

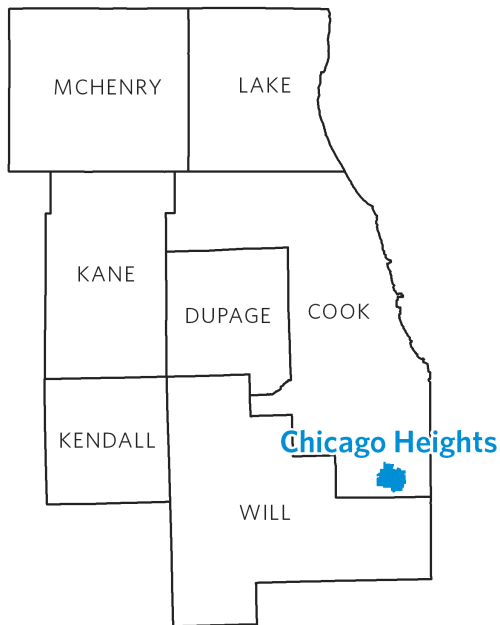


Chicago Heights

Community Data Snapshot

Municipality Series

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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](#). All data sources are noted beneath each table.

CMAP publishes updated Community Data Snapshots annually, usually in July. The latest version can always be found on the CMAP website at cmap.illinois.gov/data/community-snapshots. Current and historical snapshot data is available in table format at the [CMAP Data Hub](#). Please direct any questions to info@cmap.illinois.gov.

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 would like to see in next year's snapshots.

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.

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.

Municipalities Located in Multiple Counties

County data is presented for the CMAP county containing the largest portion of the municipality's population, as of the 2020 decennial census.

Municipalities That Extend Beyond the CMAP Region

Values derived from CMAP analyses are generally restricted to geographies that fall within the CMAP regional boundaries. Specifically, values in the General Land Use, Equalized Assessed Value, and Water Supply tables only represent the portion of each municipality that falls within the seven-county CMAP region. This snapshot is for Chicago Heights, which does *not* extend beyond the CMAP region.

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.

Population and Households

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

General Population Characteristics, 2024

	Chicago Heights	Cook County	CMAP Region
Total Population	26,736	5,182,090	8,495,320
Total Households	9,224	2,100,230	3,301,388
Average Household Size	2.8	2.4	2.5
Percent Population Change, 2000-10	-7.6	-3.4	3.5
Percent Population Change, 2010-24	-11.7	-0.2	0.8
Percent Population Change, 2000-24	-18.4	-3.6	4.3

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census, 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Race and Ethnicity, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	5,728	21.4	2,077,522	40.1	4,070,419	47.9
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	9,481	35.5	1,387,163	26.8	2,106,868	24.8
Black (Non-Hispanic)	10,765	40.3	1,130,881	21.8	1,341,618	15.8
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	87	0.3	407,859	7.9	668,971	7.9
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	675	2.5	178,665	3.4	307,444	3.6

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Age Cohorts, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Under 5	1,676	6.3	280,520	5.4	462,655	5.4
5 to 19	6,639	24.8	935,109	18.0	1,610,678	19.0
20 to 34	4,959	18.5	1,145,837	22.1	1,751,152	20.6
35 to 49	4,875	18.2	1,044,009	20.1	1,707,049	20.1
50 to 64	4,767	17.8	949,459	18.3	1,612,962	19.0
65 to 74	2,145	8.0	487,190	9.4	803,224	9.5
75 to 84	1,321	4.9	237,130	4.6	388,880	4.6
85 and Over	354	1.3	102,836	2.0	158,720	1.9
Median Age	35.2		38.0		38.5	

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Educational Attainment*, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than High School Diploma	2,527	15.2	416,621	11.4	608,225	10.3
High School Diploma or Equivalent	5,301	31.9	801,258	22.0	1,287,338	21.9
Some College, No Degree	3,926	23.6	624,173	17.1	1,039,489	17.7
Associate's Degree	1,413	8.5	243,881	6.7	417,149	7.1
Bachelor's Degree	2,420	14.5	900,648	24.7	1,493,459	25.4
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,049	6.3	654,953	18.0	1,042,387	17.7

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
 *Highest degree or level of school completed by an individual.

