

**A Statistical Portrait of Persons with Arab, Middle
Eastern and Turkish Ancestry in Illinois**

Derived from the 2000 Census

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This report is intended to provide community leaders and other interested parties with data on Arab/Middle Eastern/Turkish groups residing in metropolitan Chicago. These data are derived from the 2000 Census.

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A Note on Data Sources

The data in this report are derived from responses to the 2000 Census ‘long form’ questionnaire, which was sent to approximately one in six households. Item 10 on the questionnaire asked respondents to identify their ancestry or ethnic origin. The present report provides data for person who reported ancestry pertaining to the countries of the Middle East or North Africa including Egyptian, Iraqi, Jordanian, Lebanese, Moroccan, Palestinian, Syrian, Armenian, Assyrian, Iranian, Israeli and Turkish. Also included are persons who reported their ancestry as “Arab” or “Arabic.” Other ancestries of the Middle East and North Africa were reported to the Census, but those included in this report met a threshold of 1,000 persons in Illinois according to the Census. Other ancestries that were reported but which did not meet minimal thresholds include Yemeni, Kurdish, Tunisian, Saudi Arabian, Kuwaiti, Libyan, Berber and others. While many of persons with ancestries in the Middle East and North Africa are Arab, not all persons from these regions are Arabs. Also, persons who identify as Arab may have ancestries from outside these areas.

Please note that the Census fails to include many members of ethnic and racial minorities, and the numbers in this report undoubtedly represent an undercount of the Arab/Middle Eastern/Turkish population.

“Metro Chicago” in this report refers to Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendal, Lake, McHenry and Will counties.

Approximately 52,000 Illinois residents report having an Arab, Middle Eastern or Turkish ancestry. Among this diverse group, the largest population consists of those persons who chose "Arab/Arabic" as their ancestry as opposed to any specific nation or ethnicity. The next largest groups were Assyrian, at 15,664 persons, and Lebanese, at 10,542.

| Arab/Middle East/North African Ancestries: | |
|--|------------|
| All Illinoisians | 12,419,293 |
| Arab (Total) | 52,191 |
| Egyptian | 3,794 |
| Iraqi | 1,957 |
| Jordanian | 4,018 |
| Lebanese | 10,542 |
| Moroccan | 1,495 |
| Palestinian | 7,329 |
| Syrian | 4,295 |
| "Arab/Arabic" | 16,996 |
| Armenian | 7,958 |
| Assyrian | 15,664 |
| Iranian | 8,184 |
| Israeli | 3,557 |
| Turkish | 4,298 |

The great majority of persons with Arab/Middle East/Turkish ancestry in Illinois reside in the six-county metropolitan Chicago area. Some 85.3 percent of these persons are in the Chicago area compared to only 66.6 percent of the overall state population.

Among the Arab/Middle East/Turkish ancestry groups there is some variation in how likely a group is to live in the Chicago area. At the two extremes, 98.6 percent of Assyrians are in the metropolitan region compared to only 64.7 percent of Lebanese.

| Percent of Arab/Middle East/Turkish Ancestries: Metro Chicago 2000 | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | # in Illinois | # in Metro Chicago | Pct. In Metro Chicago |
| Total | 12,419,293 | 8,272,768 | 66.6% |
| Arab (Total) | 52,191 | 44,540 | 85.3% |
| Egyptian | 3,794 | 3,133 | 82.6% |
| Iraqi | 1,957 | 1,824 | 93.2% |
| Jordanian | 4,018 | 3,842 | 95.6% |
| Lebanese | 10,542 | 6,822 | 64.7% |
| Moroccan | 1,495 | 1,320 | 88.3% |
| Palestinian | 7,329 | 6,836 | 93.3% |
| Syrian | 4,295 | 3,489 | 81.2% |
| "Arab/Arabic" | 16,996 | 15,745 | 92.6% |
| Armenian | 7,958 | 7,094 | 89.1% |
| Assyrian | 15,664 | 15,446 | 98.6% |
| Iranian | 8,184 | 7,228 | 88.3% |
| Israeli | 3,557 | 3,282 | 92.3% |
| Turkish | 4,298 | 3,658 | 85.1% |

Some 52.2 percent of the overall Illinois population resides in a married-couple household. Among the Arab/Middle East/North Africa Ancestry groups in the state, however, the rate at which persons are residing within married-couple families is much higher than the average:

- 69.9 percent of persons with Palestinian ancestry are in married-couple families: the highest rate among the major groups reviewed for this report.
- 61.8 percent of persons with Arab ancestry are in married-couple families
- 66.9 percent of persons with Assyrian ancestry are in married-couple families

Persons of Arab/Middle East/North African ancestry in Illinois are about half as likely as the overall population to live in a household headed by a single female. While 11.9 percent of the overall Illinois population lives in a female-headed family,

- Only 4.2 percent of Turkish-ancestry persons are in female-headed families.
- Only 4.3 percent of Jordanian-ancestry persons are in female-headed families.
- Of all persons with Arab ancestry, only 6.2 percent are in female-headed families.

