



COMMUNITY DATA SNAPSHOT
THE LOOP, CHICAGO COMMUNITY AREA
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About The Community Data Snapshot

The Community Data Snapshots are a series of county, municipal, and Chicago Community Area data profiles that primarily feature data from the 2014-2018 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates. As noted in each profile, the data comes from multiple sources in addition to the ACS, which include U.S. Census Bureau, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), Illinois Department of Revenue (IDR), and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

User Notes

Margin of error

ACS is a sample-based data product. Exercise caution when using data from low-population municipalities, as the margins of error are often large compared to the estimate. For more details please refer to the [ACS Sample Size and Data Quality Methodology](#).

Regional values

Regional values are estimated by aggregating 2014-2018 ACS county level data of the seven counties that make up the CMAP region. These counties are Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will.

Chicago Community Area (CCA) values

CCA values are estimated by aggregating 2014-2018 ACS census tract and blockgroup level data.

Median values

The Census Bureau encourages users to aggregate small levels of geographies into larger areas and recalculate median values for those aggregated areas. Median values are recalculated using grouped frequency distributions for aggregated areas such as the CMAP region and CCAs.

Employment values

The Private Sector Employment table features data from the IDES Where Workers Work report. This report includes private sector employment totals for six counties within the seven-county CMAP region, excluding Kendall County.



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POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD

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

GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS, 2014-2018

	The Loop	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Total Population	37,647	2,718,555	8,511,032
Total Households	20,195	1,056,118	3,107,682
Average Household Size	1.9	2.6	2.7
% Population Change, 2000-10	78.7	-6.9	3.5
% Population Change, 2010-18	28.6	0.9	0.9
% Population Change, 2000-18	129.7	-6.1	4.5

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census, 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White non-Hispanic	23,448	62.3	892,323	32.8	4,367,579	51.3
Hispanic or Latino	3,106	8.3	788,140	29.0	1,944,675	22.8
Black non-Hispanic	3,363	8.9	808,165	29.7	1,419,547	16.7
Asian non-Hispanic	6,558	17.4	172,991	6.4	603,513	7.1
All other categories	1,172	3.1	56,936	2.1	175,718	2.1

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

AGE COHORTS, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
19 and Under	5,217	13.9	644,967	23.7	2,191,110	25.7
20 to 34	16,344	43.4	745,153	27.4	1,807,984	21.2
35 to 49	7,199	19.1	545,576	20.1	1,713,974	20.1
50 to 64	5,322	14.1	455,877	16.8	1,641,420	19.3
65 to 74	2,179	5.8	189,225	7.0	669,758	7.9
75 to 84	1,123	3.0	98,507	3.6	337,105	4.0
85 and Older	263	0.7	39,250	1.4	149,681	1.8
Median Age*	32.5		34.3		37.2	

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than High School Graduate	400	1.4	288,461	15.5	684,093	11.9
High School Graduate or Equivalency	1,047	3.6	427,009	22.9	1,319,895	22.9
Some College, No Degree	3,161	11.0	327,872	17.6	1,110,944	19.3
Associate's Degree	1,037	3.6	105,792	5.7	400,050	7.0
Bachelor's Degree	11,001	38.3	424,212	22.7	1,352,126	23.5
Graduate or Professional Degree	12,056	42.0	291,906	15.6	888,642	15.4

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Only	26,308	72.4	1,626,184	64.0	5,489,328	68.7
Language other than English	10,035	27.6	916,409	36.0	2,495,708	31.3
Speak English less than "very well"	2,044	5.6	374,592	14.7	960,908	12.0

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English	26,308	72.4	1,626,184	64.0	5,489,328	68.7
Spanish	2,253	6.2	619,129	24.4	1,466,849	18.4
Slavic Languages	1,153	3.2	74,116	2.9	275,150	3.4
Chinese	1,760	4.8	47,415	1.9	90,366	1.1
Tagalog	196	0.5	20,957	0.8	74,092	0.9
Arabic	213	0.6	16,961	0.7	61,835	0.8
Korean	306	0.8	7,616	0.3	36,409	0.5
Other Asian Languages	993	2.7	24,898	1.0	104,636	1.3
Other Indo-European Languages	2,850	7.8	80,702	3.2	331,350	4.1
Other / Unspecified Languages	311	0.9	24,615	1.0	55,021	0.7