Universe: Population 25 years and older

Nativity, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Native	22,796	85.3	4,055,022	78.3	6,804,818	80.1
Foreign Born	3,940	14.7	1,127,068	21.7	1,690,502	19.9

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Only	17,246	68.8	3,148,963	64.2	5,427,887	67.6
Spanish	6,741	26.9	1,031,829	21.1	1,526,595	19.0
Russian, Polish, or other Slavic Languages	375	1.5	207,055	4.2	288,316	3.6
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	8	0.0	68,513	1.4	93,083	1.2
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	0	0.0	48,595	1.0	76,863	1.0
Arabic	0	0.0	51,340	1.0	65,592	0.8
Korean	0	0.0	26,697	0.5	36,471	0.5
Other Asian Languages	105	0.4	68,378	1.4	119,487	1.5
Other Indo-European Languages	410	1.6	200,789	4.1	336,581	4.2
Other/Unspecified Languages	175	0.7	49,411	1.0	61,790	0.8
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	7,814	31.2	1,752,607	35.8	2,604,778	32.4
Speak English Less than "Very Well"*	2,595	10.4	688,614	14.0	979,229	12.2

Source: 2020-2024 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."

Population with a Disability, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Number of People with a Disability	3,609	13.5	587,540	11.3	900,445	10.6
One Type of Disability Only	1,904	7.1	311,410	6.0	486,435	5.7
Two or More Types of Disability	1,705	6.4	276,130	5.3	414,010	4.9

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Disability by Type, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Hearing Difficulty	409	1.5	129,886	2.5	214,075	2.5
Vision Difficulty	732	2.7	117,625	2.3	171,275	2.0
Cognitive Difficulty	1,674	6.3	219,496	4.2	334,479	3.9
Ambulatory Difficulty	1,751	6.5	296,871	5.7	437,316	5.1
Self-Care Difficulty	789	3.0	114,066	2.2	171,243	2.0
Independent Living Difficulty^{†*}	1,387	7.3	225,488	5.6	336,594	5.1

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Learn more about [how disability is defined](#) for this dataset.

*Universe: Total population over 18

[†]Does not include residents of nursing homes or skilled nursing facilities that provide long-term, nonacute care.

Disability by Age Cohorts, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0-17 with a Disability	553	2.1	40,503	0.8	66,935	0.8
18-64 with a Disability	1,985	7.4	287,681	5.6	436,241	5.1
65-74 with a Disability	327	1.2	108,988	2.1	166,015	2.0
75 and Over with a Disability	744	2.8	150,368	2.9	231,254	2.7

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Health Insurance Coverage, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Uninsured	3,099	11.6	454,597	8.8	646,573	7.6
Uninsured and disabled	215	0.8	31,475	0.6	43,842	0.5

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Household Size, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
1-Person Household	2,862	31.0	727,904	34.7	1,004,516	30.4
2-Person Household	2,235	24.2	629,256	30.0	1,018,513	30.9
3-Person Household	1,416	15.4	299,403	14.3	501,858	15.2
4-or-More-Person Household	2,711	29.4	443,667	21.1	776,501	23.5

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Type, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Family	5,900	64.0	1,210,089	57.6	2,073,094	62.8
Single Parent with Child	1,420	15.4	168,379	8.0	255,272	7.7
Non-Family	3,324	36.0	890,141	42.4	1,228,294	37.2

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Income, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	2,327	25.2	332,400	15.8	437,334	13.2
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,901	20.6	329,767	15.7	468,081	14.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,468	15.9	293,762	14.0	451,436	13.7
\$75,000 to \$99,999	988	10.7	255,847	12.2	406,073	12.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,456	15.8	362,019	17.2	604,303	18.3
\$150,000 and Over	1,084	11.8	526,435	25.1	934,161	28.3
Median Income	\$54,798		\$83,498		\$93,091	
Per Capita Income*	\$26,891		\$49,329		\$50,613	

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

*Universe: Total population

Household Computer and Internet Access, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
One or More Computing Devices	8,546	92.6	2,000,086	95.2	3,168,942	96.0
Smartphone(s) Only	1,389	15.1	197,093	9.4	265,765	8.1
No Computing Devices	678	7.4	100,144	4.8	132,446	4.0
Internet Access	8,286	89.8	1,968,080	93.7	3,122,435	94.6
Broadband Subscription	8,071	87.5	1,903,624	90.6	3,037,636	92.0
No Internet Access	938	10.2	132,150	6.3	178,953	5.4

