



COMMUNITY DATA SNAPSHOT
WEST RIDGE, 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 2013-2017 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 2013-2017 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

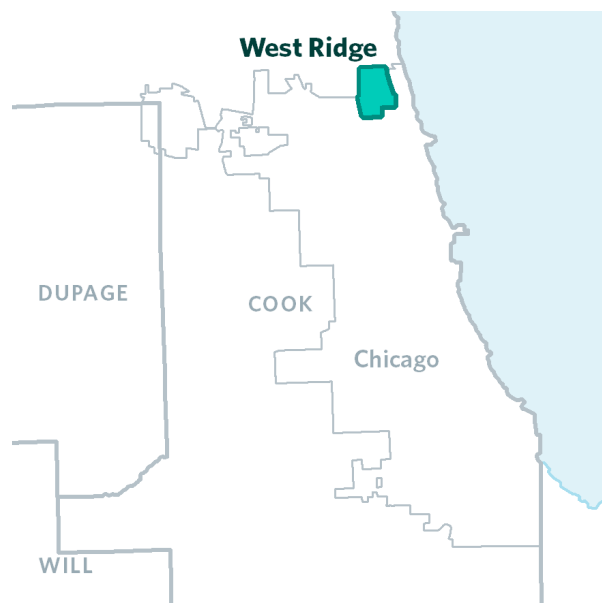
CCA values are estimated by aggregating 2013-2017 ACS census tract and blockgroup level data.

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 Ridge.

GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS, 2013-2017

	West Ridge	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Total Population	76,215	2,722,586	8,522,948
Total Households	25,194	1,046,789	3,095,093
Average Household Size	3.0	2.6	2.8
% Population Change, 2000-10	-1.7	-6.9	3.5
% Population Change, 2010-17	5.9	1.0	1.1
% Population Change, 2000-17	4.1	-6.0	4.6

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census, 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White non-Hispanic	32,173	42.2	890,322	32.7	4,400,011	51.6
Hispanic or Latino	14,256	18.7	789,713	29.0	1,935,376	22.7
Black non-Hispanic	9,201	12.1	820,180	30.1	1,431,406	16.8
Asian non-Hispanic	17,200	22.6	167,575	6.2	586,990	6.9
All other categories	3,385	4.4	54,796	2.0	169,165	2.0

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

AGE COHORTS, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
19 and under	20,756	27.2	657,146	24.1	2,217,385	26.0
20 to 34	17,065	22.4	745,593	27.4	1,813,921	21.3
35 to 49	15,001	19.7	547,572	20.1	1,725,677	20.2
50 to 64	13,648	17.9	454,773	16.7	1,641,327	19.3
65 to 74	5,461	7.2	182,119	6.7	647,212	7.6
75 to 84	2,914	3.8	96,103	3.5	329,087	3.9
85 and Older	1,370	1.8	39,280	1.4	148,339	1.7
Median Age*	35.3		34.1		37.0	

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than High School Graduate	8,914	17.5	300,396	16.2	705,215	12.3
High School Graduate or Equivalency	11,080	21.7	424,792	22.9	1,324,196	23.1
Some College, No Degree	7,979	15.6	328,340	17.7	1,119,856	19.5
Associate's Degree	2,776	5.4	105,812	5.7	395,340	6.9
Bachelor's Degree	12,747	25.0	413,937	22.3	1,328,622	23.2
Graduate or Professional Degree	7,506	14.7	280,644	15.1	862,603	15.0

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Only	29,206	41.6	1,627,115	64.0	5,505,064	68.9
Language other than English	41,081	58.4	916,991	36.0	2,485,504	31.1
Speak English less than "very well"	19,659	28.0	382,350	15.0	981,994	12.3

