

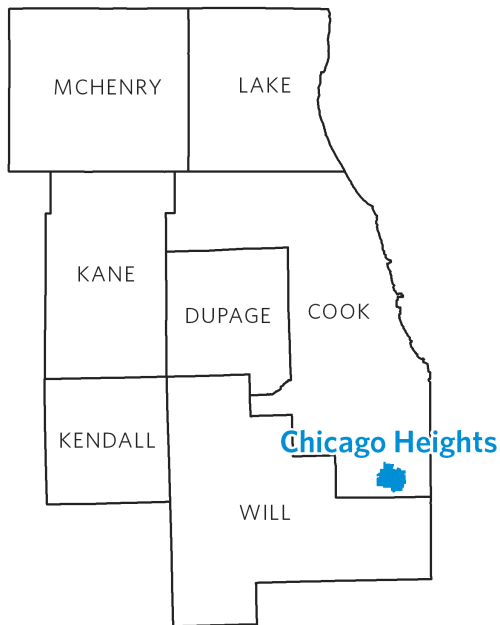


Chicago Heights

Community Data Snapshot

Municipality Series

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About the Community Data Snapshots

The Community Data Snapshots is a series of data profiles for every county, municipality, and Chicago Community Area (CCA) within the [Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning \(CMAP\)](#) seven-county northeastern Illinois region. The snapshots primarily feature data from the [American Community Survey \(ACS\) five-year estimates](#). All data sources are noted beneath each table.

CMAP publishes updated Community Data Snapshots annually, usually in July. The latest version can always be found on the CMAP website at cmap.illinois.gov/data/community-snapshots. Current and historical snapshot data is available in table format at the [CMAP Data Hub](#). Please direct any questions to info@cmap.illinois.gov.

To improve the Community Data Snapshots in the future, CMAP wants to hear from you! **Please take a quick survey** to describe how you use this data and what you would like to see in next year's snapshots.

User Notes

Definitions

For data derived from the ACS, the Community Data Snapshots uses terminology based on the [ACS subject definitions](#).

Margins of Error

The ACS is a sample-based data product. Exercise caution when using data from low-population communities, as the margins of error are often large compared to the estimates. For more details, please refer to the [ACS sample size and data quality methodology](#).

Regional Values

Regional values are estimated by aggregating ACS data for the seven counties that compose the CMAP region. These counties are Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will.

Median Values

The Census Bureau encourages users to aggregate small levels of geographies into larger areas to estimate median values for those areas. Median values for the aggregated geographies (CCAs and the CMAP region) are estimated from the [grouped frequency distributions](#) reported in the ACS.

Municipalities Located in Multiple Counties

County data is presented for the CMAP county containing the largest portion of the municipality's population, as of the 2020 decennial census.

Municipalities That Extend Beyond the CMAP Region

Values derived from CMAP analyses are generally restricted to geographies that fall within the CMAP regional boundaries. Specifically, values in the General Land Use, Equalized Assessed Value, and Water Supply tables only represent the portion of each municipality that falls within the seven-county CMAP region. This snapshot is for Chicago Heights, which does *not* extend beyond the CMAP region.

Comparing ACS Data Across Past Community Data Snapshots

When using multiple releases of the CDS, please take care not to compare overlapping ACS 5-year estimates. The Census Bureau provides [specific guidance](#) for when it is appropriate to compare ACS data across time. Please contact CMAP staff at info@cmap.illinois.gov if you have additional questions.

Population and Households

The population and household tables include general demographic, social, and economic characteristics summarized for Chicago Heights.