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	9,224	86.9	2,100,230	92.3	3,301,388	93.6
Owner-Occupied*	5,846	63.4	1,212,570	57.7	2,140,282	64.8
Renter-Occupied*	3,378	36.6	887,660	42.3	1,161,106	35.2
Vacant Housing Units	1,389	13.1	176,263	7.7	225,992	6.4

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units
*Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Costs as a Percentage of Household Income*, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$20,000	1,512	17.8	217,994	10.7	284,351	8.9
Less than 20 Percent	49	0.6	3,840	0.2	4,916	0.2
20 to 29 Percent	73	0.9	13,598	0.7	16,165	0.5
30 Percent or More	1,390	16.3	200,556	9.9	263,270	8.2
\$20,000 to \$49,999	2,060	24.2	389,231	19.1	548,567	17.1
Less than 20 Percent	357	4.2	35,421	1.7	49,943	1.6
20 to 29 Percent	417	4.9	60,268	3.0	85,571	2.7
30 Percent or More	1,286	15.1	293,542	14.4	413,053	12.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,444	17.0	289,462	14.2	445,688	13.9
Less than 20 Percent	445	5.2	68,947	3.4	104,246	3.2
20 to 29 Percent	540	6.3	97,251	4.8	144,885	4.5
30 Percent or More	459	5.4	123,264	6.1	196,557	6.1
\$75,000 or More	3,500	41.1	1,137,184	55.9	1,934,018	60.2
Less than 20 Percent	2,888	33.9	735,884	36.2	1,259,840	39.2
20 to 29 Percent	417	4.9	280,125	13.8	475,559	14.8
30 Percent or More	195	2.3	121,175	6.0	198,619	6.2

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

*Excludes households with zero/negative income, and renting households paying no cash rent.

Housing & Transportation (H+T) Costs as a Percentage of Household Income*, 2018-2022

	Median-Income Family**	Moderate-Income Family***
Housing Costs	18	22
Transportation Costs	18	21
TOTAL H+T COSTS	35	42

Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), [H+T Affordability Index](#) (2018-2022).

*The purpose of the H+T Index is to isolate the effect of location on housing and transportation costs, and is reported for different household typologies. The values above represent the percent of household income that an average household of each type spends on housing and transportation. The standard threshold of affordability is 30% for housing costs alone, and 45% for housing and transportation costs combined.

**"Median-income family" assumes a 4-person, 2-commuter household with income equal to the regional median.

***"Moderate-income family" assumes a 3-person, 1-commuter household with income equal to 80% of the regional median.

Housing Characteristics

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

Housing Type, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	7,358	69.3	900,824	39.6	1,744,963	49.5
Single Family, Attached	302	2.8	124,081	5.5	267,540	7.6
2 Units	1,174	11.1	203,431	8.9	225,323	6.4
3 or 4 Units	582	5.5	237,569	10.4	278,696	7.9
5 to 9 Units	221	2.1	221,658	9.7	272,436	7.7
10 to 19 Units	311	2.9	113,433	5.0	162,206	4.6
20 or More Units	637	6.0	456,751	20.1	545,750	15.5
Mobile Home/Other*	28	0.3	18,746	0.8	30,466	0.9

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*"Other" includes boats, recreational vehicles (RVs), vans, etc.

Housing Size, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 or 1 Bedroom	1,179	11.1	481,226	21.1	596,223	16.9
2 Bedrooms	2,137	20.1	692,768	30.4	970,902	27.5
3 Bedrooms	5,763	54.3	707,318	31.1	1,149,073	32.6
4 Bedrooms	1,254	11.8	290,384	12.8	621,544	17.6
5 or More Bedrooms	280	2.6	104,797	4.6	189,638	5.4
Median Number of Rooms*	5.7		5.1		6.0	

Source: 2020-2024 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, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2010 or Later	455	4.3	114,864	5.0	198,138	5.6
Built 1990 to 2009	422	4.0	322,599	14.2	768,316	21.8
Built 1970 to 1989	1,922	18.1	448,001	19.7	812,639	23.0
Built 1940 to 1969	6,124	57.7	758,643	33.3	1,020,505	28.9
Built Before 1940	1,690	15.9	632,386	27.8	727,782	20.6
Median Year Built	1959		1961		1970	

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

Transportation

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

Vehicles Available per Household, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No Vehicle Available	915	9.9	378,260	18.0	429,242	13.0
1 Vehicle Available	3,740	40.5	871,670	41.5	1,213,932	36.8
2 Vehicles Available	3,126	33.9	597,002	28.4	1,112,702	33.7
3 or More Vehicles Available	1,443	15.6	253,298	12.1	545,512	16.5

