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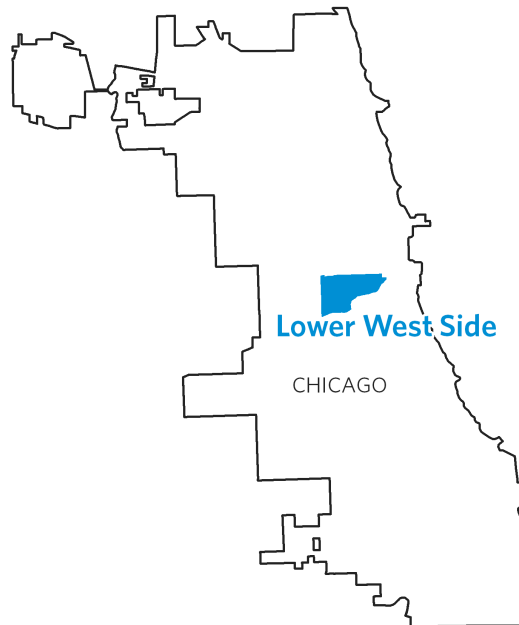
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About the Community Data Snapshots

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, although other data sources include the U.S. Census Bureau, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), Illinois Department of Revenue (IDR), HERE Technologies, and CMAP itself.

CMAP publishes updated Community Data Snapshots annually to reflect the most recent data available. The latest version can always be found on the CMAP website at cmap.illinois.gov/data/community-snapshots. The data is also available in table format at the CMAP Data Hub. Please direct any inquiries to info@cmap.illinois.gov.

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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.

Chicago Community Area (CCA) Values

CCA values are estimated by aggregating ACS data for census tracts and block groups. Data from tracts and block groups located in multiple CCAs is allocated proportionally based on the block-level distribution of population, households or housing units (as appropriate) from the most recent Decennial Census.

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.

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.

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Population and Households

The population and household tables include general demographic, social, and economic characteristics summarized for Lower West Side.

General Population Characteristics, 2020

	Lower West Side	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Total Population	33,751	2,746,388	8,577,735
Total Households	13,730	1,142,725	3,266,741
Average Household Size	2.4	2.4	2.6
Percent Population Change, 2010-20	-5.6	1.9	1.7
Percent Population Change, 2000-20	-23.3	-5.2	5.3

Source: 2000, 2010 and 2020 Census.

Race and Ethnicity, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	7,244	21.6	907,499	33.1	4,289,683	50.1
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	23,067	68.7	787,795	28.7	2,005,239	23.4
Black (Non-Hispanic)	968	2.9	788,673	28.8	1,402,691	16.4
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	1,455	4.3	185,202	6.8	636,825	7.4
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	854	2.5	72,950	2.7	236,095	2.8

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Total population

Age Cohorts, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Under 5	1,347	4.0	163,123	5.9	502,928	5.9
5 to 19	5,439	16.2	461,695	16.8	1,662,052	19.4
20 to 34	11,298	33.6	741,032	27.0	1,774,853	20.7
35 to 49	7,056	21.0	556,412	20.3	1,724,098	20.1
50 to 64	5,033	15.0	469,414	17.1	1,659,323	19.4
65 to 74	2,227	6.6	208,056	7.6	746,030	8.7
75 to 84	803	2.4	99,230	3.6	347,665	4.1
85 and Over	385	1.1	43,157	1.6	153,584	1.8
Median Age	33.5		35.1		37.9	

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Total population

Educational Attainment*, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than High School Diploma	5,724	23.8	263,057	13.7	630,588	10.8
High School Diploma or Equivalent	4,659	19.4	419,545	21.9	1,303,071	22.2
Some College, No Degree	3,827	15.9	326,785	17.0	1,090,002	18.6
Associate's Degree	863	3.6	110,376	5.7	418,936	7.1
Bachelor's Degree	5,527	23.0	462,522	24.1	1,443,539	24.6
Graduate or Professional Degree	3,447	14.3	337,486	17.6	978,676	16.7

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Population 25 years and older
*Highest degree or level of school completed by an individual.