General Population Characteristics, 2023

	Chicago Heights	Cook County	CMAP Region
Total Population	26,938	5,185,812	8,485,926
Total Households	9,209	2,084,578	3,276,096
Average Household Size	2.8	2.4	2.5
Percent Population Change, 2000-10	-7.6	-3.4	3.5
Percent Population Change, 2010-23	-11.0	-0.2	0.6
Percent Population Change, 2000-23	-17.8	-3.6	4.2

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census, 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Race and Ethnicity, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	5,463	20.3	2,102,352	40.5	4,119,620	48.5
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	10,017	37.2	1,374,034	26.5	2,077,117	24.5
Black (Non-Hispanic)	10,598	39.3	1,148,288	22.1	1,359,554	16.0
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	61	0.2	397,936	7.7	649,017	7.6
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	799	3.0	163,202	3.1	280,618	3.3

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Age Cohorts, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Under 5	1,436	5.3	290,804	5.6	475,109	5.6
5 to 19	6,838	25.4	942,302	18.2	1,624,391	19.1
20 to 34	4,879	18.1	1,143,289	22.0	1,742,314	20.5
35 to 49	5,406	20.1	1,043,420	20.1	1,704,607	20.1
50 to 64	4,870	18.1	959,690	18.5	1,627,982	19.2
65 to 74	2,004	7.4	477,139	9.2	784,080	9.2
75 to 84	1,152	4.3	227,541	4.4	371,447	4.4
85 and Over	353	1.3	101,627	2.0	155,996	1.8
Median Age	35.6		37.8		38.4	

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Educational Attainment*, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than High School Diploma	2,527	15.1	423,440	11.7	615,007	10.5
High School Diploma or Equivalent	5,628	33.6	805,456	22.2	1,290,688	22.0
Some College, No Degree	4,054	24.2	635,142	17.5	1,055,421	18.0
Associate's Degree	1,147	6.9	243,855	6.7	415,097	7.1
Bachelor's Degree	2,364	14.1	884,983	24.4	1,469,731	25.1
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,020	6.1	638,210	17.6	1,011,913	17.3

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
 *Highest degree or level of school completed by an individual.

Universe: Population 25 years and older

Nativity, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Native	22,714	84.3	4,076,064	78.6	6,827,326	80.5
Foreign Born	4,224	15.7	1,109,748	21.4	1,658,600	19.5

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Only	17,135	67.2	3,156,280	64.5	5,434,701	67.8
Spanish	7,525	29.5	1,028,255	21.0	1,517,770	18.9
Slavic Languages	279	1.1	204,908	4.2	284,004	3.5
Chinese	0	0.0	67,828	1.4	92,694	1.2
Tagalog	0	0.0	48,429	1.0	75,308	0.9
Arabic	0	0.0	48,573	1.0	63,580	0.8
Korean	0	0.0	25,306	0.5	35,008	0.4
Other Asian Languages	85	0.3	67,207	1.4	116,634	1.5
Other Indo-European Languages	314	1.2	200,215	4.1	330,350	4.1
Other/Unspecified Languages	164	0.6	48,007	1.0	60,768	0.8
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	8,367	32.8	1,738,728	35.5	2,576,116	32.2
Speak English Less than "Very Well"*	2,944	11.5	678,937	13.9	965,360	12.1

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older

*For people who speak a language other than English at home, the ACS asks whether they speak English "very well," "well," "not well," or "not at all."

Population with a Disability, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Number of People with a Disability	3,738	13.9	575,412	11.1	878,107	10.3
One Type of Disability Only	1,882	7.0	301,884	5.8	470,370	5.5
Two or More Types of Disability	1,856	6.9	273,528	5.3	407,737	4.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Disability by Type, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Hearing Difficulty	461	1.7	127,647	2.5	209,497	2.5
Vision Difficulty	900	3.3	115,252	2.2	166,646	2.0
Cognitive Difficulty	1,809	6.7	212,434	4.1	321,997	3.8
Ambulatory Difficulty	1,806	6.7	296,562	5.7	435,950	5.1
Self-Care Difficulty	791	2.9	114,826	2.2	170,525	2.0
Independent Living Difficulty^{†*}	1,510	7.8	222,523	5.5	329,972	5.1

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

[Click here](#) to learn more about how disability is defined for this dataset.

*Universe: Total population over 18

[†]Does not include residents of nursing homes or skilled nursing facilities that provide long-term, nonacute care.