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Mode of Travel to Work, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home*	681	6.7	480,070	18.9	783,713	18.5
Drive Alone	7,351	72.5	1,392,162	54.8	2,558,570	60.5
Carpool	1,141	11.3	196,668	7.7	328,727	7.8
Transit	477	4.7	300,955	11.8	344,109	8.1
Walk or Bike	87	0.9	125,563	4.9	151,058	3.6
Other	399	3.9	44,544	1.8	65,884	1.6
TOTAL COMMUTERS	9,455	93.3	2,059,892	81.1	3,448,348	81.5
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	30.1		31.5		30.5	

Source: 2020-2024 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*, 2023

	Chicago Heights	Cook County	CMAP Region
Average Vehicle Miles Traveled per Year	15,074	11,618	13,828

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of 2023 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, HERE Technologies, and Census Bureau data. In 2023, the methodology for an adjustment of VMT for new cars (<4 years old) was discontinued. Estimates are not fully comparable to previous years.

*Data not available for all communities in the CMAP region.

Employment

The employment tables include general workforce characteristics for Chicago Heights.

Employment Status, 2020-2024

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	12,355	60.6	2,794,546	66.2	4,610,045	67.1
Employed ^{†*}	10,527	85.2	2,597,162	92.9	4,310,932	93.5
Unemployed*	1,793	14.5	195,726	7.0	284,304	6.2
Not in Labor Force	8,033	39.4	1,427,420	33.8	2,255,280	32.9

Source: 2020-2024 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

Private Sector Employment*, 2025

	Chicago Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Private Sector Employment	8,751	N/A	2,247,360	N/A	3,607,704	N/A
Job Change, 2015-25	-2,858	-24.6	59,835	2.7	141,870	4.1
Job Change, 2005-25	-5,429	-38.3	95,315	4.4	259,486	7.7
Private Sector Jobs per Household**	0.95		1.07		1.09	

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, Where Workers Work report (2025), Illinois at Work report (2025).

*Figures exclude employees not covered by unemployment insurance. Data not available for all communities in the CMAP region.

**Based on households from 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Employment of Chicago Heights Residents*, 2023

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Health Care	1,852	17.3
2. Manufacturing	1,206	11.2
3. Transportation	1,151	10.7
4. Retail Trade	1,024	9.5
5. Education	1,017	9.5
TOP EMPLOYMENT LOCATIONS		
1. Chicago	2,494	23.2
2. Chicago Heights	946	8.8
3. Lake County, Indiana	377	3.5
4. Homewood	259	2.4
5. Matteson	208	1.9

Employment in Chicago Heights*, 2023

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Manufacturing	1,958	23.6
2. Education	1,822	21.9
3. Health Care	1,129	13.6
4. Wholesale Trade	768	9.2
5. Transportation	608	7.3
TOP RESIDENCE LOCATIONS		
1. Lake County, Indiana	1,333	16.1
2. Chicago Heights	946	11.4
3. Chicago	710	8.6
4. Park Forest	252	3.0
5. Unincorporated Will County	236	2.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program (2023).

*Includes workers and workplaces outside the seven-county CMAP region, including neighboring states such as Indiana, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

Land Use

The land use tables include general land use composition for Chicago Heights.

General Land Use, 2023

	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	1,327.8	20.2
Multi-Family Residential	162.0	2.5
Commercial	268.8	4.1
Industrial	1,245.1	18.9
Institutional	507.4	7.7
Mixed Use	10.9	0.2
Transportation and Other	1,752.1	26.6
Agricultural	228.7	3.5
Open Space	475.2	7.2
Vacant	611.5	9.3
TOTAL	6,589.4	100.0

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of the 2023 [Land Use Inventory](#).

Tax Base

The tax base tables include retail sales and equalized assessed values for Chicago Heights.

General Merchandise Retail Sales, 2025

	Chicago Heights	Cook County	CMAP Region
General Merchandise	\$282,211,797	\$92,798,106,747	\$169,979,000,000
Total Retail Sales	\$348,769,615	\$120,224,000,000	\$214,930,000,000
Total Sales per Capita*	\$13,045	\$23,200	\$25,300

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2025.