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

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HOUSEHOLD SIZE, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
1 Person Household	10,231	50.7	388,701	36.8	894,230	28.8
2 People Household	7,940	39.3	311,495	29.5	952,267	30.6
3 People Household	1,434	7.1	147,178	13.9	486,146	15.6
4 or More People Household	590	2.9	208,744	19.8	775,039	24.9

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Family	7,113	35.2		53.6		65.1
Single Parent with Child	295	1.5		9.5		8.3
Non-Family	13,082	64.8		46.4		34.9

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	2,510	12.4	268,473	25.4	551,715	17.8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,047	10.1	216,679	20.5	585,464	18.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,076	10.3	164,412	15.6	504,014	16.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,746	13.6	115,913	11.0	390,392	12.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	4,212	20.9	139,715	13.2	516,533	16.6
\$150,000 and Over	6,604	32.7	150,926	14.3	559,564	18.0
Median Income	\$107,246		\$55,198		\$70,444	

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSING AND TENURE, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	20,195	82.8	1,056,118	87.4	3,107,682	91.4
Owner-Occupied*	8,078	33.1	474,852	39.3	1,984,033	58.4
Renter-Occupied*	12,117	49.7	581,266	48.1	1,123,649	33.0
Vacant Housing Units	4,194	17.2	152,721	12.6	292,513	8.6

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: *Occupied housing units; Housing units.

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HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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

HOUSING TYPE, 2014-2018*

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	730	3.0	314,057	26.0	1,707,038	50.2
Single Family, Attached	346	1.4	42,194	3.5	252,166	7.4
2 Units	31	0.1	174,968	14.5	238,040	7.0
3 or 4 Units	61	0.3	180,279	14.9	269,766	7.9
5 or more Units	23,221	95.2	494,763	40.9	906,352	26.7

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
*Excludes mobile, boat, RV, van, etc.

Universe: Housing units.

HOUSING SIZE, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 to 1 Bedrooms	12,543	51.4	319,698	26.4	544,680	16.0
2 Bedrooms	8,835	36.2	417,870	34.6	967,257	28.4
3 Bedrooms	2,615	10.7	326,366	27.0	1,132,665	33.3
4 Bedrooms	281	1.2	102,398	8.5	593,229	17.4
5+ Bedrooms	115	0.5	42,507	3.5	162,364	4.8
Median Number of Rooms*	3.7		4.8		6.0	

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
*Includes all rooms.

Universe: Housing units.

HOUSING AGE, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2000 or Later	10,795	44.3	122,373	10.1	448,760	13.2
Built 1970 to 1999	6,356	26.1	194,506	16.1	1,151,670	33.9
Built 1940 to 1969	2,668	10.9	376,029	31.1	1,049,052	30.9
Built Before 1940	4,570	18.7	515,931	42.7	750,713	22.1
Median Year Built	N/A		1948		1968	

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units.

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TRANSPORTATION

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

VEHICLES AVAILABLE, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No Vehicle Available	8,697	43.1	282,815	26.8	394,626	12.7
1 Vehicle Available	9,679	47.9	466,255	44.1	1,104,851	35.6
2 Vehicles Available	1,794	8.9	234,533	22.2	1,103,712	35.5
3 or More Vehicles Available	25	0.1	72,515	6.9	504,493	16.2

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		6-County Region*	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home**	1,900	N/A	62,765	N/A	214,903	N/A
Drive Alone	5,494	25.0	641,747	51.4	2,856,015	72.4
Carpool	689	3.1	102,185	8.2	323,107	8.2
Transit	5,375	24.5	371,521	29.8	551,089	14.0
Walk or Bike	9,646	43.9	108,245	8.7	163,932	4.2
Other	751	3.4	23,664	1.9	51,124	1.3
TOTAL COMMUTERS	21,955	100.0	1,247,362	100.0	3,945,267	100.0

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Workers 16 years and older.

* Commuter estimates not available for Kendall County.

** Not included in "total commuters."

ANNUAL VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED PER HOUSEHOLD, 2014-2018

	The Loop	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Average Vehicle Miles Traveled	6,561	10,908	17,165

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of U.S. Census Bureau, HERE, and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (2017) data.