Disability by Age Cohorts, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0-17 with a Disability	550	2.0	39,631	0.8	65,487	0.8
18-64 with a Disability	2,232	8.3	284,613	5.5	428,242	5.0
65-74 with a Disability	385	1.4	106,388	2.1	161,968	1.9
75 and Over with a Disability	571	2.1	144,780	2.8	222,410	2.6

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Health Insurance Coverage, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Uninsured	3,169	11.8	460,523	8.9	654,731	7.7
Uninsured and disabled	219	0.8	31,253	0.6	43,267	0.5

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Household Size, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
1-Person Household	2,575	28.0	714,789	34.3	985,617	30.1
2-Person Household	2,494	27.1	622,884	29.9	1,008,017	30.8
3-Person Household	1,491	16.2	301,503	14.5	504,018	15.4
4-or-More-Person Household	2,649	28.8	445,402	21.4	778,444	23.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Type, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Family	6,133	66.6	1,211,099	58.1	2,070,874	63.2
Single Parent with Child	1,469	16.0	171,216	8.2	257,654	7.9
Non-Family	3,076	33.4	873,479	41.9	1,205,222	36.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Income, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	2,193	23.8	335,740	16.1	439,439	13.4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,994	21.7	335,309	16.1	476,017	14.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,533	16.6	297,564	14.3	458,143	14.0
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,043	11.3	256,665	12.3	407,824	12.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,605	17.4	356,146	17.1	601,803	18.4
\$150,000 and Over	841	9.1	503,154	24.1	892,870	27.3
Median Income	\$57,479		\$81,797		\$91,211	
Per Capita Income*	\$25,488		\$47,801		\$49,183	

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

*Universe: Total population

Household Computer and Internet Access, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
One or More Computing Devices	8,445	91.7	1,968,569	94.4	3,123,104	95.3
Smartphone(s) Only	1,496	16.2	193,343	9.3	260,365	7.9
No Computing Devices	764	8.3	116,009	5.6	152,992	4.7
Internet Access	8,053	87.4	1,924,069	92.3	3,062,137	93.5
Broadband Subscription	7,797	84.7	1,859,300	89.2	2,976,465	90.9
No Internet Access	1,156	12.6	160,509	7.7	213,959	6.5

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	9,209	85.3	2,084,578	91.8	3,276,096	93.2
Owner-Occupied*	5,816	63.2	1,198,834	57.5	2,116,804	64.6
Renter-Occupied*	3,393	36.8	885,744	42.5	1,159,292	35.4
Vacant Housing Units	1,590	14.7	185,771	8.2	239,417	6.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units
*Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Costs as a Percentage of Household Income*, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$20,000	1,521	17.4	218,263	10.8	282,533	8.9
Less than 20 Percent	13	0.1	4,250	0.2	5,512	0.2
20 to 29 Percent	72	0.8	14,382	0.7	17,248	0.5
30 Percent or More	1,436	16.5	199,631	9.9	259,773	8.1
\$20,000 to \$49,999	2,193	25.1	398,059	19.7	562,059	17.6
Less than 20 Percent	296	3.4	37,868	1.9	53,141	1.7
20 to 29 Percent	437	5.0	65,658	3.3	92,118	2.9
30 Percent or More	1,460	16.7	294,533	14.6	416,800	13.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,533	17.6	293,131	14.5	452,299	14.2
Less than 20 Percent	561	6.4	73,044	3.6	110,823	3.5
20 to 29 Percent	564	6.5	100,276	5.0	150,697	4.7
30 Percent or More	408	4.7	119,811	5.9	190,779	6.0
\$75,000 or More	3,478	39.9	1,109,052	54.9	1,891,958	59.3
Less than 20 Percent	2,952	33.8	721,788	35.8	1,236,129	38.8
20 to 29 Percent	346	4.0	274,744	13.6	470,193	14.7
30 Percent or More	180	2.1	112,520	5.6	185,636	5.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

*Excludes households with zero/negative income, and renting households paying no cash rent.

Housing & Transportation (H+T) Costs as a Percentage of Household Income*, 2018-2022

	Median-Income Family**	Moderate-Income Family***
Housing Costs	18	22
Transportation Costs	18	21
TOTAL H+T COSTS	35	42

Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), [H+T Affordability Index](#) (2018-2022).

