



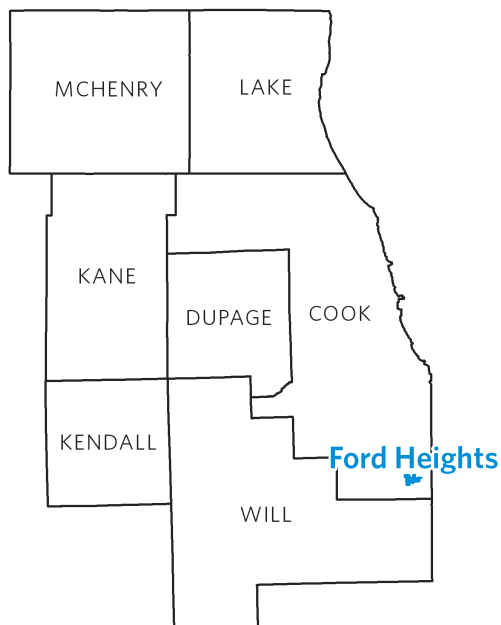
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Ford Heights

Community Data Snapshot

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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 Ford 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 Ford Heights.

General Population Characteristics, 2023

	Ford Heights	Cook County	CMAP Region
Total Population	1,587	5,185,812	8,485,926
Total Households	613	2,084,578	3,276,096
Average Household Size	2.6	2.4	2.5
Percent Population Change, 2000-10	-20.1	-3.4	3.5
Percent Population Change, 2010-23	-42.6	-0.2	0.6
Percent Population Change, 2000-23	-54.1	-3.6	4.2

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census, 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Race and Ethnicity, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	26	1.6	2,102,352	40.5	4,119,620	48.5
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	0	0.0	1,374,034	26.5	2,077,117	24.5
Black (Non-Hispanic)	1,561	98.4	1,148,288	22.1	1,359,554	16.0
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	0	0.0	397,936	7.7	649,017	7.6
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	0	0.0	163,202	3.1	280,618	3.3

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Age Cohorts, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Under 5	57	3.6	290,804	5.6	475,109	5.6
5 to 19	323	20.4	942,302	18.2	1,624,391	19.1
20 to 34	326	20.5	1,143,289	22.0	1,742,314	20.5
35 to 49	229	14.4	1,043,420	20.1	1,704,607	20.1
50 to 64	333	21.0	959,690	18.5	1,627,982	19.2
65 to 74	131	8.3	477,139	9.2	784,080	9.2
75 to 84	140	8.8	227,541	4.4	371,447	4.4
85 and Over	48	3.0	101,627	2.0	155,996	1.8
Median Age	41.9		37.8		38.4	

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Educational Attainment*, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than High School Diploma	147	12.5	423,440	11.7	615,007	10.5
High School Diploma or Equivalent	645	54.8	805,456	22.2	1,290,688	22.0
Some College, No Degree	241	20.5	635,142	17.5	1,055,421	18.0
Associate's Degree	38	3.2	243,855	6.7	415,097	7.1
Bachelor's Degree	101	8.6	884,983	24.4	1,469,731	25.1
Graduate or Professional Degree	4	0.3	638,210	17.6	1,011,913	17.3

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Population 25 years and older

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

Nativity, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Native	1,587	100.0	4,076,064	78.6	6,827,326	80.5
Foreign Born	0	0.0	1,109,748	21.4	1,658,600	19.5

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Only	1,530	100.0	3,156,280	64.5	5,434,701	67.8
Spanish	0	0.0	1,028,255	21.0	1,517,770	18.9
Slavic Languages	0	0.0	204,908	4.2	284,004	3.5
Chinese	0	0.0	67,828	1.4	92,694	1.2
Tagalog	0	0.0	48,429	1.0	75,308	0.9
Arabic	0	0.0	48,573	1.0	63,580	0.8
Korean	0	0.0	25,306	0.5	35,008	0.4
Other Asian Languages	0	0.0	67,207	1.4	116,634	1.5
Other Indo-European Languages	0	0.0	200,215	4.1	330,350	4.1
Other/Unspecified Languages	0	0.0	48,007	1.0	60,768	0.8
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	0	0.0	1,738,728	35.5	2,576,116	32.2
Speak English Less than "Very Well"*	0	0.0	678,937	13.9	965,360	12.1