Household Structure of Arab/Middle East/North Africa Ancestry Groups: Illinois 2000

| | Households | Pct. Married-Couple | Pct. Male-Headed Family | Pct. Female-Headed Family | Pct. Non-Family |
|------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| All Illinoisians | 4,592,740 | 52.2% | 4.0% | 11.9% | 32.0% |
| Arab (Total) | 16,358 | 61.8% | 4.5% | 6.2% | 27.5% |
| Egyptian | 1,354 | 58.6% | 1.6% | 6.5% | 33.3% |
| Iraqi | 747 | 59.3% | 6.8% | 5.2% | 28.6% |
| Jordanian | 1,246 | 68.9% | 4.3% | 4.3% | 22.6% |
| Lebanese | 3,843 | 55.3% | 3.4% | 6.6% | 34.6% |
| Moroccan | 539 | 36.5% | 5.6% | 8.3% | 49.5% |
| Palestinian | 2,187 | 69.9% | 6.2% | 6.6% | 17.3% |
| Syrian | 1,468 | 57.8% | 3.1% | 5.7% | 33.5% |
| "Arab/Arabic" | 4,275 | 69.0% | 4.5% | 6.3% | 20.2% |
| Armenian | 3,155 | 54.6% | 2.1% | 7.2% | 36.2% |
| Assyrian | 4,697 | 66.9% | 7.5% | 8.2% | 17.4% |
| Iranian | 3,143 | 57.9% | 5.5% | 5.9% | 30.7% |
| Israeli | 1,320 | 62.7% | 1.9% | 8.0% | 27.3% |
| Turkish | 1,826 | 55.1% | 5.3% | 4.2% | 35.4% |

Presence of Immigrants

The Arab/Middle East/Turkish ancestry groups in Illinois are to a significant extent the product of recent immigration. Only 12.3 percent of the entire Illinois population was born abroad, but the rate is much higher among the Arab/Middle East/Turkish groups:

- 75.6 percent of Iraqi-ancestry persons are foreign born
- 63.2 percent of Assyrian-ancestry persons are foreign born.
- 62.2 percent of Iranian-ancestry persons are foreign born.

**Presence of Immigrants among Persons of Middle East/North African Ancestry:
Illinois 2000**

| | Total | Foreign Born | Pct. Foreign Born |
|------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| All Illinoisians | 12,419,293 | 1,529,058 | 12.3 |
| Arab (Total) | 52,191 | 23,419 | 44.9 |
| Egyptian | 3,794 | 2,063 | 54.4 |
| Iraqi | 1,957 | 1,480 | 75.6 |
| Jordanian | 4,018 | 2,425 | 60.4 |
| Lebanese | 10,542 | 2,409 | 22.9 |
| Moroccan | 1,495 | 660 | 44.1 |
| Palestinian | 7,329 | 3,457 | 47.2 |
| Syrian | 4,295 | 1,583 | 36.9 |
| "Arab/Arabic" | 16,996 | 8,020 | 47.2 |
| Armenian | 7,958 | 2,087 | 26.2 |
| Assyrian | 15,664 | 9,893 | 63.2 |
| Iranian | 8,184 | 5,094 | 62.2 |
| Israeli | 3,557 | 1,797 | 50.5 |
| Turkish | 4,298 | 2,635 | 61.3 |

Immigrant Citizenship and Year of Entry

Persons of Arab/Middle East/Turkish ancestry generally have lower rates of naturalization than the overall immigrant population in Illinois. About 60.5 percent of Illinois immigrants are naturalized citizens.

- The lowest naturalization rate is among immigrants of Armenian ancestry: 22.7 percent
- The naturalization for immigrants of Arab ancestry is 46.6 percent.
- Some 61.1 percent of Turkish ancestry immigrants are naturalized.