Nativity, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Native	22,424	66.8	2,188,765	79.8	6,938,399	81.0
Foreign Born	11,164	33.2	553,354	20.2	1,632,134	19.0

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Total population

Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Only	11,120	34.5	1,671,467	64.8	5,533,398	68.6
Spanish	19,697	61.1	606,594	23.5	1,479,334	18.3
Slavic Languages	266	0.8	75,676	2.9	289,350	3.6
Chinese	300	0.9	49,631	1.9	90,587	1.1
Tagalog	45	0.1	20,258	0.8	73,710	0.9
Arabic	49	0.2	14,932	0.6	63,720	0.8
Korean	208	0.6	8,055	0.3	37,671	0.5
Other Asian Languages	151	0.5	29,153	1.1	113,684	1.4
Other Indo-European Languages	349	1.1	77,526	3.0	328,784	4.1
Other/Unspecified Languages	56	0.2	25,704	1.0	57,367	0.7
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	21,121	65.5	907,529	35.2	2,534,207	31.4
Speak English Less than "Very Well"*	8,428	26.1	371,513	14.4	940,619	11.7

Source: 2017-2021 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
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Household Size, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
1-Person Household	4,332	32.4	425,352	38.2	948,087	29.4
2-Person Household	4,586	34.3	328,536	29.5	993,509	30.8
3-Person Household	1,965	14.7	150,999	13.6	503,236	15.6
4-or-More-Person Household	2,495	18.7	207,694	18.7	775,919	24.1

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Type, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Family	7,100	53.1	574,825	51.7	2,062,968	64.1
Single Parent with Child	1,100	8.2	97,029	8.7	257,853	8.0
Non-Family	6,278	46.9	537,756	48.3	1,157,783	35.9

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Income, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than $25,000	2,705	20.2	242,342	21.8	486,172	15.1
$25,000 to $49,999	2,707	20.2	204,520	18.4	532,670	16.5
$50,000 to $74,999	2,418	18.1	166,043	14.9	491,960	15.3
$75,000 to $99,999	2,025	15.1	129,883	11.7	407,959	12.7
$100,000 to $149,999	2,042	15.3	163,331	14.7	575,992	17.9
$150,000 and Over	1,481	11.1	206,462	18.6	725,998	22.5
Median Income	$61,925		$65,781		$81,102	
Per Capita Income*	$32,149		$41,821		$43,128	

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Occupied housing units
*Universe: Total population

Household Computer and Internet Access, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
One or More Computing Devices	12,538	93.7	1,021,348	91.8	3,019,317	93.7
Smartphone(s) Only	1,509	11.3	112,128	10.1	240,075	7.5
No Computing Devices	840	6.3	91,233	8.2	201,434	6.3
Internet Access	12,170	91.0	979,268	88.0	2,935,545	91.1
Broadband Subscription	11,726	87.7	939,349	84.4	2,855,152	88.6
No Internet Access	1,208	9.0	133,313	12.0	285,206	8.9

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Occupied housing units

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Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	13,378	89.2	1,112,581	88.8	3,220,751	92.3
Owner-Occupied*	4,163	31.1	507,809	45.6	2,075,416	64.4
Renter-Occupied*	9,215	68.9	604,772	54.4	1,145,335	35.6
Vacant Housing Units	1,625	10.8	139,897	11.2	267,011	7.7

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units
*Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Costs as a Percentage of Household Income*, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than $20,000	1,813	14.0	161,490	15.1	315,268	10.1
Less than 20 Percent	0	0.0	4,233	0.4	7,772	0.2
20 to 29 Percent	82	0.6	13,939	1.3	22,358	0.7
30 Percent or More	1,731	13.3	143,318	13.4	285,138	9.1
$20,000 to $49,999	3,278	25.2	249,790	23.3	632,790	20.2
Less than 20 Percent	330	2.5	26,989	2.5	69,735	2.2
20 to 29 Percent	730	5.6	48,867	4.6	123,043	3.9
30 Percent or More	2,218	17.1	173,934	16.2	440,012	14.0
$50,000 to $74,999	2,397	18.5	163,939	15.3	486,707	15.5
Less than 20 Percent	936	7.2	45,130	4.2	139,609	4.5
20 to 29 Percent	1,004	7.7	59,362	5.5	171,702	5.5
30 Percent or More	457	3.5	59,447	5.5	175,396	5.6
$75,000 or More	5,496	42.3	496,257	46.3	1,701,200	54.2
Less than 20 Percent	3,930	30.3	328,097	30.6	1,134,826	36.2
20 to 29 Percent	1,311	10.1	126,224	11.8	422,329	13.5
30 Percent or More	255	2.0	41,936	3.9	144,045	4.6

