



COMMUNITY DATA SNAPSHOT
WEST LAWN, 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 West Lawn.

GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS, 2014-2018

	West Lawn	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Total Population	32,176	2,718,555	8,511,032
Total Households	9,228	1,056,118	3,107,682
Average Household Size	3.5	2.6	2.7
% Population Change, 2000-10	14.1	-6.9	3.5
% Population Change, 2010-18	-3.5	0.9	0.9
% Population Change, 2000-18	10.1	-6.1	4.5

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

RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2014-2018

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White non-Hispanic	4,425	13.8	892,323	32.8	4,367,579	51.3
Hispanic or Latino	26,608	82.7	788,140	29.0	1,944,675	22.8
Black non-Hispanic	830	2.6	808,165	29.7	1,419,547	16.7
Asian non-Hispanic	224	0.7	172,991	6.4	603,513	7.1
All other categories	89	0.3	56,936	2.1	175,718	2.1

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

Universe: Total population.

AGE COHORTS, 2014-2018

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
19 and Under	10,518	32.7	644,967	23.7	2,191,110	25.7
20 to 34	6,840	21.3	745,153	27.4	1,807,984	21.2
35 to 49	7,048	21.9	545,576	20.1	1,713,974	20.1
50 to 64	4,409	13.7	455,877	16.8	1,641,420	19.3
65 to 74	2,042	6.3	189,225	7.0	669,758	7.9
75 to 84	987	3.1	98,507	3.6	337,105	4.0
85 and Older	332	1.0	39,250	1.4	149,681	1.8
Median Age*	32.3		34.3		37.2	

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

Universe: Total population.

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2014-2018

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than High School Graduate	5,783	29.6	288,461	15.5	684,093	11.9
High School Graduate or Equivalency	7,383	37.8	427,009	22.9	1,319,895	22.9
Some College, No Degree	3,159	16.2	327,872	17.6	1,110,944	19.3
Associate's Degree	944	4.8	105,792	5.7	400,050	7.0
Bachelor's Degree	1,730	8.9	424,212	22.7	1,352,126	23.5
Graduate or Professional Degree	536	2.7	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

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Only	6,935	23.2	1,626,184	64.0	5,489,328	68.7
Language other than English	22,920	76.8	916,409	36.0	2,495,708	31.3
Speak English less than "very well"	8,630	28.9	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

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English	6,935	23.2	1,626,184	64.0	5,489,328	68.7
Spanish	22,035	73.8	619,129	24.4	1,466,849	18.4
Slavic Languages	519	1.7	74,116	2.9	275,150	3.4
Chinese	0	0.0	47,415	1.9	90,366	1.1
Tagalog	55	0.2	20,957	0.8	74,092	0.9
Arabic	39	0.1	16,961	0.7	61,835	0.8
Korean	0	0.0	7,616	0.3	36,409	0.5
Other Asian Languages	39	0.1	24,898	1.0	104,636	1.3
Other Indo-European Languages	233	0.8	80,702	3.2	331,350	4.1
Other / Unspecified Languages	0	0.0	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

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
1 Person Household	1,926	20.9	388,701	36.8	894,230	28.8
2 People Household	1,971	21.4	311,495	29.5	952,267	30.6
3 People Household	1,501	16.3	147,178	13.9	486,146	15.6
4 or More People Household	3,830	41.5	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

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Family	7,043	76.3		53.6		65.1
Single Parent with Child	1,184	12.8		9.5		8.3
Non-Family	2,185	23.7		46.4		34.9

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

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2014-2018

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	1,740	18.9	268,473	25.4	551,715	17.8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,776	30.1	216,679	20.5	585,464	18.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,937	21.0	164,412	15.6	504,014	16.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,002	10.9	115,913	11.0	390,392	12.6
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,275	13.8	139,715	13.2	516,533	16.6
\$150,000 and Over	498	5.4	150,926	14.3	559,564	18.0
Median Income	\$51,082		\$55,198		\$70,444	

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

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSING AND TENURE, 2014-2018

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	9,228	93.3	1,056,118	87.4	3,107,682	91.4
Owner-Occupied*	6,522	65.9	474,852	39.3	1,984,033	58.4
Renter-Occupied*	2,706	27.4	581,266	48.1	1,123,649	33.0
Vacant Housing Units	665	6.7	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 West Lawn.