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EMPLOYMENT

The employment tables include general workforce characteristics for The Loop.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS, 2014-2018

	The Loop		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	25,663	72.2	1,467,838	66.7	4,547,626	67.2
Employed†*	24,213	94.3	1,336,278	91.0	4,231,812	93.1
Unemployed*	1,356	5.3	130,949	8.9	304,075	6.7
Not In Labor Force	9,864	27.8	733,849	33.3	2,215,759	32.8

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
†Does not include employed population in the Armed Forces.

Universe: *In Labor Force; Population 16 years and older.

EMPLOYMENT OF THE LOOP RESIDENTS, 2017*

By Industry Sector	Count	Percent
Professional	3,867	22.0
Finance	2,314	13.2
Health Care	1,895	10.8
Education	1,632	9.3
Administration	1,163	6.6
By Employment Location		
The Loop	7,011	39.9
Outside of Chicago	4,682	26.6
Near North Side	1,889	10.8
Near West Side	1,452	8.3
Hyde Park	488	2.8

EMPLOYMENT IN THE LOOP, 2017*

By Industry Sector	Count	Percent
Professional	100,341	23.9
Finance	75,031	17.9
Education	57,682	13.7
Public Administration	45,479	10.8
Administration	30,664	7.3
By Residence Location		
Outside of Chicago	191,115	45.5
Lake View	16,858	4.0
Near North Side	16,085	3.8
West Town	10,853	2.6
Lincoln Park	10,534	2.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal-Employer Household Dynamics Program (2017).
*Excludes locations outside of the CMAP region.

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LAND USE

The land use tables include general land use composition and park access for The Loop. The general land use and park access table estimates were derived from the [CMAP Parcel-Based Land Use Inventory](#).

GENERAL LAND USE, 2013

	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	7.6	0.7
Multi-Family Residential	80.5	7.6
Commercial	213.3	20.1
Industrial	0.6	0.1
Institutional	34.1	3.2
Mixed Use	0.7	0.1
Transportation and Other	425.2	40.1
Agricultural	N/A	N/A
Open Space	249.9	23.6
Vacant	47.2	4.5
TOTAL	1,059.1	100.0

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Parcel-Based Land Use Inventory 2013.

PARK ACCESS, 2013

	The Loop	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Accessible Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents*	6.0	2.4	5.6

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning calculations of 2013 Land Use Inventory.

*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.

Community Data Snapshot Time Series: The Loop

CHANGE OVER TIME

The time series tables include comparisons of current 2014-2018 ACS estimates to historic year estimates from the 2000 Census and 2006-2010 ACS.

RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2000-2018

	2000 Percent	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
White non-Hispanic	62.1	66.8	62.3
Hispanic or Latino	5.9	4.5	8.3
Black non-Hispanic	19.7	10.4	8.9
Asian non-Hispanic	9.9	15.8	17.4
All other categories	2.4	2.5	3.1

Source: 2000 Census, 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

AGE COHORTS, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
19 and Under	10.2	13.9
20 to 34	42.1	43.4
35 to 49	18.8	19.1
50 to 64	18.8	14.1
65 to 74	5.2	5.8
75 to 84	3.3	3.0
85 and Older	1.6	0.7
Median Age*	34.1	32.5

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

Community Data Snapshot Time Series: The Loop

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
Less than High School Graduate	3.4	1.4
High School Graduate or Equivalency	7.0	3.6
Some College, No Degree	9.8	11.0
Associate's Degree	3.3	3.6
Bachelor's Degree	39.4	38.3
Graduate or Professional Degree	37.1	42.0

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
English Only	75.8	72.4
Language other than English	24.2	27.6
Speak English less than "very well"	5.4	5.6

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
English	75.8	72.4
Spanish	3.7	6.2
Slavic Languages	1.7	3.2
Chinese	3.1	4.8
Tagalog	0.5	0.5
Arabic	0.8	0.6
Korean	1.0	0.8
Other Asian Languages	3.3	2.7
Other Indo-European Languages	8.8	7.8
Other / Unspecified Languages	1.3	0.9

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

Community Data Snapshot Time Series: The Loop

HOUSEHOLD SIZE, 2010-2018

	2010	2018
	Percent	Percent
1 Person Household	53.8	50.7
2 People Household	37.6	39.3
3 People Household	6.7	7.1
4 or More People Household	1.9	2.9

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE, 2010-2018

	2010	2018
	Percent	Percent
Family	34.1	35.2
Single Parent with Child	1.9	1.5
Non-Family	65.9	64.8

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2010-2018

	2010	2018
	(2018 Dollars)	(2018 Dollars)
Median Income	\$ 90,868	\$ 107,246

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

Community Data Snapshot Time Series: The Loop

HOUSING AND TENURE, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
Occupied Housing Units	77.6	82.8
Owner-Occupied*	38.9	33.1
Renter-Occupied*	38.7	49.7
Vacant Housing Units	22.4	17.2

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: *Occupied housing units; Housing units.