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English	29,206	41.6	1,627,115	64.0	5,505,064	68.9
Spanish	10,811	15.4	621,293	24.4	1,463,328	18.3
Slavic Languages	3,303	4.7	74,963	2.9	277,040	3.5
Chinese	779	1.1	46,081	1.8	88,225	1.1
Tagalog	1,688	2.4	21,495	0.8	75,330	0.9
Arabic	2,957	4.2	16,797	0.7	60,403	0.8
Korean	570	0.8	7,834	0.3	37,451	0.5
Other Asian Languages	2,710	3.9	23,392	0.9	101,327	1.3
Other Indo-European Languages	13,341	19.0	81,016	3.2	327,819	4.1
Other / Unspecified Languages	4,922	7.0	24,120	0.9	54,581	0.7

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

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HOUSEHOLD SIZE, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
1 Person Household	6,741	26.8	383,720	36.7	890,038	28.8
2 People Household	7,361	29.2	304,746	29.1	939,153	30.3
3 People Household	3,685	14.6	145,759	13.9	486,277	15.7
4 or More People Household	7,407	29.4	212,564	20.3	779,625	25.2

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Family	16,535	65.6		53.9		65.2
Single Parent with Child	1,988	7.9		9.8		8.5
Non-Family	8,659	34.4		46.1		34.8

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	5,889	23.4	279,153	26.7	578,549	18.7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6,740	26.8	220,794	21.1	601,924	19.4
\$50,000 to \$74,999	4,217	16.7	164,936	15.8	511,185	16.5
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,675	10.6	114,428	10.9	392,259	12.7
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,279	13.0	132,548	12.7	499,882	16.2
\$150,000 and Over	2,394	9.5	134,930	12.9	511,294	16.5
Median Income	\$49,855		\$52,497		\$67,619	

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSING AND TENURE, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	25,194	89.4	1,046,789	87.2	3,095,093	91.3
Owner-Occupied*	11,738	41.6	466,587	38.9	1,975,418	58.2
Renter-Occupied*	13,456	47.7	580,202	48.3	1,119,675	33.0
Vacant Housing Units	2,991	10.6	153,516	12.8	296,208	8.7

Source: 2013-2017 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 Ridge.

HOUSING TYPE, 2013-2017*

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	5,340	18.9	310,378	25.9	1,704,708	50.3
Single Family, Attached	1,424	5.1	41,094	3.4	251,659	7.4
2 Units	2,951	10.5	174,476	14.5	236,677	7.0
3 or 4 Units	5,898	20.9	180,464	15.0	271,850	8.0
5 or more Units	12,504	44.4	491,380	40.9	899,796	26.5

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
*Excludes mobile, boat, RV, van, etc.

Universe: Housing units.

HOUSING SIZE, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 to 1 Bedrooms	7,263	25.8	320,287	26.7	545,190	16.1
2 Bedrooms	10,235	36.3	415,082	34.6	969,876	28.6
3 Bedrooms	8,673	30.8	323,851	27.0	1,131,968	33.4
4 Bedrooms	1,311	4.7	100,008	8.3	586,905	17.3
5+ Bedrooms	703	2.5	41,077	3.4	157,362	4.6
Median Number of Rooms*	5.4		4.8		6.0	

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
*Includes all rooms.

Universe: Housing units.

HOUSING AGE, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2000 or Later	867	3.1	115,302	9.6	434,527	12.8
Built 1970 to 1999	3,209	11.4	194,661	16.2	1,150,207	33.9
Built 1940 to 1969	12,652	44.9	373,475	31.1	1,056,069	31.1
Built Before 1940	11,457	40.6	516,867	43.1	750,498	22.1
Median Year Built	N/A		1948		1967	

Source: 2013-2017 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 Ridge.