*The purpose of the H+T Index is to isolate the effect of location on housing and transportation costs, and is reported for different household typologies. The values above represent the percent of household income that an average household of each type spends on housing and transportation. The standard threshold of affordability is 30% for housing costs alone, and 45% for housing and transportation costs combined.

**"Median-income family" assumes a 4-person, 2-commuter household with income equal to the regional median.

***"Moderate-income family" assumes a 3-person, 1-commuter household with income equal to 80% of the regional median.

Housing Characteristics

The housing characteristics tables include housing unit estimates by housing type, size, and age summarized for Chicago Heights.

Housing Type, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	7,468	69.2	903,365	39.8	1,743,869	49.6
Single Family, Attached	326	3.0	123,778	5.5	267,616	7.6
2 Units	1,211	11.2	210,311	9.3	233,187	6.6
3 or 4 Units	610	5.6	237,405	10.5	276,611	7.9
5 to 9 Units	288	2.7	221,216	9.7	272,171	7.7
10 to 19 Units	167	1.5	110,247	4.9	158,373	4.5
20 or More Units	654	6.1	445,051	19.6	533,018	15.2
Mobile Home/Other*	75	0.7	18,976	0.8	30,668	0.9

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*"Other" includes boats, recreational vehicles (RVs), vans, etc.

Housing Size, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 or 1 Bedroom	1,174	10.9	472,519	20.8	584,858	16.6
2 Bedrooms	2,214	20.5	694,164	30.6	974,700	27.7
3 Bedrooms	5,808	53.8	713,742	31.4	1,154,991	32.9
4 Bedrooms	1,398	12.9	288,265	12.7	616,835	17.5
5 or More Bedrooms	205	1.9	101,659	4.5	184,129	5.2
Median Number of Rooms*	5.7		5.1		6.0	

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*Includes living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, bedrooms, etc., that are separated by built-in, floor-to-ceiling walls.

Excludes bathrooms, porches, balconies, foyers, halls, and unfinished basements.

Housing Age, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2010 or Later	436	4.0	100,411	4.4	172,688	4.9
Built 1990 to 2009	604	5.6	318,777	14.0	764,770	21.8
Built 1970 to 1989	1,735	16.1	448,333	19.7	813,872	23.2
Built 1940 to 1969	6,343	58.7	768,365	33.8	1,032,806	29.4
Built Before 1940	1,681	15.6	634,463	27.9	731,377	20.8
Median Year Built	1958		1961		1970	

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

Transportation

The transportation tables include vehicle availability by household, mode of travel to work, and annual vehicle miles traveled for Chicago Heights.

Vehicles Available per Household, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No Vehicle Available	960	10.4	374,197	18.0	423,777	12.9
1 Vehicle Available	3,778	41.0	860,388	41.3	1,196,026	36.5
2 Vehicles Available	3,175	34.5	597,381	28.7	1,112,204	33.9
3 or More Vehicles Available	1,296	14.1	252,612	12.1	544,089	16.6

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Mode of Travel to Work, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home*	541	5.2	417,538	16.5	690,746	16.4
Drive Alone	7,443	71.6	1,426,145	56.2	2,616,122	62.0
Carpool	1,379	13.3	196,983	7.8	326,525	7.7
Transit	593	5.7	329,280	13.0	376,771	8.9
Walk or Bike	26	0.3	123,111	4.9	147,732	3.5
Other	413	4.0	42,804	1.7	64,598	1.5
TOTAL COMMUTERS	9,854	94.8	2,118,323	83.5	3,531,748	83.6
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	31.9		31.9		30.9	

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Workers 16 years and older

*Not included in total commuters or mean commute time.

Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled per Household*, 2023

	Chicago Heights	Cook County	CMAP Region
Average Vehicle Miles Traveled per Year	15,074	11,618	13,828

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of 2023 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, HERE Technologies, and Census Bureau data. In 2023, the methodology for an adjustment of VMT for new cars (<4 years old) was discontinued. Estimates are not fully comparable to previous years.