HOUSING TYPE, 2014-2018*

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	6,829	69.0	314,057	26.0	1,707,038	50.2
Single Family, Attached	49	0.5	42,194	3.5	252,166	7.4
2 Units	1,218	12.3	174,968	14.5	238,040	7.0
3 or 4 Units	847	8.6	180,279	14.9	269,766	7.9
5 or more Units	893	9.0	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

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 to 1 Bedrooms	709	7.2	319,698	26.4	544,680	16.0
2 Bedrooms	2,698	27.3	417,870	34.6	967,257	28.4
3 Bedrooms	3,825	38.7	326,366	27.0	1,132,665	33.3
4 Bedrooms	1,859	18.8	102,398	8.5	593,229	17.4
5+ Bedrooms	802	8.1	42,507	3.5	162,364	4.8
Median Number of Rooms*	6.1		4.8		6.0	

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

Universe: Housing units.

HOUSING AGE, 2014-2018

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2000 or Later	275	2.8	122,373	10.1	448,760	13.2
Built 1970 to 1999	1,051	10.6	194,506	16.1	1,151,670	33.9
Built 1940 to 1969	6,719	67.9	376,029	31.1	1,049,052	30.9
Built Before 1940	1,848	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 West Lawn.

VEHICLES AVAILABLE, 2014-2018

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No Vehicle Available	852	9.2	282,815	26.8	394,626	12.7
1 Vehicle Available	3,672	39.8	466,255	44.1	1,104,851	35.6
2 Vehicles Available	3,060	33.2	234,533	22.2	1,103,712	35.5
3 or More Vehicles Available	1,644	17.8	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

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		6-County Region*	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home**	213	N/A	62,765	N/A	214,903	N/A
Drive Alone	8,840	68.7	641,747	51.4	2,856,015	72.4
Carpool	1,834	14.2	102,185	8.2	323,107	8.2
Transit	1,798	14.0	371,521	29.8	551,089	14.0
Walk or Bike	362	2.8	108,245	8.7	163,932	4.2
Other	39	0.3	23,664	1.9	51,124	1.3
TOTAL COMMUTERS	12,873	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

	West Lawn	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Average Vehicle Miles Traveled	15,457	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 West Lawn.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS, 2014-2018

	West Lawn		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	15,740	65.6	1,467,838	66.7	4,547,626	67.2
Employed†*	13,715	87.1	1,336,278	91.0	4,231,812	93.1
Unemployed*	2,025	12.9	130,949	8.9	304,075	6.7
Not In Labor Force	8,248	34.4	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 WEST LAWN RESIDENTS, 2017*

By Industry Sector	Count	Percent
Manufacturing	1,564	13.4
Accommodation and Food Service	1,289	11.0
Administration	1,229	10.5
Retail Trade	1,205	10.3
Health Care	1,117	9.5
By Employment Location		
Outside of Chicago	4,984	42.6
The Loop	1,753	15.0
Near North Side	682	5.8
Near West Side	607	5.2
West Lawn	347	3.0

EMPLOYMENT IN WEST LAWN, 2017*

By Industry Sector	Count	Percent
Manufacturing	1,981	31.8
Retail Trade	1,193	19.2
Administration	607	9.8
Accommodation and Food Service	581	9.3
Education	547	8.8
By Residence Location		
Outside of Chicago	2,932	47.1
West Lawn	347	5.6
Chicago Lawn	279	4.5
Ashburn	188	3.0
Gage Park	131	2.1

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 West Lawn. 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	615.4	32.6
Multi-Family Residential	84.5	4.5
Commercial	169.2	9.0
Industrial	192.9	10.2
Institutional	105.8	5.6
Mixed Use	10.8	0.6
Transportation and Other	636.7	33.7
Agricultural	N/A	N/A
Open Space	35.7	1.9
Vacant	38.8	2.1
TOTAL	1,889.7	100.0

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

PARK ACCESS, 2013

	West Lawn	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Accessible Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents*	1.5	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: West Lawn

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	42.9	19.1	13.8
Hispanic or Latino	51.9	76.2	82.7
Black non-Hispanic	2.6	3.2	2.6
Asian non-Hispanic	0.9	0.2	0.7
All other categories	1.7	1.3	0.3

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	36.4	32.7
20 to 34	23.9	21.3
35 to 49	19.1	21.9
50 to 64	12.7	13.7
65 to 74	3.6	6.3
75 to 84	3.1	3.1
85 and Older	1.3	1.0
Median Age*	29.3	32.3

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

Universe: Total population.