Source: 2019-2023 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, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Number of People with a Disability	442	27.9	575,412	11.1	878,107	10.3
One Type of Disability Only	98	6.2	301,884	5.8	470,370	5.5
Two or More Types of Disability	344	21.7	273,528	5.3	407,737	4.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Disability by Type, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Hearing Difficulty	85	5.4	127,647	2.5	209,497	2.5
Vision Difficulty	58	3.7	115,252	2.2	166,646	2.0
Cognitive Difficulty	260	16.4	212,434	4.1	321,997	3.8
Ambulatory Difficulty	202	12.7	296,562	5.7	435,950	5.1
Self-Care Difficulty	103	6.5	114,826	2.2	170,525	2.0
Independent Living Difficulty[†]	316	25.6	222,523	5.5	329,972	5.1

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

[Click here](#) to 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, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0-17 with a Disability	0	0.0	39,631	0.8	65,487	0.8
18-64 with a Disability	280	17.6	284,613	5.5	428,242	5.0
65-74 with a Disability	54	3.4	106,388	2.1	161,968	1.9
75 and Over with a Disability	108	6.8	144,780	2.8	222,410	2.6

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Health Insurance Coverage, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Uninsured	287	18.1	460,523	8.9	654,731	7.7
Uninsured and disabled	4	0.3	31,253	0.6	43,267	0.5

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Household Size, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
1-Person Household	237	38.7	714,789	34.3	985,617	30.1
2-Person Household	157	25.6	622,884	29.9	1,008,017	30.8
3-Person Household	111	18.1	301,503	14.5	504,018	15.4
4-or-More-Person Household	108	17.6	445,402	21.4	778,444	23.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Type, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Family	362	59.1	1,211,099	58.1	2,070,874	63.2
Single Parent with Child	105	17.1	171,216	8.2	257,654	7.9
Non-Family	251	40.9	873,479	41.9	1,205,222	36.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Income, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	254	41.4	335,740	16.1	439,439	13.4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	173	28.2	335,309	16.1	476,017	14.5
\$50,000 to \$74,999	140	22.8	297,564	14.3	458,143	14.0
\$75,000 to \$99,999	9	1.5	256,665	12.3	407,824	12.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	37	6.0	356,146	17.1	601,803	18.4
\$150,000 and Over	0	0.0	503,154	24.1	892,870	27.3
Median Income	\$34,323		\$81,797		\$91,211	
Per Capita Income*	\$15,823		\$47,801		\$49,183	

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

*Universe: Total population

Household Computer and Internet Access, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
One or More Computing Devices	531	86.6	1,968,569	94.4	3,123,104	95.3
Smartphone(s) Only	143	23.3	193,343	9.3	260,365	7.9
No Computing Devices	82	13.4	116,009	5.6	152,992	4.7
Internet Access	516	84.2	1,924,069	92.3	3,062,137	93.5
Broadband Subscription	466	76.0	1,859,300	89.2	2,976,465	90.9
No Internet Access	97	15.8	160,509	7.7	213,959	6.5

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	613	69.0	2,084,578	91.8	3,276,096	93.2
Owner-Occupied*	269	43.9	1,198,834	57.5	2,116,804	64.6
Renter-Occupied*	344	56.1	885,744	42.5	1,159,292	35.4
Vacant Housing Units	275	31.0	185,771	8.2	239,417	6.8

