristics that form four distinct household types. The values above represent the percent of household income that an average household within each of these types in the region would spend on housing and transportation if they lived in this county. The standard threshold of affordability is equal to 30 percent for housing costs and 45 percent for housing and transportation costs combined. For more information, visit www.locationaffordability.info/About_Data.aspx.

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	14,371	71.7	516,237	70.1	4,530,902	67.6
Employed*	13,257	92.2	479,592	92.9	4,089,665	90.3
Unemployed	1,114	7.8	36,311	7.0	428,995	9.5
Not In Labor Force	5,667	28.3	220,567	29.9	2,168,191	32.4

Source: 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population aged 16 and over.

*Does not include employed population in the Armed Forces.

PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT, 2015*

	Community		DuPage County		Six-County Region**	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Private Employment	15,422	N/A	544,363	N/A	3,433,003	N/A
Job Change (2005-15)	499	3.3	24,522	4.7	99,623	3.0
Private Sector Jobs per HH	2.04		1.61		1.13	

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

*Figures exclude employees not covered by unemployment insurance.

**Kendall County is not included in IDES data.

EMPLOYMENT OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS, 2014

EMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY, 2014

<i>By Industry Sector</i>			<i>By Industry Sector</i>		
	Count	Percent		Count	Percent
Manufacturing	1,733	14.6	Manufacturing	4,491	29.9
Retail Trade	1,216	10.3	Wholesale Trade	1,682	11.2
Health Care	1,182	10.0	Administration	1,663	11.1
Administration	1,084	9.2	Retail Trade	1,562	10.4
Wholesale Trade	952	8.0	Construction	1,253	8.3

By Employment Location

By Residence Location

West Chicago	1,471	12.4	West Chicago	1,471	9.8
Chicago	1,467	12.4	Aurora	1,101	7.3
Wheaton	522	4.4	Chicago	737	4.9
St. Charles	437	3.7	Elgin	552	3.7
Aurora	414	3.5	St. Charles	427	2.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal-Employer Household Dynamics Program.

MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK, 2015

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
<i>Work at Home*</i>	379	N/A	24,244	N/A	183,368	N/A
Drive Alone	9,493	75.0	367,120	82.3	2,783,650	72.6
Carpool	2,325	18.4	35,595	8.0	333,064	8.7
Transit	303	2.4	30,269	6.8	515,377	13.4
Walk or Bike	426	3.4	9,518	2.1	160,132	4.2
Other	116	0.9	3,802	0.9	43,951	1.1
TOTAL COMMUTERS	12,663	100.0	446,304	100.0	3,836,174	100.0

Source: 2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

*Not included in "total commuters."

ANNUAL VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) PER HOUSEHOLD, 2015*

	Community	DuPage County	CMAP Region
Average Vehicle Miles Traveled	23,869	21,800	16,723

Source: CMAP analysis of US Census Bureau, HERE, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Secretary of State data.

*Estimates are made from input data from 2013-2016.

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GENERAL MERCHANDISE RETAIL SALES, 2016

	Community	DuPage County	CMAQ Region
Total Retail Sales*	\$327,285,871	\$20,274,952,381	\$125,192,928,993
Total Sales per Capita**	\$11,918	\$21,791	\$14,718

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue.

*Does not include qualifying food, drugs, and medical appliances.

**Per capita calculations based on population from 2015 ACS 5-year estimates.

EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE, 2015

		OPEN SPACE AND WALK SCORE	
Residential	\$363,843,948	<i>Open Space Acreage per 1,000 Residents</i>	
Commercial	\$81,068,291	Community	62.0
Industrial	\$122,668,530	DuPage County	45.0
Railroad	\$5,380,170	Region	39.8
Farm	\$462,209	Walk Score*	35
Mineral	\$0		
TOTAL	\$573,423,148		

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue.

Source: CMAP calculations of 2013 Land Use Inventory; walkscore.com.

*Walk Score is a number between 0 and 100 that measures the average walkability of a municipality.

GENERAL LAND USE, 2013

	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	1,573.0	15.9
Multi-Family Residential	109.4	1.1
Commercial	345.4	3.5
Industrial	1,005.8	10.1
Institutional	278.9	2.8
Mixed Use	3.0	0.0
Transportation and Other	2,919.4	29.4
Agricultural	1,269.8	12.8
Open Space	1,701.8	17.2
Vacant	708.9	7.1
TOTAL	9,915.6	100.0

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Parcel-Based Land Use Inventory.

For More Information

Please direct inquiries to Jon Hallas, 312-386-8764 or JHallas@cmap.illinois.gov. To access other Community Data Snapshots for municipalities and counties in the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's seven-county northeastern Illinois region, visit www.cmap.illinois.gov/data/metropulse/.



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