VEHICLES AVAILABLE, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No Vehicle Available	3,830	15.2	279,603	26.7	393,398	12.7
1 Vehicle Available	12,497	49.6	462,672	44.2	1,107,676	35.8
2 Vehicles Available	6,638	26.3	233,713	22.3	1,098,330	35.5
3 or More Vehicles Available	2,229	8.8	70,801	6.8	495,689	16.0

Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		6-County Region*	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home**	1,084	N/A	59,574	N/A	202,734	N/A
Drive Alone	19,904	60.2	633,387	51.6	2,840,547	72.6
Carpool	3,370	10.2	101,904	8.3	321,276	8.2
Transit	6,268	19.0	363,149	29.6	540,300	13.8
Walk or Bike	2,857	8.6	107,662	8.8	163,733	4.2
Other	661	2.0	22,549	1.8	48,918	1.2
TOTAL COMMUTERS	33,060	100.0	1,228,651	100.0	3,914,774	100.0

Source: 2013-2017 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, 2013-2017

	West Ridge	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Average Vehicle Miles Traveled	12,111	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 Ridge.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS, 2013-2017

	West Ridge		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	38,121	64.7	1,458,473	66.4	4,541,928	67.2
Employed†*	34,858	91.4	1,313,445	90.1	4,187,289	92.2
Unemployed*	3,263	8.6	144,332	9.9	342,324	7.5
Not In Labor Force	20,818	35.3	739,548	33.6	2,213,083	32.8

Source: 2013-2017 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 RIDGE RESIDENTS, 2015

By Industry Sector	Count	Percent
Health Care	4,803	18.5
Retail Trade	2,818	10.8
Accommodation and Food Service	2,502	9.6
Education	2,405	9.2
Professional	2,111	8.1
By Employment Location		
Outside of Chicago	11,702	45.0
The Loop	3,514	13.5
Near North Side	1,718	6.6
West Ridge	1,408	5.4
Near West Side	974	3.7

EMPLOYMENT IN WEST RIDGE, 2015

By Industry Sector	Count	Percent
Health Care	5,611	51.6
Retail Trade	1,239	11.4
Professional	1,076	9.9
Accommodation and Food Service	725	6.7
Other Service	507	4.7
By Residence Location		
Outside of Chicago	5,335	49.1
West Ridge	1,408	13.0
Edgewater	374	3.4
Rogers Park	365	3.4
Albany Park	220	2.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal-Employer Household Dynamics Program (2015).

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LAND USE

The land use tables include general land use composition and park access for West Ridge. 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	553.2	24.5
Multi-Family Residential	511.7	22.6
Commercial	140.0	6.2
Industrial	2.6	0.1
Institutional	169.0	7.5
Mixed Use	27.3	1.2
Transportation and Other	655.6	29.0
Agricultural	N/A	N/A
Open Space	188.5	8.3
Vacant	11.5	0.5
TOTAL	2,259.6	100.0

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

PARK ACCESS, 2013

	West Ridge	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Accessible Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents*	3.0	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: West Ridge

CHANGE OVER TIME

The time series tables include comparisons of current 2013-2017 ACS estimates to historic year estimates from the 2000 Census and 2006-2010 ACS.

RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2000-2017

	2000	2010	2017
	Percent	Percent	Percent
White non-Hispanic	49.7	43.2	42.2
Hispanic or Latino	15.5	21.4	18.7
Black non-Hispanic	6.8	10.2	12.1
Asian non-Hispanic	22.3	22.5	22.6
All other categories	5.6	2.6	4.4

Source: 2000 Census, 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

AGE COHORTS, 2010-2017

	2010	2017
	Percent	Percent
19 and under	28.4	27.2
20 to 34	20.9	22.4
35 to 49	20.6	19.7
50 to 64	17.7	17.9
65 to 74	6.5	7.2
75 to 84	3.9	3.8
85 and Older	2.0	1.8
Median Age*	35.4	35.3

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population.