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
*Excludes households with zero/negative income, and renting households paying no cash rent.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Characteristics

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

Housing Type, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	1,897	12.6	326,305	26.1	1,745,022	50.0
Single Family, Attached	295	2.0	43,303	3.5	259,184	7.4
2 Units	3,274	21.8	176,711	14.1	239,727	6.9
3 or 4 Units	4,640	30.9	184,313	14.7	274,341	7.9
5 to 9 Units	3,476	23.2	142,818	11.4	270,594	7.8
10 to 19 Units	467	3.1	54,675	4.4	155,969	4.5
20 or More Units	884	5.9	320,992	25.6	513,327	14.7
Mobile Home/Other*	70	0.5	3,361	0.3	29,598	0.8

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Housing units
*"Other" includes boats, recreational vehicles (RVs), vans, etc.

Housing Size, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 or 1 Bedroom	3,030	20.2	333,786	26.7	566,228	16.2
2 Bedrooms	6,958	46.4	424,005	33.9	973,190	27.9
3 Bedrooms	3,677	24.5	336,226	26.8	1,156,700	33.2
4 Bedrooms	1,082	7.2	110,325	8.8	612,171	17.6
5 or More Bedrooms	256	1.7	48,136	3.8	179,473	5.1
Median Number of Rooms*	4.9		4.8		6.0	

Source: 2017-2021 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, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2000 or Later	1,334	8.9	148,271	11.8	509,505	14.6
Built 1970 to 1999	2,450	16.3	220,148	17.6	1,189,334	34.1
Built 1940 to 1969	2,364	15.8	378,892	30.3	1,048,502	30.1
Built Before 1940	8,855	59.0	505,167	40.3	740,421	21.2
Median Year Built	1932		1951		1969	

Source: 2017-2021 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, annual vehicle miles traveled, and transit availability for Lower West Side.

Vehicles Available per Household, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No Vehicle Available	3,331	24.9	293,840	26.4	405,467	12.6
1 Vehicle Available	6,432	48.1	495,478	44.5	1,152,274	35.8
2 Vehicles Available	2,827	21.1	241,868	21.7	1,119,802	34.8
3 or More Vehicles Available	788	5.9	81,395	7.3	543,208	16.9

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates. Universe: Occupied housing units

Mode of Travel to Work, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home*	1,835	9.8	166,771	12.3	486,188	11.5
Drive Alone	8,014	42.9	641,412	47.4	2,743,345	64.9
Carpool	1,771	9.5	101,838	7.5	321,231	7.6
Transit	4,863	26.0	316,453	23.4	465,784	11.0
Walk or Bike	1,733	9.3	99,182	7.3	151,257	3.6
Other	468	2.5	27,118	2.0	62,008	1.5
TOTAL COMMUTERS	16,849	90.2	1,186,003	87.7	3,743,625	88.5
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	29.5		34.4		31.7	

Source: 2017-2021 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*, 2021

	Lower West Side	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Average Vehicle Miles Traveled per Year	9,748	10,316	15,653

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of 2021 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, HERE Technologies, and U.S. Census Bureau data.
*Data not available for all communities in the CMAP region.

Transit Availability of Resident and Job Locations*, 2017

	Lower West Side	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
High Transit Availability	100.0%	99.3%	53.9%
Moderate Transit Availability	0.0%	0.5%	20.6%
Low Transit Availability	0.0%	0.2%	25.5%

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of the 2017 Transit Availability Index.
*The CMAP Transit Availability Index is based on four factors: frequency of transit service, proximity to transit stops, activities reachable without a transfer, and pedestrian friendliness. This table reports the share of residents plus jobs whose home and workplace locations, respectively, are within each Transit Availability Index category.

Employment

The employment tables include general workforce characteristics for Lower West Side.

Employment Status, 2017-2021

	Lower West Side		City of Chicago		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	20,267	71.8	1,509,191	67.3	4,614,158	67.3
Employed[†]*	18,966	93.6	1,381,372	91.5	4,306,443	93.3
Unemployed*	1,301	6.4	127,044	8.4	295,199	6.4
Not in Labor Force	7,944	28.2	733,062	32.7	2,237,246	32.7

Source: 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
[†]Does not include employed population in the Armed Forces.

