

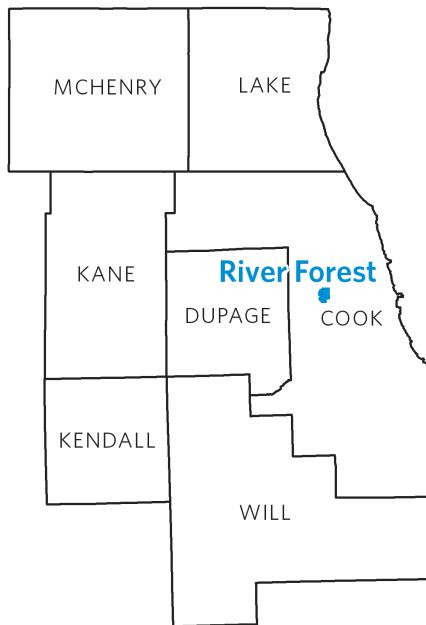


River Forest

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 River Forest, 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 River Forest.

General Population Characteristics, 2024

	River Forest	Cook County	CMAP Region
Total Population	11,992	5,182,090	8,495,320
Total Households	4,460	2,100,230	3,301,388
Average Household Size	2.5	2.4	2.5
Percent Population Change, 2000-10	-4.0	-3.4	3.5
Percent Population Change, 2010-24	7.3	-0.2	0.8
Percent Population Change, 2000-24	3.1	-3.6	4.3

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

Race and Ethnicity, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	9,331	77.8	2,077,522	40.1	4,070,419	47.9
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	825	6.9	1,387,163	26.8	2,106,868	24.8
Black (Non-Hispanic)	586	4.9	1,130,881	21.8	1,341,618	15.8
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	659	5.5	407,859	7.9	668,971	7.9
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	591	4.9	178,665	3.4	307,444	3.6

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

Universe: Total population

Age Cohorts, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Under 5	752	6.3	280,520	5.4	462,655	5.4
5 to 19	2,915	24.3	935,109	18.0	1,610,678	19.0
20 to 34	1,637	13.7	1,145,837	22.1	1,751,152	20.6
35 to 49	1,747	14.6	1,044,009	20.1	1,707,049	20.1
50 to 64	2,692	22.4	949,459	18.3	1,612,962	19.0
65 to 74	1,277	10.6	487,190	9.4	803,224	9.5
75 to 84	789	6.6	237,130	4.6	388,880	4.6
85 and Over	183	1.5	102,836	2.0	158,720	1.9
Median Age	40.0		38.0		38.5	

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

Universe: Total population

Educational Attainment*, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than High School Diploma	244	3.1	416,621	11.4	608,225	10.3
High School Diploma or Equivalent	614	7.9	801,258	22.0	1,287,338	21.9
Some College, No Degree	747	9.6	624,173	17.1	1,039,489	17.7
Associate's Degree	501	6.5	243,881	6.7	417,149	7.1
Bachelor's Degree	2,142	27.6	900,648	24.7	1,493,459	25.4
Graduate or Professional Degree	3,513	45.3	654,953	18.0	1,042,387	17.7

Source: 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, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Native	10,496	87.5	4,055,022	78.3	6,804,818	80.1
Foreign Born	1,496	12.5	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
English Only	9,964	88.6	3,148,963	64.2	5,427,887	67.6
Spanish	439	3.9	1,031,829	21.1	1,526,595	19.0
Russian, Polish, or other Slavic Languages	180	1.6	207,055	4.2	288,316	3.6
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	137	1.2	68,513	1.4	93,083	1.2
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	0	0.0	48,595	1.0	76,863	1.0
Arabic	28	0.2	51,340	1.0	65,592	0.8
Korean	97	0.9	26,697	0.5	36,471	0.5
Other Asian Languages	94	0.8	68,378	1.4	119,487	1.5
Other Indo-European Languages	261	2.3	200,789	4.1	336,581	4.2
Other/Unspecified Languages	40	0.4	49,411	1.0	61,790	0.8
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	1,276	11.4	1,752,607	35.8	2,604,778	32.4
Speak English Less than "Very Well"*	447	4.0	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Number of People with a Disability	932	7.8	587,540	11.3	900,445	10.6
One Type of Disability Only	485	4.0	311,410	6.0	486,435	5.7
Two or More Types of Disability	447	3.7	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Hearing Difficulty	286	2.4	129,886	2.5	214,075	2.5
Vision Difficulty	64	0.5	117,625	2.3	171,275	2.0
Cognitive Difficulty	324	2.7	219,496	4.2	334,479	3.9
Ambulatory Difficulty	578	4.8	296,871	5.7	437,316	5.1
Self-Care Difficulty	226	1.9	114,066	2.2	171,243	2.0
Independent Living Difficulty^{†*}	424	4.7	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0-17 with a Disability	42	0.4	40,503	0.8	66,935	0.8
18-64 with a Disability	329	2.7	287,681	5.6	436,241	5.1
65-74 with a Disability	271	2.3	108,988	2.1	166,015	2.0
75 and Over with a Disability	290	2.4	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Uninsured	344	2.9	454,597	8.8	646,573	7.6
Uninsured and disabled	10	0.1	31,475	0.6	43,842	0.5

