

Community Data Snapshot | West Chicago

GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS, 2016

	Community	DuPage County**	CMAP Region
Total Population	27,420	930,514	8,501,507
Total Households	7,650	338,987	3,081,930
Average Household Size	3.5	2.7	2.7
% Population Change, 2000-10	15.4	1.4	3.5
% Population Change, 2010-16	1.2	1.5	0.8
% Population Change, 2000-16	16.8	2.9	4.4

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

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



RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White non-Hispanic	10,697	39.0	635,648	68.3	4,414,726	51.9
Hispanic or Latino	14,248	52.0	129,964	14.0	1,914,044	22.5
Black non-Hispanic	507	1.8	42,320	4.5	1,436,860	16.9
Asian non-Hispanic	1,874	6.8	102,474	11.0	572,098	6.7
All other categories	94	0.3	20,108	2.2	163,779	1.9

Source: 2016 American Community Survey, five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

AGE COHORTS, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
19 and under	9,134	33.3	242,958	26.1	2,243,626	26.4
20 to 34	5,353	19.5	176,737	19.0	1,812,767	21.3
35 to 49	6,160	22.5	187,904	20.2	1,738,296	20.4
50 to 64	4,501	16.4	198,053	21.3	1,632,283	19.2
65 to 74	1,427	5.2	72,343	7.8	613,214	7.2
75 to 84	550	2.0	35,204	3.8	316,184	3.7
85 and Older	295	1.1	17,315	1.9	145,137	1.7
Median Age*	33.2		38.9		36.7	

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

*Note that all regional medians were estimated using grouped frequency distributions.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	909	11.9	41,839	12.3	601,256	19.5
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,878	24.5	59,092	17.4	617,120	20.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,196	15.6	55,454	16.4	516,512	16.8
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,118	14.6	46,329	13.7	392,099	12.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,331	17.4	64,529	19.0	484,440	15.7
\$150,000 and Over	1,218	15.9	71,744	21.2	470,503	15.3
Median Income	\$71,520		\$81,521		\$65,174	

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than High School Graduate	4,755	28.6	47,598	7.6	714,537	12.6
High School Graduate or Equivalency	4,206	25.3	117,893	18.7	1,322,237	23.3
Some College, No Degree	2,578	15.5	120,900	19.2	1,120,468	19.7
Associate's degree	947	5.7	45,217	7.2	390,333	6.9
Bachelor's Degree	2,608	15.7	180,458	28.7	1,300,121	22.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,510	9.1	117,315	18.6	838,350	14.7

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 and older.

HOUSING AND TENURE, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	7,650	93.6	338,987	94.8	3,081,930	91.2
Owner-Occupied*	5,055	66.1	247,155	72.9	1,959,620	63.6
Renter-Occupied*	2,595	33.9	91,832	27.1	1,122,310	36.4
Vacant Housing Units	519	6.4	18,562	5.2	297,034	8.8

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

*Universe: Occupied housing units.

Universe: Total housing units.

HOUSING TYPE, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	5,477	67.0	213,411	59.7	1,692,480	50.1
Single Family, Attached	444	5.4	43,425	12.1	253,342	7.5
2 Units	146	1.8	2,611	0.7	236,321	7.0
3 or 4 Units	199	2.4	11,493	3.2	277,204	8.2
5 or more Units	1,851	22.7	85,845	24.0	893,514	26.4

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total housing units excluding mobile, boat, RV, van, etc.

HOUSING SIZE, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 to 1 Bedrooms	974	11.9	43,359	12.1	545,572	16.1
2 Bedrooms	1,761	21.6	88,192	24.7	970,924	28.7
3 Bedrooms	2,896	35.5	119,431	33.4	1,126,456	33.3
4 Bedrooms	2,098	25.7	86,055	24.1	580,797	17.2
5+ Bedrooms	440	5.4	20,512	5.7	155,215	4.6
Median Number of Rooms*	6.0		6.2		6.0	

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

*Includes all rooms.

Universe: Total housing units.