HOUSING TYPE, 2010-2018*

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
Single Family, Detached	0.7	3.0
Single Family, Attached	1.5	1.4
2 Units	0.6	0.1
3 or 4 Units	0.7	0.3
5 or more Units	96.1	95.2

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units.

*Excludes mobile, boat, RV, van, etc.

HOUSING SIZE, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
0 to 1 Bedrooms	53.9	51.4
2 Bedrooms	37.4	36.2
3 Bedrooms	7.0	10.7
4 Bedrooms	1.6	1.2
5+ Bedrooms	0.1	0.5
Median Number of Rooms*	3.8	3.7

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units.

*Includes all rooms.

HOUSING AGE, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
Built 2000 or Later	26.5	44.3
Built 1970 to 1999	38.8	26.1
Built 1940 to 1969	13.1	10.9
Built Before 1940	21.6	18.7
Median Year Built	N/A	N/A

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units.

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VEHICLES AVAILABLE, 2010-2018

	2010	2018
	Percent	Percent
No Vehicle Available	38.7	43.1
1 Vehicle Available	51.9	47.9
2 Vehicles Available	8.6	8.9
3 or More Vehicles Available	0.9	0.1

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK, 2010-2018

	2010	2018
	Percent	Percent
Work at Home*	N/A	N/A
Drive Alone	30.6	25.0
Carpool	2.5	3.1
Transit	22.1	24.5
Walk or Bike	38.7	43.9
Other	6.1	3.4
TOTAL COMMUTERS	100.0	100.0

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Workers 16 years and over.

* Not included in "total commuters."

EMPLOYMENT STATUS, 2010-2018

	2010	2018
	Percent	Percent
In Labor Force	69.9	72.2
Employed†*	95.8	94.3
Unemployed*	4.2	5.3
Not In Labor Force	30.1	27.8

Source: 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: *In Labor Force; Population 16 years and older.

†Does not include employed population in the Armed Forces.

Community Data Snapshot ON TO 2050 Indicators: The Loop

ON TO 2050 INDICATORS

ON TO 2050 is the region's long-range comprehensive plan, adopted by CMAP in 2018. The plan includes a set of indicators for quantifying its goals and measuring implementation progress. While many of these indicators can only be measured at a regional level, several can also be tracked at a local level. These have been laid out in the table below, with comparisons to the region's current measure as well as the targets that the plan is aiming to reach by 2050. Visit cmap.illinois.gov/2050/indicators to learn more.

Plan Chapter	Indicator	The Loop	CMAP Region		Source
		(Current)	(Current)	(2050 Target)	
COMMUNITY	Population located in highly walkable areas	100.0%	41.5%	45.2%	CMAP, 2015
	Jobs located in highly walkable areas	100.0%	38.2%	45.2%	CMAP, 2015
PROSPERITY	Population aged 25+ with an associate's degree or higher	83.9%	45.9%	64.9%	2014-2018 ACS 5-Year
	Workforce participation rate among population aged 20-64	80.2%	80.6%	83.4%	2014-2018 ACS 5-Year
ENVIRONMENT	Population with park access of 4+ acres per 1,000 residents	96.1%	41.5%	65.0%	CMAP, 2013
	Population with park access of 10+ acres per 1,000 residents	9.9%	16.0%	40.0%	CMAP, 2013
	Impervious acres per household	0.04	0.18	0.15	USGS National Land Cover Dataset, 2016
MOBILITY	Population with at least moderately high transit availability	100.0%	53.2%	65.0%	CMAP, 2017
	Jobs with at least moderately high transit availability	100.0%	55.2%	58.0%	CMAP, 2017
	Percent of trips to work via non-SOV modes	73.8%	30.1%	37.3%	2014-2018 ACS 5-Year

For more information

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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'd like to see in next year's snapshots.

Please direct inquiries to info@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 <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/data/community-snapshots>.