*Data not available for all communities in the CMAP region.

Employment

The employment tables include general workforce characteristics for Chicago Heights.

Employment Status, 2019-2023

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	12,370	59.8	2,783,460	66.2	4,590,752	67.2
Employed ^{†*}	10,768	87.0	2,590,618	93.1	4,298,652	93.6
Unemployed*	1,567	12.7	191,304	6.9	278,175	6.1
Not in Labor Force	8,332	40.2	1,421,130	33.8	2,235,861	32.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 16 years and older

[†]Does not include employed population in the Armed Forces.

*Universe: In labor force

Private Sector Employment*, 2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		6-County Region**	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Private Sector Employment	8,558	N/A	2,232,926	N/A	3,560,776	N/A
Job Change, 2014-24	-2,849	-25.0	101,069	4.7	179,601	5.3
Job Change, 2004-24	-5,386	-38.6	83,524	3.9	252,854	7.6
Private Sector Jobs per Household***	0.93		1.07		1.09	

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, Where Workers Work report (2024).

*Figures exclude employees not covered by unemployment insurance. Data not available for all communities in the CMAP region.

**Data is not available for Kendall County.

***Based on households from 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Employment of Chicago Heights Residents*, 2022

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Health Care	1,814	17.2
2. Manufacturing	1,200	11.4
3. Transportation	1,135	10.8
4. Retail Trade	1,037	9.8
5. Education	978	9.3
TOP EMPLOYMENT LOCATIONS		
1. Chicago	2,529	24.0
2. Chicago Heights	903	8.6
3. Homewood	239	2.3
4. Matteson	232	2.2
5. Olympia Fields	221	2.1

Employment in Chicago Heights*, 2022

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Manufacturing	2,111	25.0
2. Education	1,783	21.1
3. Health Care	1,064	12.6
4. Wholesale Trade	655	7.7
5. Transportation	607	7.2
TOP RESIDENCE LOCATIONS		
1. Chicago Heights	903	10.7
2. Chicago	771	9.1
3. Park Forest	240	2.8
4. Steger	202	2.4
5. Homewood	159	1.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program (2022).

*Excludes residents working outside of, and workers living outside of, the seven-county CMAP region.

Land Use

The land use tables include general land use composition for Chicago Heights.

General Land Use, 2020

	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	1,337.7	20.3
Multi-Family Residential	162.7	2.5
Commercial	280.4	4.3
Industrial	1,077.1	16.3
Institutional	507.1	7.7
Mixed Use	11.0	0.2
Transportation and Other	1,750.8	26.6
Agricultural	373.2	5.7
Open Space	475.2	7.2
Vacant	614.1	9.3
TOTAL	6,589.4	100.0

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of the 2020 [Land Use Inventory](#).

Tax Base

The tax base tables include retail sales and equalized assessed values for Chicago Heights.

General Merchandise Retail Sales, 2024

	Chicago Heights	Cook County	CMAP Region
General Merchandise	\$241,754,766	\$79,505,334,385	\$145,067,000,000
Total Retail Sales	\$300,536,303	\$103,073,000,000	\$183,977,000,000
Total Sales per Capita*	\$11,157	\$19,876	\$21,680

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2024.

*Per capita calculations based on population from 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Equalized Assessed Value, 2023

Residential	\$237,009,039
Commercial	\$99,684,663
Industrial	\$91,492,500
Railroad	\$8,625,073
Farm	\$48,877
Mineral	\$0
TOTAL	\$436,860,152

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2023.

Change Over Time

The time series tables include comparisons of current 2019-2023 ACS estimates to historic year estimates from the 2000 Census and 2009-2013 ACS. Historic data may not be available for municipalities that were incorporated after 2000.