HOUSING AGE, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2000 or Later	1,501	18.4	34,749	9.7	422,506	12.5
Built 1970 to 1999	3,773	46.2	207,045	57.9	1,142,676	33.8
Built 1940 to 1969	1,864	22.8	95,520	26.7	1,049,835	31.1
Built Before 1940	1,031	12.6	20,235	5.7	763,947	22.6
Median Year Built	1979		1977		1967	

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total housing units.

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

	Median-Income Family	Low-Income Single-Parent Family	Moderate-Income Couple	Retired	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 <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/location-affordability-index/>.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	14,626	72.1	514,364	69.6	4,530,920	67.5
Employed(1)*	13,666	93.4	482,850	93.9	4,137,033	91.3
Unemployed*	960	6.6	31,180	6.1	381,643	8.4
Not In Labor Force	5,673	27.9	224,312	30.4	2,181,954	32.5

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

(1) Does not include employed population in the Armed Forces.

Universe: Population aged 16 and over.

*Universe: In Labor Force

PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT, 2017*

	Community		DuPage County		Six-County Region**	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Private Employment	15,592	N/A	565,134	N/A	3,555,979	N/A
Job Change (2001-11)	963	6.4	-32,395	-6.1	-296,468	-8.5
Job Change (2011-17)	-359	-2.3	65,006	13.0	363,553	11.4
Job Change (2001-17)	604	4.0	32,611	6.1	67,085	1.9
Private Sector Jobs per HH	2.04		1.67		1.15	

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, 2015

EMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMUNITY, 2015

By Industry Sector			By Industry Sector		
	Count	Percent		Count	Percent
Manufacturing	1,767	14.9	Manufacturing	4,587	28.4
Retail Trade	1,331	11.2	Administration	2,161	13.4
Administration	1,152	9.7	Wholesale Trade	1,750	10.8
Health Care	1,001	8.4	Retail Trade	1,635	10.1
Professional	910	7.7	Professional	1,282	7.9
By Employment Location			By Residence Location		
	Count	Percent		Count	Percent
West Chicago	1,537	13.0	West Chicago	1,537	9.5
Chicago	1,470	12.4	Aurora	1,170	7.2
Wheaton	530	4.5	Chicago	837	5.2
St. Charles	481	4.1	Elgin	582	3.6
Naperville	412	3.5	St. Charles	447	2.8

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

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MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home*	369	N/A	27,079	N/A	194,259	N/A
Drive Alone	9,804	75.0	367,244	82.1	2,813,343	72.6
Carpool	2,412	18.5	35,649	8.0	327,567	8.5
Transit	287	2.2	30,972	6.9	524,527	13.5
Walk or Bike	416	3.2	9,405	2.1	163,011	4.2
Other	148	1.1	3,778	0.8	45,348	1.2
TOTAL COMMUTERS	13,067	100.0	447,048	100.0	3,873,796	100.0
Mean Commute Time	N/A		29.1		N/A	

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

*Not included in "total commuters."

Universe: Workers 16 years and older.

ANNUAL VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) PER HOUSEHOLD, 2016

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

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

VEHICLES AVAILABLE, 2016

	Community		DuPage County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No Vehicle Available	347	4.5	14,084	4.2	394,381	12.8
1 Vehicle Available	1,787	23.4	104,981	31.0	1,106,996	35.9
2 Vehicles Available	3,117	40.7	152,403	45.0	1,094,644	35.5
3 or More Vehicles Available	2,399	31.4	67,519	19.9	485,909	15.8

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE RETAIL SALES, 2017

	Community	DuPage County	CMAP Region
Total Retail Sales*	\$360,487,132	\$20,594,427,668	\$126,927,851,088
Total Sales per Capita**	\$13,147	\$22,132	\$14,930

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2017.

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

**Per capita calculations based on population from 2016 ACS 5-year estimates.

EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE (2017), PARK ACCESS (2013) AND WALK SCORE (2016)

Residential	\$390,758,862	Accessible Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents*	
Commercial	\$89,670,605		
Industrial	\$133,199,600	Community	11.9
Railroad	\$5,424,036	DuPage County	8.3
Farm	\$487,626	Region	5.6
Mineral	\$0	Walk Score**	35.0
TOTAL	\$619,540,729		

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2017.