Community Data Snapshot Time Series: West Ridge

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2010-2017

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
Less than High School Graduate	19.6	17.5
High School Graduate or Equivalency	22.1	21.7
Some College, No Degree	16.7	15.6
Associate's Degree	6.4	5.4
Bachelor's Degree	21.9	25.0
Graduate or Professional Degree	13.2	14.7

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH, 2010-2017

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
English Only	43.0	41.6
Language other than English	57.0	58.4
Speak English less than "very well"	27.1	28.0

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, 2010-2017

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
English	43.0	41.6
Spanish	18.3	15.4
Slavic Languages	5.0	4.7
Chinese	2.7	1.1
Tagalog	3.0	2.4
Arabic	3.1	4.2
Korean	0.9	0.8
Other Asian Languages	3.7	3.9
Other Indo-European Languages	15.1	19.0
Other / Unspecified Languages	5.0	7.0

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 5 years and older.

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HOUSEHOLD SIZE, 2010-2017

	2010	2017
	Percent	Percent
1 Person Household	25.8	26.8
2 People Household	26.6	29.2
3 People Household	15.9	14.6
4 or More People Household	31.7	29.4

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE, 2010-2017

	2010	2017
	Percent	Percent
Family	68.6	65.6
Single Parent with Child	8.8	7.9
Non-Family	31.4	34.4

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2010-2017

	2010	2017
	(2017 Dollars)	(2017 Dollars)
Median Income	\$ 53,329	\$ 49,855

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

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HOUSING AND TENURE, 2010-2017

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
Occupied Housing Units	89.2	89.4
Owner-Occupied*	47.2	41.6
Renter-Occupied*	42.0	47.7
Vacant Housing Units	10.8	10.6

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: *Occupied housing units; Housing units.

HOUSING TYPE, 2010-2017*

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
Single Family, Detached	18.9	18.9
Single Family, Attached	6.2	5.1
2 Units	11.8	10.5
3 or 4 Units	22.5	20.9
5 or more Units	40.4	44.4

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units.

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

HOUSING SIZE, 2010-2017

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
0 to 1 Bedrooms	22.9	25.8
2 Bedrooms	35.3	36.3
3 Bedrooms	33.5	30.8
4 Bedrooms	5.0	4.7
5+ Bedrooms	3.4	2.5
Median Number of Rooms*	5.5	5.4

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units.

*Includes all rooms.

HOUSING AGE, 2010-2017

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
Built 2000 or Later	3.3	3.1
Built 1970 to 1999	9.8	11.4
Built 1940 to 1969	45.0	44.9
Built Before 1940	42.0	40.6
Median Year Built	N/A	N/A

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units.

Community Data Snapshot Time Series: West Ridge

VEHICLES AVAILABLE, 2010-2017

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
No Vehicle Available	17.7	15.2
1 Vehicle Available	45.2	49.6
2 Vehicles Available	28.1	26.3
3 or More Vehicles Available	9.0	8.8

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units.

MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK, 2010-2017

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
Work at Home*	N/A	N/A
Drive Alone	65.0	60.2
Carpool	10.8	10.2
Transit	18.1	19.0
Walk or Bike	4.8	8.6
Other	1.2	2.0
TOTAL COMMUTERS	100.0	100.0
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	N/A	N/A

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Workers 16 years and over.

* Not included in "total commuters."

EMPLOYMENT STATUS, 2010-2017

	2010 Percent	2017 Percent
In Labor Force	63.8	64.7
Employed*	92.1	91.4
Unemployed*	7.9	8.6
Not In Labor Force	36.2	35.3

Source: 2006-2010 and 2013-2017 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 Ridge

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 Ridge	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	45.2%	45.1%	64.9%	2013-2017 ACS 5-Year
	Workforce participation rate among population aged 20-64	77.2%	80.3%	83.4%	2013-2017 ACS 5-Year
ENVIRONMENT	Population with park access of 4+ acres per 1,000 residents	19.3%	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	0.05	0.18	0.15	USGS National Land Cover Dataset, 2011
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	39.8%	29.8%	37.3%	2013-2017 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>.