Universe: Population 16 years and older
*Universe: In labor force

Employment of Lower West Side Residents*, 2019

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Accommodation and Food Service	1,605	12.6
2. Administration	1,394	11.0
3. Health Care	1,368	10.7
4. Education	1,151	9.0
5. Professional	1,081	8.5
TOP EMPLOYMENT LOCATIONS		
1. Outside of Chicago	3,961	31.1
2. The Loop	2,481	19.5
3. Near West Side	1,288	10.1
4. Near North Side	1,143	9.0
5. Lower West Side	778	6.1

Employment in Lower West Side*, 2019

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Wholesale Trade	2,743	17.8
2. Administration	2,252	14.6
3. Manufacturing	1,948	12.7
4. Transportation	1,694	11.0
5. Accommodation and Food Service	1,346	8.7
TOP RESIDENCE LOCATIONS		
1. Outside of Chicago	6,456	41.9
2. Lower West Side	778	5.1
3. South Lawndale	441	2.9
4. Brighton Park	366	2.4
5. Bridgeport	326	2.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program (2019).
*Excludes residents working outside of, and workers living outside of, the seven-county CMAP region.

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Land Use

The land use tables include general land use composition, park access, and walkability for Lower West Side.

General Land Use, 2018

	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	65.5	3.5
Multi-Family Residential	227.0	12.1
Commercial	69.4	3.7
Industrial	546.0	29.2
Institutional	89.9	4.8
Mixed Use	51.4	2.7
Transportation and Other	712.9	38.1
Agricultural	0.0	0.0
Open Space	35.5	1.9
Vacant	74.5	4.0
TOTAL	1,872.1	100.0

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of the 2018 Land Use Inventory.

Park Access, 2015

	Lower West Side	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
Accessible Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents*	1.21	2.42	5.78

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of the 2015 Park Access Layer.
*Neighborhood parks (smaller than 35 acres) are considered accessible for residents living within 0.5 miles; community parks (35 acres or larger) are considered accessible for residents living within 1 mile.

Walkability of Resident and Job Locations*, 2018

	Lower West Side	City of Chicago	CMAP Region
High Walkability	92.7%	96.4%	44.7%
Moderate Walkability	7.3%	1.8%	24.8%
Low Walkability	0.0%	1.8%	30.5%

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of the 2018 Walkability Layer.
*The CMAP Walkability Layer is based on several factors: the presence/absence of sidewalks; the number of amenities within walking distance; population/employment density; bicycle/pedestrian crashes and fatalities; and physical characteristics (e.g., tree cover, block length). This table reports the share of residents plus jobs whose home and workplace locations, respectively, are within each Walkability Layer category.

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Change Over Time

The time series tables include comparisons of current 2017-2021 ACS estimates to historic year estimates from the 2000 Census and 2007-2011 ACS.

Race and Ethnicity, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	8.1	12.6	21.6
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	88.9	82.3	68.7
Black (Non-Hispanic)	1.8	3.1	2.9
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	0.3	0.8	4.3
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	0.9	1.2	2.5

Source: 2000 Census; 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Total population

Age Cohorts, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
19 and Under	29.8	20.2
20 to 34	31.0	33.6
35 to 49	20.6	21.0
50 to 64	11.5	15.0
65 and Over	7.0	10.2
Median Age	29.4	33.5

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Total population

Educational Attainment*, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
Less than High School Diploma	41.9	23.8
High School Diploma or Equivalent	23.9	19.4
Some College, No Degree	12.2	15.9
Associate's Degree	4.4	3.6
Bachelor's Degree	12.1	23.0
Graduate or Professional Degree	5.5	14.3

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Population 25 years and older
*Highest degree or level of school completed by an individual.

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Nativity, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
Native	58.7	66.8
Foreign Born	41.3	33.2

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Total population

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

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
English Only	24.2	34.5
Spanish	73.8	61.1
Slavic Languages	0.7	0.8
Chinese	0.3	0.9
Tagalog	0.0	0.1
Arabic	0.3	0.2
Korean	0.0	0.6
Other Asian Languages	0.1	0.5
Other Indo-European Languages	0.5	1.1
Other/Unspecified Languages	0.0	0.2
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	75.8	65.5
Speak English Less than "Very Well"*	39.9	26.1

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 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."