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Costs as a Percentage of Household Income*, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$20,000	167	31.1	218,263	10.8	282,533	8.9
Less than 20 Percent	10	1.9	4,250	0.2	5,512	0.2
20 to 29 Percent	25	4.7	14,382	0.7	17,248	0.5
30 Percent or More	132	24.6	199,631	9.9	259,773	8.1
\$20,000 to \$49,999	192	35.8	398,059	19.7	562,059	17.6
Less than 20 Percent	49	9.1	37,868	1.9	53,141	1.7
20 to 29 Percent	41	7.6	65,658	3.3	92,118	2.9
30 Percent or More	102	19.0	294,533	14.6	416,800	13.1
\$50,000 to \$74,999	132	24.6	293,131	14.5	452,299	14.2
Less than 20 Percent	107	19.9	73,044	3.6	110,823	3.5
20 to 29 Percent	25	4.7	100,276	5.0	150,697	4.7
30 Percent or More	0	0.0	119,811	5.9	190,779	6.0
\$75,000 or More	46	8.6	1,109,052	54.9	1,891,958	59.3
Less than 20 Percent	36	6.7	721,788	35.8	1,236,129	38.8
20 to 29 Percent	10	1.9	274,744	13.6	470,193	14.7
30 Percent or More	0	0.0	112,520	5.6	185,636	5.8

Source: 2019-2023 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	13	16
Transportation Costs	17	20
TOTAL H+T COSTS	31	37

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 Ford Heights.

Housing Type, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	653	73.5	903,365	39.8	1,743,869	49.6
Single Family, Attached	131	14.8	123,778	5.5	267,616	7.6
2 Units	53	6.0	210,311	9.3	233,187	6.6
3 or 4 Units	18	2.0	237,405	10.5	276,611	7.9
5 to 9 Units	13	1.5	221,216	9.7	272,171	7.7
10 to 19 Units	5	0.6	110,247	4.9	158,373	4.5
20 or More Units	15	1.7	445,051	19.6	533,018	15.2
Mobile Home/Other*	0	0.0	18,976	0.8	30,668	0.9

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

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

Housing Size, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 or 1 Bedroom	84	9.5	472,519	20.8	584,858	16.6
2 Bedrooms	71	8.0	694,164	30.6	974,700	27.7
3 Bedrooms	538	60.6	713,742	31.4	1,154,991	32.9
4 Bedrooms	172	19.4	288,265	12.7	616,835	17.5
5 or More Bedrooms	23	2.6	101,659	4.5	184,129	5.2
Median Number of Rooms*	5.4		5.1		6.0	

Source: 2019-2023 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, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2010 or Later	0	0.0	100,411	4.4	172,688	4.9
Built 1990 to 2009	129	14.5	318,777	14.0	764,770	21.8
Built 1970 to 1989	168	18.9	448,333	19.7	813,872	23.2
Built 1940 to 1969	554	62.4	768,365	33.8	1,032,806	29.4
Built Before 1940	37	4.2	634,463	27.9	731,377	20.8
Median Year Built	1965		1961		1970	

Source: 2019-2023 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 Ford Heights.

Vehicles Available per Household, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No Vehicle Available	164	26.8	374,197	18.0	423,777	12.9
1 Vehicle Available	307	50.1	860,388	41.3	1,196,026	36.5
2 Vehicles Available	129	21.0	597,381	28.7	1,112,204	33.9
3 or More Vehicles Available	13	2.1	252,612	12.1	544,089	16.6

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Mode of Travel to Work, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home*	0	0.0	417,538	16.5	690,746	16.4
Drive Alone	288	66.5	1,426,145	56.2	2,616,122	62.0
Carpool	94	21.7	196,983	7.8	326,525	7.7
Transit	51	11.8	329,280	13.0	376,771	8.9
Walk or Bike	0	0.0	123,111	4.9	147,732	3.5
Other	0	0.0	42,804	1.7	64,598	1.5
TOTAL COMMUTERS	433	100.0	2,118,323	83.5	3,531,748	83.6
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	28.1		31.9		30.9	

Source: 2019-2023 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

	Ford Heights	Cook County	CMAP Region
Average Vehicle Miles Traveled per Year	11,929	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 Ford Heights.

Employment Status, 2019-2023

	Ford Heights		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	508	39.8	2,783,460	66.2	4,590,752	67.2
Employed ^{†*}	452	89.0	2,590,618	93.1	4,298,652	93.6
Unemployed*	56	11.0	191,304	6.9	278,175	6.1
Not in Labor Force	767	60.2	1,421,130	33.8	2,235,861	32.8

Source: 2019-2023 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*, 2024

	Ford Heights		Cook County		6-County Region**	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Private Sector Employment	N/A	N/A	2,232,926	N/A	3,560,776	N/A
Job Change, 2014-24	N/A	N/A	101,069	4.7	179,601	5.3
Job Change, 2004-24	N/A	N/A	83,524	3.9	252,854	7.6
Private Sector Jobs per Household***	N/A		1.07		1.09	

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, Where Workers Work report (2024).