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

Universe: Total population

Household Size, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
1-Person Household	1,404	31.5	727,904	34.7	1,004,516	30.4
2-Person Household	1,334	29.9	629,256	30.0	1,018,513	30.9
3-Person Household	640	14.3	299,403	14.3	501,858	15.2
4-or-More-Person Household	1,082	24.3	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Family	2,914	65.3	1,210,089	57.6	2,073,094	62.8
Single Parent with Child	198	4.4	168,379	8.0	255,272	7.7
Non-Family	1,546	34.7	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$25,000	301	6.7	332,400	15.8	437,334	13.2
\$25,000 to \$49,999	803	18.0	329,767	15.7	468,081	14.2
\$50,000 to \$74,999	507	11.4	293,762	14.0	451,436	13.7
\$75,000 to \$99,999	242	5.4	255,847	12.2	406,073	12.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	411	9.2	362,019	17.2	604,303	18.3
\$150,000 and Over	2,196	49.2	526,435	25.1	934,161	28.3
Median Income	\$146,786		\$83,498		\$93,091	
Per Capita Income*	\$91,438		\$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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
One or More Computing Devices	4,317	96.8	2,000,086	95.2	3,168,942	96.0
Smartphone(s) Only	114	2.6	197,093	9.4	265,765	8.1
No Computing Devices	143	3.2	100,144	4.8	132,446	4.0
Internet Access	4,332	97.1	1,968,080	93.7	3,122,435	94.6
Broadband Subscription	4,276	95.9	1,903,624	90.6	3,037,636	92.0
No Internet Access	128	2.9	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	4,460	95.3	2,100,230	92.3	3,301,388	93.6
Owner-Occupied*	3,911	87.7	1,212,570	57.7	2,140,282	64.8
Renter-Occupied*	549	12.3	887,660	42.3	1,161,106	35.2
Vacant Housing Units	220	4.7	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Less than \$20,000	174	4.0	217,994	10.7	284,351	8.9
Less than 20 Percent	0	0.0	3,840	0.2	4,916	0.2
20 to 29 Percent	0	0.0	13,598	0.7	16,165	0.5
30 Percent or More	174	4.0	200,556	9.9	263,270	8.2
\$20,000 to \$49,999	842	19.3	389,231	19.1	548,567	17.1
Less than 20 Percent	40	0.9	35,421	1.7	49,943	1.6
20 to 29 Percent	75	1.7	60,268	3.0	85,571	2.7
30 Percent or More	727	16.6	293,542	14.4	413,053	12.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	507	11.6	289,462	14.2	445,688	13.9
Less than 20 Percent	35	0.8	68,947	3.4	104,246	3.2
20 to 29 Percent	157	3.6	97,251	4.8	144,885	4.5
30 Percent or More	315	7.2	123,264	6.1	196,557	6.1
\$75,000 or More	2,849	65.2	1,137,184	55.9	1,934,018	60.2
Less than 20 Percent	1,808	41.4	735,884	36.2	1,259,840	39.2
20 to 29 Percent	630	14.4	280,125	13.8	475,559	14.8
30 Percent or More	411	9.4	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	44	55
Transportation Costs	17	19
TOTAL H+T COSTS	60	74

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 River Forest.

Housing Type, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Single Family, Detached	2,754	58.8	900,824	39.6	1,744,963	49.5
Single Family, Attached	184	3.9	124,081	5.5	267,540	7.6
2 Units	189	4.0	203,431	8.9	225,323	6.4
3 or 4 Units	104	2.2	237,569	10.4	278,696	7.9
5 to 9 Units	491	10.5	221,658	9.7	272,436	7.7
10 to 19 Units	293	6.3	113,433	5.0	162,206	4.6
20 or More Units	651	13.9	456,751	20.1	545,750	15.5
Mobile Home/Other*	14	0.3	18,746	0.8	30,466	0.9

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey five-year estimates.
 Other includes boats, recreational vehicles (RVs), vans, etc.