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Household Size, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
1-Person Household	28.3	32.4
2-Person Household	24.6	34.3
3-Person Household	14.6	14.7
4-or-More-Person Household	32.4	18.7

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Type, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
Family	60.5	53.1
Single Parent with Child	13.6	8.2
Non-Family	39.5	46.9

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Income, Over Time

	2007-2011 (2021 Dollars)	2017-2021 (2021 Dollars)
Median Income	$42,910	$61,925

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
Occupied Housing Units	84.7	89.2
Owner-Occupied*	28.1	31.1
Renter-Occupied*	71.9	68.9
Vacant Housing Units	15.3	10.8

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Housing units
*Universe: Occupied housing units

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

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
Less than $20,000	25.7	14.0
Less than 20 Percent	0.2	0.0
20 to 29 Percent	1.8	0.6
30 Percent or More	23.6	13.3
$20,000 to $49,999	39.0	25.2
Less than 20 Percent	5.6	2.5
20 to 29 Percent	14.0	5.6
30 Percent or More	19.3	17.1
$50,000 to $74,999	16.5	18.5
Less than 20 Percent	9.2	7.2
20 to 29 Percent	3.6	7.7
30 Percent or More	3.7	3.5
$75,000 or More	16.0	42.3
Less than 20 Percent	10.9	30.3
20 to 29 Percent	2.4	10.1
30 Percent or More	2.8	2.0

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Occupied housing units
*Excludes households with zero/negative income, and renting households paying no cash rent.

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Housing Type, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
Single Family, Detached	11.3	12.6
Single Family, Attached	1.3	2.0
2 Units	26.9	21.8
3 or 4 Units	35.1	30.9
5 or More Units	25.4	32.2
Mobile Home/Other*	0.0	0.5

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Housing units
*"Other" includes boats, recreational vehicles (RVs), vans, etc.

Housing Size, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
0 or 1 Bedroom	20.1	20.2
2 Bedrooms	45.9	46.4
3 Bedrooms	25.9	24.5
4 Bedrooms	4.9	7.2
5 or More Bedrooms	3.1	1.7
Median Number of Rooms*	4.9	4.9

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 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, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
Built 2000 or Later	4.5	8.9
Built 1970 to 1999	6.3	16.3
Built 1940 to 1969	11.8	15.8
Built Before 1940	77.4	59.0
Median Year Built	1922	1932

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Housing units

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Vehicles Available per Household, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
No Vehicle Available	29.6	24.9
1 Vehicle Available	43.8	48.1
2 Vehicles Available	19.2	21.1
3 or More Vehicles Available	7.4	5.9

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 American Community Survey five-year estimates.   Universe: Occupied housing units

Mode of Travel to Work, Over Time

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
Work at Home*	2.7	9.8
Drive Alone	40.7	42.9
Carpool	16.4	9.5
Transit	27.2	26.0
Walk or Bike	12.6	9.3
Other	0.5	2.5
TOTAL COMMUTERS	97.3	90.2
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	29.9	29.5

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 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

	2007-2011 Percent	2017-2021 Percent
In Labor Force	71.8	71.8
Employed[†]*	85.9	93.6
Unemployed*	14.1	6.4
Not in Labor Force	28.2	28.2

Source: 2007-2011 and 2017-2021 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

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ON TO 2050 Indicators

ON TO 2050 is the region's long-range comprehensive plan, adopted by CMAP in 2018 and updated in 2022. 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.

		Lower West Side	CMAP Region		
		Current	Current	2050 Target	Source
Plan Chapter	**Indicator**				
Community	Population located in highly walkable areas	100.0%	46.1%	53.6%	CMAP, 2018
	Jobs located in highly walkable areas	75.8%	41.9%	46.0%	CMAP, 2018
Prosperity	Population aged 25+ with an associate's degree or higher	40.9%	48.4%	64.9%	ACS, 2017-2021
	Workforce participation rate among population aged 20-64	83.0%	81.2%	83.4%	ACS, 2017-2021
Environment	Population with park access of 4+ acres per 1,000 residents	0.0%	41.8%	65.0%	CMAP, 2015
	Population with park access of 10+ acres per 1,000 residents	0.0%	16.3%	40.0%	CMAP, 2015
	Impervious acres per household	0.12	0.19	0.17	USGS NLCD, 2019
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-single occupancy vehicle modes	54.6%	33.7%	37.3%	ACS, 2017-2021