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

**Data is not available for Kendall County.

***Based on households from 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Employment of Ford Heights Residents*, 2022

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Health Care	142	20.1
2. Transportation	97	13.7
3. Manufacturing	68	9.6
4. Education	60	8.5
5. Retail Trade	51	7.2
TOP EMPLOYMENT LOCATIONS		
1. Chicago	183	25.9
2. Chicago Heights	41	5.8
3. Ford Heights	28	4.0
4. Matteson	23	3.3
5. Homewood	16	2.3

Employment in Ford Heights*, 2022

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Manufacturing	1,484	87.2
2. Education	84	4.9
3. Administration	32	1.9
4. Retail Trade	26	1.5
5. Agriculture	21	1.2
TOP RESIDENCE LOCATIONS		
1. Chicago	139	8.2
2. Chicago Heights	65	3.8
3. Park Forest	54	3.2
4. Steger	41	2.4
5. Calumet City	40	2.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics program (2022).

*Excludes residents working outside of, and workers living outside of, the seven-county CMAP region.

Land Use

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

General Land Use, 2020

	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	127.5	10.2
Multi-Family Residential	9.9	0.8
Commercial	50.5	4.1
Industrial	63.2	5.1
Institutional	34.3	2.8
Mixed Use	32.0	2.6
Transportation and Other	229.0	18.4
Agricultural	411.8	33.1
Open Space	3.2	0.3
Vacant	284.2	22.8
TOTAL	1,245.7	100.0

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of the 2020 [Land Use Inventory](#).

Tax Base

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

General Merchandise Retail Sales, 2024

	Ford Heights	Cook County	CMAP Region
General Merchandise	\$10,859,763	\$79,505,334,385	\$145,067,000,000
Total Retail Sales	\$12,459,419	\$103,073,000,000	\$183,977,000,000
Total Sales per Capita*	\$7,851	\$19,876	\$21,680

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2024.

*Per capita calculations based on population from 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Equalized Assessed Value, 2023

Residential	\$9,701,419
Commercial	\$5,432,075
Industrial	\$3,596,187
Railroad	\$0
Farm	\$257,328
Mineral	\$0
TOTAL	\$18,987,009

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2023.

Change Over Time

The time series tables include comparisons of current 2019-2023 ACS estimates to historic year estimates from the 2000 Census and 2009-2013 ACS. Historic data may not be available for municipalities that were incorporated after 2000.

Race and Ethnicity, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	1.4	1.7	1.6
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	2.5	0.0	0.0
Black (Non-Hispanic)	95.4	95.4	98.4
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	0.1	0.0	0.0
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	0.7	3.0	0.0

Source: 2000 Census; 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Age Cohorts, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
19 and Under	48.7	32.0	23.9
20 to 34	19.6	24.5	20.5
35 to 49	16.0	17.0	14.4
50 to 64	8.9	13.5	21.0
65 and Over	6.8	12.9	20.1
Median Age	20.9	30.0	41.9

Source: 2000 Census; 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

Educational Attainment*, Over Time

	2000 Percent	2009-2013 Percent	2019-2023 Percent
Less than High School Diploma	30.5	21.7	12.5
High School Diploma or Equivalent	34.6	48.9	54.8
Some College, No Degree	25.1	16.6	20.5
Associate's Degree	5.5	7.1	3.2
Bachelor's Degree	3.2	5.3	8.6
Graduate or Professional Degree	1.1	0.3	0.3

Source: 2000 Census; 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 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

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
Native	100.0	100.0
Foreign Born	0.0	0.0

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Total population

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

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
English Only	100.0	100.0
Spanish	0.0	0.0
Slavic Languages	0.0	0.0
Chinese	0.0	0.0
Tagalog	0.0	0.0
Arabic	0.0	0.0
Korean	0.0	0.0
Other Asian Languages	0.0	0.0
Other Indo-European Languages	0.0	0.0
Other/Unspecified Languages	0.0	0.0
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	0.0	0.0
Speak English Less than "Very Well"	0.0	0.0

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 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."