CMAP calculations of 2013 Land Use Inventory,
2016 American Community Survey

*Neighborhood parks (under 35 acres) are considered accessible by residents living within 0.5 miles; community parks (35 or more acres) are considered accessible by residents living within 1 mile.

**Walk Score is a number between 0 and 100 that measures the average walkability of a municipality; walkscore.com (2016).

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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.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE, 2016

	Community		DuPage County	CMAP Region
	Count	Percent	Percent	Percent
1 Person Household	1,124	14.7	25.1	28.6
2 People Household	1,907	24.9	31.7	30.0
3 People Household	1,115	14.6	16.5	15.8
4 or more People Household	3,504	45.8	26.6	25.6
Total Households	7,650		338,987	3,081,930

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE, 2016

	Community		DuPage County	CMAP Region
	Count	Percent	Percent	Percent
Family	6,113	79.9	70.3	65.4
Single Parent with Child	661	8.6	6.1	8.7
Non-Family	1,537	20.1	29.7	34.6

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

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HOUSING COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2016

	Community		DuPage County	CMAP Region
	Count	Percent	Percent	Percent
Less than \$20,000	646	8.4	7.9	13.0
Less than 20 percent	0	0	0.1	0.4
20 to 29 percent	25	0.3	0.4	0.9
30 percent or more	621	8.1	7.3	11.7
\$20,000 to \$49,999	2,002	26.2	20.3	24.1
Less than 20 percent	119	1.6	1.7	2.8
20 to 29 percent	318	4.2	4.4	5.6
30 percent or more	1,565	20.5	14.2	15.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,196	15.6	16.2	16.6
Less than 20 percent	296	3.9	4.8	5.5
20 to 29 percent	415	5.4	5.8	5.6
30 percent or more	485	6.3	5.6	5.5
\$75,000 or More	3,656	47.8	53.7	43.5
Less than 20 percent	2,202	28.8	34.4	28.0
20 to 29 percent	878	11.5	14.1	11.4
30 percent or more	576	7.5	5.2	4.0

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

NATIVITY, 2016

	Community		DuPage County	CMAP Region
	Count	Percent	Percent	Percent
Native	16,475	64.8	80.1	79.7
Foreign Born	8,941	35.2	19.9	20.3

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH, 2016

	Community		DuPage County	CMAP Region
	Count	Percent	Percent	Percent
English Only	11,558	45.5	73.7	69.0
Language Other than English	13,858	54.5	26.3	31.0
Speak English less than "very well"	6,777	26.7	9.5	12.5

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, 2016

	Community		DuPage County	CMAP Region
	Count	Percent	Percent	Percent
English	11,558	45.5	73.7	69.0
Spanish	11,722	46.1	10.5	18.3
Slavic	173	0.7	3.1	3.5
Chinese	73	0.3	1.4	1.1
Tagalog	468	1.8	1.2	0.9
Arabic	194	0.8	0.4	0.7
Korean	14	0.1	0.4	0.5
Other Asian Languages	423	1.7	2.1	1.2
Other Indo-European Languages	769	3.0	6.9	4.1
Other / Unspecified Languages	22	0	0.3	0.7

Source: 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

RACE AND ETHNICITY

	2000	2010	2016
	Percent	Percent	Percent
White non-Hispanic	47.1	42.1	39.0
Hispanic or Latino	48.6	48.1	52.0
Black non-Hispanic	1.4	1.6	1.8
Asian non-Hispanic	1.9	7.3	6.8
All other categories	1.0	0.9	0.3

Source: 2000 Census, 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

AGE COHORTS

	2000	2010	2016
	Percent	Percent	Percent
19 and under	35.1	33.1	33.3
20 to 34	28.1	23.7	19.5
35 to 49	22.0	22.2	22.5
50 to 64	10.1	14.6	16.4
65 and Older	4.7	6.1	8.3
Median Age	27.8	30.5	33.0

Source: 2000 Census, 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

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HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	2010 (In 2016 Dollars)	2016 (In 2016 Dollars)
Median Income*	\$64,795	\$71,520

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

* Adjusted for inflation

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

	2000 Percent	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
Less than High School Graduate	33.0	25.7	28.6
High School Graduate or Equivalency	21.5	23.6	25.3
Some College, No Degree	17.9	17.3	15.5
Associate's degree	5.6	5.4	5.7
Bachelor's Degree	16.7	19.5	15.7
Graduate or Professional Degree	5.2	8.5	9.1

Source: 2000 Census, 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 and older.