Race and Ethnicity, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	36.8	22.7	20.3
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	23.8	34.4	37.2
Black (Non-Hispanic)	37.5	39.8	39.3
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	0.4	0.0	0.2
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	1.5	3.0	3.0

Source: 2000 Census; 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Age Cohorts, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
19 and Under	34.7	33.5	30.7
20 to 34	21.4	20.5	18.1
35 to 49	19.7	19.0	20.1
50 to 64	12.4	16.2	18.1
65 and Over	11.8	10.7	13.0
Median Age	30.6	31.7	35.6

Source: 2000 Census; 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Educational Attainment*, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
Less than High School Diploma	28.3	20.6	15.1
High School Diploma or Equivalent	30.3	33.0	33.6
Some College, No Degree	22.2	25.3	24.2
Associate's Degree	6.7	6.8	6.9
Bachelor's Degree	8.3	8.6	14.1
Graduate or Professional Degree	4.0	5.6	6.1

Source: 2000 Census; 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 years and older

*Highest degree or level of school completed by an individual.

Nativity, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
Native	88.4	84.3
Foreign Born	11.6	15.7

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
English Only	72.5	67.2
Spanish	26.0	29.5
Slavic Languages	0.4	1.1
Chinese	0.0	0.0
Tagalog	0.0	0.0
Arabic	0.0	0.0
Korean	0.0	0.0
Other Asian Languages	0.0	0.3
Other Indo-European Languages	1.0	1.2
Other/Unspecified Languages	0.1	0.6
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	27.5	32.8
Speak English Less than "Very Well"*	9.1	11.5

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older

*For people who speak a language other than English at home, the ACS asks whether they speak English "very well," "well," "not well," or "not at all."

Household Size, Over Time

	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
1-Person Household	27.7	28.0
2-Person Household	25.6	27.1
3-Person Household	15.6	16.2
4-or-More-Person Household	31.1	28.8

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Type, Over Time

	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
Family	70.2	66.6
Single Parent with Child	18.0	16.0
Non-Family	29.8	33.4

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Income, Over Time

	2009-2013 (2023 Dollars)	2019-2023 (2023 Dollars)
Median Income	\$56,376	\$57,479

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
Occupied Housing Units	93.5	84.7	85.3
Owner-Occupied*	62.8	60.7	63.2
Renter-Occupied*	37.2	39.3	36.8
Vacant Housing Units	6.5	15.3	14.7

Source: 2000 Census; 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Costs as a Percentage of Household Income*, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
Less than \$20,000	20.7	17.4
Less than 20 Percent	0.7	0.1
20 to 29 Percent	0.8	0.8
30 Percent or More	19.3	16.5
\$20,000 to \$49,999	30.6	25.1
Less than 20 Percent	4.0	3.4
20 to 29 Percent	9.3	5.0
30 Percent or More	17.4	16.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	20.1	17.6
Less than 20 Percent	9.0	6.4
20 to 29 Percent	6.0	6.5
30 Percent or More	5.2	4.7
\$75,000 or More	23.6	39.9
Less than 20 Percent	17.5	33.8
20 to 29 Percent	5.1	4.0
30 Percent or More	1.0	2.1

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

*Excludes households with zero/negative income, and renting households paying no cash rent.

Housing Type, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
Single Family, Detached	67.5	69.2
Single Family, Attached	2.5	3.0
2 Units	11.4	11.2
3 or 4 Units	7.2	5.6
5 or More Units	10.8	10.3
Mobile Home/Other*	0.4	0.7

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*"Other" includes boats, recreational vehicles (RVs), vans, etc.

Housing Size, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
0 or 1 Bedroom	12.2	10.9
2 Bedrooms	20.5	20.5
3 Bedrooms	53.1	53.8
4 Bedrooms	11.6	12.9
5 or More Bedrooms	2.6	1.9
Median Number of Rooms*	5.7	5.7

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*Includes living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, bedrooms, etc., that are separated by built-in, floor-to-ceiling walls.

Excludes bathrooms, porches, balconies, foyers, halls, and unfinished basements.