Household Size, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
1-Person Household	37.0	38.7
2-Person Household	14.4	25.6
3-Person Household	18.6	18.1
4-or-More-Person Household	29.9	17.6

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Type, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
Family	61.1	59.1
Single Parent with Child	20.7	17.1
Non-Family	38.9	40.9

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Household Income, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	(2023 Dollars)	(2023 Dollars)
Median Income	\$22,038	\$34,323

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Housing Occupancy and Tenure, Over Time

	2000	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	96.6	77.1	69.0
Owner-Occupied*	32.3	34.6	43.9
Renter-Occupied*	67.7	65.4	56.1
Vacant Housing Units	3.4	22.9	31.0

Source: 2000 Census; 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

*Universe: Occupied housing units

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

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
Less than \$20,000	40.2	31.1
Less than 20 Percent	0.7	1.9
20 to 29 Percent	3.0	4.7
30 Percent or More	36.5	24.6
\$20,000 to \$49,999	32.3	35.8
Less than 20 Percent	8.2	9.1
20 to 29 Percent	6.9	7.6
30 Percent or More	17.3	19.0
\$50,000 to \$74,999	7.3	24.6
Less than 20 Percent	5.3	19.9
20 to 29 Percent	2.0	4.7
30 Percent or More	0.0	0.0
\$75,000 or More	6.8	8.6
Less than 20 Percent	6.2	6.7
20 to 29 Percent	0.5	1.9
30 Percent or More	0.0	0.0

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 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

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
Single Family, Detached	69.2	73.5
Single Family, Attached	3.9	14.8
2 Units	3.0	6.0
3 or 4 Units	10.4	2.0
5 or More Units	13.5	3.7
Mobile Home/Other*	0.0	0.0

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Housing units

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

Housing Size, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
0 or 1 Bedroom	5.1	9.5
2 Bedrooms	25.7	8.0
3 Bedrooms	51.1	60.6
4 Bedrooms	13.8	19.4
5 or More Bedrooms	4.3	2.6
Median Number of Rooms*	5.3	5.4

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 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

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
No Vehicle Available	26.9	26.8
1 Vehicle Available	48.2	50.1
2 Vehicles Available	15.6	21.0
3 or More Vehicles Available	9.3	2.1

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Universe: Occupied housing units

Mode of Travel to Work, Over Time

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
Work at Home*	0.0	0.0
Drive Alone	68.3	66.5
Carpool	14.4	21.7
Transit	10.6	11.8
Walk or Bike	6.8	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0
TOTAL COMMUTERS	100.0	100.0
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	23.5	28.1

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 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

	2009-2013	2019-2023
	Percent	Percent
In Labor Force	51.6	39.8
Employed†*	56.6	89.0
Unemployed*	43.4	11.0
Not in Labor Force	48.4	60.2

Source: 2009-2013 and 2019-2023 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

CMAP 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. CMAP'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 Ford Heights*

Water Source(s): Lake Michigan**

	2008 MGD***	2018 MGD***	Percent Change
Total Water Withdrawals	0.45	0.29	-35.5

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

	Ford Heights			CMAP Region		
	2008	2018	Percent Change	2008	2018	Percent Change
Gallons per Capita per Day*	159.3	147.2	-7.6	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
	(2023 Dollars)	(2023 Dollars)		
Drinking Water	\$55.86	\$88.50	58.4	8.0
Sewer	\$8.47	\$15.62	84.4	10.7
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: $\text{monthly base charge} + ((5,000 \text{ gallons} - \text{water provision included in base charge}) \times \$1,000 \text{ gallons})$. 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:** Ford Heights

	2017
Nonrevenue Water (Millions of Gallons per Day)**	0.00
Annual Cost of Nonrevenue Water	\$0
Percent of Nonrevenue Water to Water Supplied***	0.0

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.