HOUSING AND TENURE

	2000 Percent	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
Occupied Housing Units	97.1	94.6	93.6
Owner-Occupied*	67.8	67.1	66.1
Renter-Occupied*	32.2	32.9	33.9
Vacant Housing Units	2.9	5.4	6.4

Source: 2000 Census, 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total housing units.

*Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSING TYPE

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
Single Family, Detached	62.3	67.0
Single Family, Attached	6.4	5.4
2 Units	4.0	1.8
3 or 4 Units	1.0	2.4
5 or more Units	26.2	22.7

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total housing units.

Excludes mobile, boat, RV, van, etc.

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HOUSING SIZE

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
0 to 1 Bedrooms	17.0	11.9
2 Bedrooms	20.6	21.6
3 Bedrooms	30.8	35.5
4 Bedrooms	26.6	25.7
5+ Bedrooms	5.1	5.4
Median Number of Rooms*	5.8	6.0

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total housing units.

*Includes all rooms.

HOUSING AGE

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
Built 2000 or Later	19.5	18.4
Built 1970 to 1999	42.8	46.2
Built 1940 to 1969	21.6	22.8
Built Before 1940	16.1	12.6
Median Year Built	1979	1979

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total housing units.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
In Labor Force	75.1	72.1
Employed(1)*	92.2	93.4
Unemployed*	7.8	6.6
Not In Labor Force	24.9	27.9

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population aged 16 and over.

(1) Does not include employed population in the Armed Forces.

*Universe: In Labor Force

VEHICLES AVAILABLE

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
No Vehicle Available	3.7	4.5
1 Vehicle Available	23.4	23.4
2 Vehicles Available	47.4	40.7
3 or More Vehicles Available	25.5	31.4

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

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MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
<i>Work at Home*</i>	N/A	N/A
Drive Alone	74.8	75.0
Carpool	18.2	18.5
Transit	2.2	2.2
Walk or Bike	3.2	3.2
Other	1.6	1.1
TOTAL COMMUTERS	12,452	13,067
Mean Commute Time	25.2	N/A

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Workers 16 years and older.

*Not included in "total commuters."

HOUSEHOLD SIZE

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
1 Person Household	14.6	14.7
2 People Household	21.3	24.9
3 People Household	20.4	14.6
4 or more People Household	43.7	45.8
Total Households	7,609	7,650

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
Family	78.2	79.9
Single Parent with Child	8.8	8.6
Non-Family	21.8	20.1

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

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HOUSING COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
Less than \$20,000	9.2	8.4
Less than 20 percent	0.0	0.0
20 to 29 percent	0.7	0.3
30 percent or more	8.4	8.1
\$20,000 to \$49,999	26.3	26.2
Less than 20 percent	2.7	1.6
20 to 29 percent	7.3	4.2
30 percent or more	16.4	20.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19.6	15.6
Less than 20 percent	5.5	3.9
20 to 29 percent	4.4	5.4
30 percent or more	9.7	6.3
\$75,000 or More	42.9	47.8
Less than 20 percent	18.7	28.8
20 to 29 percent	15.3	11.5
30 percent or more	8.9	7.5

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

NATIVITY

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
Native	59.6	64.8
Foreign Born	40.4	35.2

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
English Only	45.0	45.5
Language Other than English	55.0	54.5
Speak English less than "very well"	29.2	26.7

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

	2010 Percent	2016 Percent
English	45.0	45.5
Spanish	43.9	46.1
Slavic	1.2	0.7
Chinese	0.0	0.3
Tagalog	2.7	1.8
Arabic	1.0	0.8
Korean	0.2	0.1
Other Asian Languages	1.0	1.7
Other Indo-European Languages	5.1	3.0
Other / Unspecified Languages	0.0	0.1

Source: 2010, 2016 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

For More Information

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