Vehicles Available per Household, Over Time

	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
No Vehicle Available	14.7	10.4
1 Vehicle Available	38.6	41.0
2 Vehicles Available	31.4	34.5
3 or More Vehicles Available	15.3	14.1

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Mode of Travel to Work, Over Time

	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
Work at Home*	0.9	5.2
Drive Alone	76.2	71.6
Carpool	13.3	13.3
Transit	5.6	5.7
Walk or Bike	2.7	0.3
Other	1.4	4.0
TOTAL COMMUTERS	99.1	94.8
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	26.0	31.9

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Workers 16 years and older

*Not included in total commuters or mean commute time.

Employment Status, Over Time

	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
In Labor Force	62.6	59.8
Employed†*	82.2	87.0
Unemployed*	17.8	12.7
Not in Labor Force	37.4	40.2

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 16 years and older

†Does not include employed population in the Armed Forces.

*Universe: In labor force

Water Supply

CMAA supports an integrated approach to water resource management, and encourages communities to incorporate water supply and demand considerations into land use, transportation, and infrastructure investment decisions. Assessing demand, price, and loss trends of a community can inform decisions that strengthen regional water supply management, maintain drinking water infrastructure, and manage demand. CMAA’s ON TO 2050 plan contains [more information](#) about how communities can coordinate and conserve our shared water supply resources.

Water Source and Demand Trends of Chicago Heights*

Water Source(s): Lake Michigan**

	2008 MGD***	2018 MGD***	Percent Change
Total Water Withdrawals	6.28	5.67	-9.7

Source: Analysis of Illinois Water Inventory Program water withdrawal data (2008-2018), Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Allocation Program, 2018.

*Only available for municipalities with community water suppliers providing service to the majority of the community. Reported water withdrawals do not include private, industrial, commercial, or residential wells/intakes.

**For communities with multiple sources, the sources are listed by withdrawal volume from largest to smallest. If a community is a Lake Michigan permittee, backup source(s) are listed in parentheses.

***Millions of gallons per day.

Daily Water Demand per Capita

	Chicago Heights			CMAA Region		
	2008	2018	Percent Change	2008	2018	Percent Change
Gallons per Capita per Day*	206.9	201.8	-2.5	142.9	116.9	-18.2

Source: Analysis of Illinois Water Inventory Program water withdrawal data (2008-2018), Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Allocation Program, 2018.

*Gallons of water per capita per day (GPCD) is calculated by dividing the water usage by the population (and then again by 365). Population values come from the U.S. Census. The prevalence of private residential wells or community water suppliers that provide water outside of the municipal boundary could lead to artificially lower or higher GPCD values respectively.

Residential Water and Wastewater Price Trends*

MONTHLY COST PER 5,000 GALLONS**	2016	2022	Percent Change	Annualized Percent Change
	(2023 Dollars)	(2023 Dollars)		
Drinking Water	\$56.51	\$48.43	-14.3	-2.5
Sewer	\$21.21	\$21.74	2.5	0.4
Combined***	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Water Rates Data for Northeastern Illinois, IISG19-RCE-RLA-031.

*Only available for communities with water utilities and that responded to data requests. Percent changes and prices were adjusted for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

**Monthly water bills are calculated as: *monthly base charge + ((5,000 gallons – water provision included in base charge) × \$/1,000 gallons)*. Note that actual billing calculation practices may vary across communities.

***Some utilities combine drinking water and sewer prices, rather than separating them as two distinct rates.

Water Loss*

Reporting utility: Chicago Heights

	2017
Nonrevenue Water (Millions of Gallons per Day)**	1.00
Annual Cost of Nonrevenue Water	\$2,113,115
Percent of Nonrevenue Water to Water Supplied***	18.7

Source: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Allocation Program, 2017.

*Data is only regionally available for Lake Michigan permittees; water losses from other communities and industrial and commercial businesses are not reported to the state.

**Nonrevenue water is the difference between net annual pumpage (water supplied) and billed, authorized consumption. Non-revenue water includes water that is lost from the system due to underregistration of meters, systematic data handling errors, leakage anywhere within the distribution system, unauthorized consumption, or unbilled authorized consumption.

***The threshold for permit compliance is no more than 10%. Permittees that exceed the threshold are required to submit a water system improvement plan.