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2010-2018

	2010	2018
	Percent	Percent
Less than High School Graduate	33.4	29.6
High School Graduate or Equivalency	35.7	37.8
Some College, No Degree	18.5	16.2
Associate's Degree	4.2	4.8
Bachelor's Degree	5.5	8.9
Graduate or Professional Degree	2.7	2.7

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	2018
	Percent	Percent
English Only	30.5	23.2
Language other than English	69.5	76.8
Speak English less than "very well"	31.6	28.9

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	2018
	Percent	Percent
English	30.5	23.2
Spanish	67.1	73.8
Slavic Languages	1.6	1.7
Chinese	0.0	0.0
Tagalog	0.0	0.2
Arabic	0.1	0.1
Korean	0.0	0.0
Other Asian Languages	0.0	0.1
Other Indo-European Languages	0.6	0.8
Other / Unspecified Languages	0.0	0.0

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

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

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HOUSEHOLD SIZE, 2010-2018

	2010	2018
	Percent	Percent
1 Person Household	16.3	20.9
2 People Household	21.7	21.4
3 People Household	15.6	16.3
4 or More People Household	46.3	41.5

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	80.4	76.3
Single Parent with Child	15.2	12.8
Non-Family	19.6	23.7

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	\$ 54,155	\$ 51,082

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

Universe: Occupied housing units.

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HOUSING AND TENURE, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
Occupied Housing Units	93.7	93.3
Owner-Occupied*	72.9	65.9
Renter-Occupied*	20.8	27.4
Vacant Housing Units	6.3	6.7

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	74.4	69.0
Single Family, Attached	1.0	0.5
2 Units	6.7	12.3
3 or 4 Units	6.9	8.6
5 or more Units	10.5	9.0

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	6.9	7.2
2 Bedrooms	29.3	27.3
3 Bedrooms	38.5	38.7
4 Bedrooms	17.2	18.8
5+ Bedrooms	8.1	8.1
Median Number of Rooms*	6.0	6.1

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	3.0	2.8
Built 1970 to 1999	11.2	10.6
Built 1940 to 1969	67.6	67.9
Built Before 1940	18.1	18.7
Median Year Built	N/A	N/A

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

Universe: Housing units.

Community Data Snapshot Time Series: West Lawn

VEHICLES AVAILABLE, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
No Vehicle Available	10.7	9.2
1 Vehicle Available	39.3	39.8
2 Vehicles Available	37.7	33.2
3 or More Vehicles Available	12.4	17.8

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

Universe: Occupied housing units.

MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK, 2010-2018

	2010 Percent	2018 Percent
Work at Home*	N/A	N/A
Drive Alone	67.7	68.7
Carpool	13.8	14.2
Transit	16.0	14.0
Walk or Bike	2.2	2.8
Other	0.2	0.3
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 Percent	2018 Percent
In Labor Force	61.0	65.6
Employed†*	92.1	87.1
Unemployed*	7.8	12.9
Not In Labor Force	39.0	34.4

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: West Lawn

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	West Lawn	CMAP Region		Source
		(Current)	(Current)	(2050 Target)	
COMMUNITY	Population located in highly walkable areas	97.3%	41.5%	45.2%	CMAP, 2015
	Jobs located in highly walkable areas	49.5%	38.2%	45.2%	CMAP, 2015
PROSPERITY	Population aged 25+ with an associate's degree or higher	16.4%	45.9%	64.9%	2014-2018 ACS 5-Year
	Workforce participation rate among population aged 20-64	79.2%	80.6%	83.4%	2014-2018 ACS 5-Year
ENVIRONMENT	Population with park access of 4+ acres per 1,000 residents	2.7%	41.5%	65.0%	CMAP, 2013
	Population with park access of 10+ acres per 1,000 residents	0.0%	16.0%	40.0%	CMAP, 2013
	Impervious acres per household	0.15	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	32.1%	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>.