*Per capita calculations based on population from 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Equalized Assessed Value, 2024

Residential	\$231,974,035
Commercial	\$92,949,009
Industrial	\$86,529,159
Railroad	\$8,706,673
Farm	\$48,768
Mineral	\$0
TOTAL	\$420,207,644

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2024.

Change Over Time

The time series tables include comparisons of current 2020-2024 ACS estimates to historic year estimates from the 2000 Census and 2010-2014 ACS. Historic data may not be available for municipalities that were incorporated after 2000.

Race and Ethnicity, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	36.8	23.4	21.4
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	23.8	33.4	35.5
Black (Non-Hispanic)	37.5	40.9	40.3
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	0.4	0.1	0.3
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	1.5	2.2	2.5

Source: 2000 Census; 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Age Cohorts, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
19 and Under	34.7	30.9	31.1
20 to 34	21.4	22.1	18.5
35 to 49	19.7	18.5	18.2
50 to 64	12.4	17.5	17.8
65 and Over	11.8	10.9	14.3
Median Age	30.6	32.8	35.2

Source: 2000 Census; 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Educational Attainment*, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
Less than High School Diploma	28.3	21.7	15.2
High School Diploma or Equivalent	30.3	31.9	31.9
Some College, No Degree	22.2	25.8	23.6
Associate's Degree	6.7	6.3	8.5
Bachelor's Degree	8.3	8.7	14.5
Graduate or Professional Degree	4.0	5.6	6.3

Source: 2000 Census; 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 years and older

*Highest degree or level of school completed by an individual.

Nativity, Over Time

	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
Native	88.2	85.3
Foreign Born	11.8	14.7

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

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

	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
English Only	71.2	68.8
Spanish	27.0	26.9
Russian, Polish, or other Slavic Languages	0.5	1.5
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	0.0	0.0
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	0.0	0.0
Arabic	0.0	0.0
Korean	0.0	0.0
Other Asian Languages	0.0	0.4
Other Indo-European Languages	1.1	1.6
Other/Unspecified Languages	0.1	0.7
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	28.8	31.2
Speak English Less than "Very Well"*	9.5	10.4

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 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."

Health Insurance Coverage, Over Time

	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
With Health Insurance Coverage	80.2	88.2
No Health Insurance	19.8	11.8

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Civilian non-institutional population

Household Size, Over Time

	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
1-Person Household	29.8	31.0
2-Person Household	25.4	24.2
3-Person Household	15.1	15.4
4-or-More-Person Household	29.8	29.4

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Type, Over Time

	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
Family	67.8	64.0
Single Parent with Child	16.0	15.4
Non-Family	32.2	36.0

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Income, Over Time

	2010-2014 (2024 Dollars)	2020-2024 (2024 Dollars)
Median Income	\$58,663	\$54,798

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
Occupied Housing Units	93.5	84.4	86.9
Owner-Occupied*	62.8	58.9	63.4
Renter-Occupied*	37.2	41.1	36.6
Vacant Housing Units	6.5	15.6	13.1

Source: 2000 Census; 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*Universe: Occupied housing units

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

	2010-2014	2020-2024
	Percent	Percent
Less than \$20,000	20.0	17.8
Less than 20 Percent	1.0	0.6
20 to 29 Percent	0.9	0.9
30 Percent or More	18.1	16.3
\$20,000 to \$49,999	30.5	24.2
Less than 20 Percent	4.1	4.2
20 to 29 Percent	9.2	4.9
30 Percent or More	17.2	15.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19.1	17.0
Less than 20 Percent	8.3	5.2
20 to 29 Percent	6.3	6.3
30 Percent or More	4.4	5.4
\$75,000 or More	24.2	41.1
Less than 20 Percent	18.9	33.9
20 to 29 Percent	4.8	4.9
30 Percent or More	0.5	2.3

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

*Excludes households with zero/negative income, and renting households paying no cash rent.

Housing Type, Over Time

	2010-2014	2020-2024
	Percent	Percent
Single Family, Detached	67.9	69.3
Single Family, Attached	2.0	2.8
2 Units	11.1	11.1
3 or 4 Units	7.0	5.5
5 or More Units	11.4	11.0
Mobile Home/Other*	0.5	0.3

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*"Other" includes boats, recreational vehicles (RVs), vans, etc.