Universe: Housing units

Housing Size, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
0 or 1 Bedroom	541	11.6	481,226	21.1	596,223	16.9
2 Bedrooms	1,195	25.5	692,768	30.4	970,902	27.5
3 Bedrooms	1,255	26.8	707,318	31.1	1,149,073	32.6
4 Bedrooms	952	20.3	290,384	12.8	621,544	17.6
5 or More Bedrooms	737	15.7	104,797	4.6	189,638	5.4
Median Number of Rooms*	6.9		5.1		6.0	

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

Universe: Housing units

Housing Age, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Built 2010 or Later	55	1.2	114,864	5.0	198,138	5.6
Built 1990 to 2009	391	8.4	322,599	14.2	768,316	21.8
Built 1970 to 1989	610	13.0	448,001	19.7	812,639	23.0
Built 1940 to 1969	1,647	35.2	758,643	33.3	1,020,505	28.9
Built Before 1940	1,977	42.2	632,386	27.8	727,782	20.6
Median Year Built	1946		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 River Forest.

Vehicles Available per Household, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
No Vehicle Available	227	5.1	378,260	18.0	429,242	13.0
1 Vehicle Available	1,817	40.7	871,670	41.5	1,213,932	36.8
2 Vehicles Available	1,850	41.5	597,002	28.4	1,112,702	33.7
3 or More Vehicles Available	566	12.7	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home*	1,436	26.8	480,070	18.9	783,713	18.5
Drive Alone	2,241	41.8	1,392,162	54.8	2,558,570	60.5
Carpool	217	4.1	196,668	7.7	328,727	7.8
Transit	1,055	19.7	300,955	11.8	344,109	8.1
Walk or Bike	386	7.2	125,563	4.9	151,058	3.6
Other	23	0.4	44,544	1.8	65,884	1.6
TOTAL COMMUTERS	3,922	73.2	2,059,892	81.1	3,448,348	81.5
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	32.5		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

	River Forest	Cook County	CMAP Region
Average Vehicle Miles Traveled per Year	11,994	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 River Forest.

Employment Status, 2020-2024

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
In Labor Force	5,913	61.9	2,794,546	66.2	4,610,045	67.1
Employed ^{†*}	5,436	91.9	2,597,162	92.9	4,310,932	93.5
Unemployed*	477	8.1	195,726	7.0	284,304	6.2
Not in Labor Force	3,638	38.1	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

	River Forest		Cook County		CMAP Region	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Private Sector Employment	4,162	N/A	2,247,360	N/A	3,607,704	N/A
Job Change, 2015-25	193	4.9	59,835	2.7	141,870	4.1
Job Change, 2005-25	988	31.1	95,315	4.4	259,486	7.7
Private Sector Jobs per Household**	0.93		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 River Forest Residents*, 2023

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Health Care	740	15.2
2. Professional	633	13.0
3. Education	550	11.3
4. Finance	411	8.4
5. Retail Trade	358	7.3
TOP EMPLOYMENT LOCATIONS		
1. Chicago	2,225	45.6
2. Oak Park	301	6.2
3. River Forest	241	4.9
4. Naperville	71	1.5
5. Schaumburg	68	1.4

Employment in River Forest*, 2023

TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS	Count	Percent
1. Education	1,663	40.1
2. Retail Trade	1,104	26.6
3. Health Care	402	9.7
4. Accommodation and Food Service	269	6.5
5. Professional	164	4.0
TOP RESIDENCE LOCATIONS		
1. Chicago	1,171	28.3
2. Oak Park	312	7.5
3. River Forest	241	5.8
4. Berwyn	96	2.3
5. Elmwood Park	92	2.2

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 River Forest.

General Land Use, 2023

	Acres	Percent
Single-Family Residential	675.6	42.5
Multi-Family Residential	43.7	2.7
Commercial	41.8	2.6
Industrial	0.0	0.0
Institutional	124.3	7.8
Mixed Use	3.0	0.2
Transportation and Other	339.6	21.4
Agricultural	0.0	0.0
Open Space	358.6	22.6
Vacant	1.6	0.1
TOTAL	1,588.2	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 River Forest.