Housing Size, Over Time

	2010-2014	2020-2024
	Percent	Percent
0 or 1 Bedroom	12.8	11.1
2 Bedrooms	22.2	20.1
3 Bedrooms	52.0	54.3
4 Bedrooms	11.2	11.8
5 or More Bedrooms	1.8	2.6
Median Number of Rooms*	5.7	5.7

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 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.

Vehicles Available per Household, Over Time

	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
No Vehicle Available	13.8	9.9
1 Vehicle Available	40.5	40.5
2 Vehicles Available	33.0	33.9
3 or More Vehicles Available	12.7	15.6

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Mode of Travel to Work, Over Time

	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
Work at Home*	1.8	6.7
Drive Alone	77.5	72.5
Carpool	10.7	11.3
Transit	5.9	4.7
Walk or Bike	2.2	0.9
Other	1.9	3.9
TOTAL COMMUTERS	98.2	93.3
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	26.4	30.1

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 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

	2010-2014 Percent	2020-2024 Percent
In Labor Force	62.4	60.6
Employed†*	81.5	85.2
Unemployed*	18.5	14.5
Not in Labor Force	37.6	39.4

Source: 2010-2014 and 2020-2024 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

Water Supply

CMAA supports an integrated approach to water resource management, and encourages communities to incorporate water supply and demand considerations into land use, transportation, and infrastructure investment decisions. Assessing demand, price, and loss trends of a community can inform decisions that strengthen regional water supply management, maintain drinking water infrastructure, and manage demand. CMAA’s ON TO 2050 plan contains [more information](#) about how communities can coordinate and conserve our shared water supply resources.

Water Source and Demand Trends of Chicago Heights*

Water Source(s): Lake Michigan**

	2008 MGD***	2018 MGD***	Percent Change
Total Water Withdrawals	6.28	5.67	-9.7

Source: Analysis of Illinois Water Inventory Program water withdrawal data (2008-2018), Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Allocation Program, 2018.

*Only available for municipalities with community water suppliers providing service to the majority of the community. Reported water withdrawals do not include private, industrial, commercial, or residential wells/intakes.

**For communities with multiple sources, the sources are listed by withdrawal volume from largest to smallest. If a community is a Lake Michigan permittee, backup source(s) are listed in parentheses.

***Millions of gallons per day.

Daily Water Demand per Capita

	Chicago Heights			CMAA Region		
	2008	2018	Percent Change	2008	2018	Percent Change
Gallons per Capita per Day*	206.9	201.8	-2.5	142.9	116.9	-18.2

Source: Analysis of Illinois Water Inventory Program water withdrawal data (2008-2018), Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Allocation Program, 2018.

*Gallons of water per capita per day (GPCD) is calculated by dividing the water usage by the population (and then again by 365). Population values come from the U.S. Census. The prevalence of private residential wells or community water suppliers that provide water outside of the municipal boundary could lead to artificially lower or higher GPCD values respectively.

Residential Water and Wastewater Price Trends*

MONTHLY COST PER 5,000 GALLONS**	2016	2022	Percent Change	Annualized Percent Change
	(2024 Dollars)	(2024 Dollars)		
Drinking Water	\$58.17	\$49.86	-14.3	-2.5
Sewer	\$21.84	\$22.38	2.5	0.4
Combined***	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Water Rates Data for Northeastern Illinois, IISG19-RCE-RLA-031.

*Only available for communities with water utilities and that responded to data requests. Percent changes and prices were adjusted for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

**Monthly water bills are calculated as: *monthly base charge + ((5,000 gallons – water provision included in base charge) × \$/1,000 gallons)*. Note that actual billing calculation practices may vary across communities.

***Some utilities combine drinking water and sewer prices, rather than separating them as two distinct rates.

Water Loss*

Reporting utility: Chicago Heights

	2017
Nonrevenue Water (Millions of Gallons per Day)**	1.00
Annual Cost of Nonrevenue Water	\$2,113,115
Percent of Nonrevenue Water to Water Supplied***	18.7

Source: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Allocation Program, 2017.

*Data is only regionally available for Lake Michigan permittees; water losses from other communities and industrial and commercial businesses are not reported to the state.

**Nonrevenue water is the difference between net annual pumpage (water supplied) and billed, authorized consumption. Non-revenue water includes water that is lost from the system due to underregistration of meters, systematic data handling errors, leakage anywhere within the distribution system, unauthorized consumption, or unbilled authorized consumption.

***The threshold for permit compliance is no more than 10%. Permittees that exceed the threshold are required to submit a water system improvement plan.