General Merchandise Retail Sales, 2025

	River Forest	Cook County	CMAP Region
General Merchandise	\$150,568,671	\$92,798,106,747	\$169,979,000,000
Total Retail Sales	\$307,632,851	\$120,224,000,000	\$214,930,000,000
Total Sales per Capita*	\$25,653	\$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	\$678,028,228
Commercial	\$67,172,197
Industrial	\$0
Railroad	\$1,395,527
Farm	\$0
Mineral	\$0
TOTAL	\$746,595,952

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)	86.7	80.9	77.8
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	4.0	4.6	6.9
Black (Non-Hispanic)	4.8	5.0	4.9
Asian (Non-Hispanic)	3.1	7.2	5.5
Other/Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)	1.5	2.3	4.9

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	31.1	31.2	30.6
20 to 34	14.1	11.4	13.7
35 to 49	24.4	17.7	14.6
50 to 64	16.4	24.7	22.4
65 and Over	14.0	15.0	18.8
Median Age	38.6	42.4	40.0

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	3.2	3.4	3.1
High School Diploma or Equivalent	9.3	7.5	7.9
Some College, No Degree	15.0	11.9	9.6
Associate's Degree	2.9	4.8	6.5
Bachelor's Degree	31.5	35.2	27.6
Graduate or Professional Degree	38.2	37.1	45.3

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	89.7	87.5
Foreign Born	10.3	12.5

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	87.2	88.6
Spanish	3.2	3.9
Russian, Polish, or other Slavic Languages	2.3	1.6
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	2.3	1.2
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	0.5	0.0
Arabic	0.2	0.2
Korean	0.0	0.9
Other Asian Languages	0.7	0.8
Other Indo-European Languages	3.4	2.3
Other/Unspecified Languages	0.2	0.4
TOTAL NON-ENGLISH	12.8	11.4
Speak English Less than "Very Well"*	4.0	4.0

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	96.3	97.1
No Health Insurance	3.7	2.9

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	23.6	31.5
2-Person Household	33.9	29.9
3-Person Household	16.3	14.3
4-or-More-Person Household	26.3	24.3

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	73.0	65.3
Single Parent with Child	5.1	4.4
Non-Family	27.0	34.7

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	\$143,852	\$146,786

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	96.7	91.8	95.3
Owner-Occupied*	86.9	90.0	87.7
Renter-Occupied*	13.1	10.0	12.3
Vacant Housing Units	3.3	8.2	4.7

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	7.7	4.0
Less than 20 Percent	0.0	0.0
20 to 29 Percent	0.3	0.0
30 Percent or More	7.4	4.0
\$20,000 to \$49,999	16.4	19.3
Less than 20 Percent	0.2	0.9
20 to 29 Percent	2.9	1.7
30 Percent or More	13.2	16.6
\$50,000 to \$74,999	14.0	11.6
Less than 20 Percent	3.1	0.8
20 to 29 Percent	4.3	3.6
30 Percent or More	6.6	7.2
\$75,000 or More	61.2	65.2
Less than 20 Percent	37.3	41.4
20 to 29 Percent	14.4	14.4
30 Percent or More	9.5	9.4

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	68.1	58.8
Single Family, Attached	4.2	3.9
2 Units	4.5	4.0
3 or 4 Units	2.4	2.2
5 or More Units	20.8	30.7
Mobile Home/Other*	0.0	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	4.9	11.6
2 Bedrooms	20.7	25.5
3 Bedrooms	36.2	26.8
4 Bedrooms	26.1	20.3
5 or More Bedrooms	12.1	15.7
Median Number of Rooms*	7.7	6.9

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	4.5	5.1
1 Vehicle Available	33.3	40.7
2 Vehicles Available	46.8	41.5
3 or More Vehicles Available	15.4	12.7

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*	10.0	26.8
Drive Alone	54.5	41.8
Carpool	5.3	4.1
Transit	20.1	19.7
Walk or Bike	9.1	7.2
Other	1.0	0.4
TOTAL COMMUTERS	90.0	73.2
Mean Commute Time (Minutes)	31.1	32.5

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	60.9	61.9
Employed ^{†*}	95.9	91.9
Unemployed*	4.1	8.1
Not in Labor Force	39.1	38.1

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

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 River Forest*

Water Source(s): Lake Michigan**

	2008 MGD***	2018 MGD***	Percent Change
Total Water Withdrawals	1.57	1.18	-24.4

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

	River Forest			CMAP Region		
	2008	2018	Percent Change	2008	2018	Percent Change
Gallons per Capita per Day*	140.6	101.6	-27.7	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	\$47.63	\$52.45	10.1	1.6
Sewer	\$32.03	\$32.74	2.2	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: River Forest

	2017
Nonrevenue Water (Millions of Gallons per Day)**	0.15
Annual Cost of Nonrevenue Water	\$238,341
Percent of Nonrevenue Water to Water Supplied***	12.5

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.