Some 45.0 percent of foreign-born persons are recent arrivals, having come to the U.S. within the previous 10 years.

| Immigration-Related Statistics for Persons of Arab/Middle East/Turkish Ancestry: Illinois 2000 | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Foreign Born | Pct. Naturalized | Pct. Immigrated in 1990s | Pct. Immigrated in 1980s | Pct. Immigrated Before 1980 |
| All Illinoisians | 1,529,058 | 39.5% | 45.0 | 23.8 | 31.2 |
| Arab (Total) | 23,419 | 46.6% | 44.1 | 27.5 | 28.4 |
| Egyptian | 2,063 | 46.3% | 46.5 | 19.0 | 34.6 |
| Iraqi | 1,480 | 43.7% | 50.1 | 23.1 | 26.8 |
| Jordanian | 2,425 | 48.9% | 45.2 | 30.9 | 23.8 |
| Lebanese | 2,409 | 32.6% | 29.8 | 35.7 | 34.6 |
| Moroccan | 660 | 68.5% | 67.0 | 18.8 | 14.2 |
| Palestinian | 3,457 | 40.1% | 34.6 | 24.3 | 41.1 |
| Syrian | 1,583 | 57.3% | 58.9 | 23.8 | 17.3 |
| "Arab/Arabic" | 8,020 | 47.1% | 41.4 | 31.9 | 26.7 |
| Armenian | 2,087 | 22.7% | 25.4 | 11.5 | 63.1 |
| Assyrian | 9,893 | 38.5% | 35.1 | 32.4 | 32.5 |
| Iranian | 5,094 | 39.8% | 24.1 | 25.6 | 50.3 |
| Israeli | 1,797 | 42.1% | 34.2 | 29.9 | 35.8 |
| Turkish | 2,635 | 61.1% | 55.5 | 16.9 | 27.6 |

Household Structure, Language and Education

- 69.7 percent of Arab-ancestry persons report using a language other than English at home, although the great majority, 92.6 percent, also speak English “well” or better. Jordanians (87.3 percent) and Palestinians (86.3 percent) were the groups most likely to report speaking a language other than English at home.
- Most of the Middle East/North African ancestry groups have higher educational levels than the overall population in Illinois. Iraqis, Palestinians, “Arab/Arabic” persons and Assyrians had lower than average rates of high school completion, yet for groups including Egyptians, Moroccans, Iranians and Israelis more than 90 percent of the population had a high school degree.
- While 26.1 percent of Illinois residents have a bachelor’s degree, some 76.7 percent of Egyptians had a college education, as did more than half of persons reporting Syrian, Israeli and Turkish ancestry. In contrast, rates of college completion below the statewide average are found among persons of Iraqi, “Arab/Arabic,” and Assyrian ancestry.

| Household Structure, Language and Education Statistics for Persons of Arab/Middle East/Turkish Ancestry: Illinois 2000 | | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Pct. Speak Language Other than English at Home | Pct. Speak English Well | Pct. with HS Degree | Pct. with BA Degree |
| All Illinoisians | 19.2% | 95.3% | 81.4% | 26.1% |
| Arab (Total) | 69.7 | 92.6 | 82.1 | 39.0 |
| Egyptian | 72.9 | 96.7 | 97.5 | 76.7 |
| Iraqi | 84.0 | 88.1 | 67.7 | 23.3 |
| Jordanian | 87.3 | 89.8 | 83.0 | 30.4 |
| Lebanese | 34.5 | 97.1 | 89.9 | 47.4 |
| Moroccan | 49.9 | 94.1 | 94.6 | 29.0 |
| Palestinian | 86.3 | 92.2 | 78.3 | 34.2 |
| Syrian | 52.8 | 95.1 | 89.9 | 55.5 |
| "Arab/Arabic" | 82.9 | 90.7 | 72.5 | 25.9 |
| Armenian | 36.6 | 94.7 | 88.9 | 39.5 |
| Assyrian | 83.6 | 87.9 | 68.2 | 21.6 |
| Iranian | 69.9 | 93.0 | 92.5 | 63.1 |
| Israeli | 56.4 | 99.1 | 91.5 | 52.9 |
| Turkish | 69.8 | 90.9 | 89.6 | 59.5 |

Income and Poverty

- The median household income for persons of Arab ancestry, at \$46,595 in 1999, was very close to the overall income level of the entire Illinois population, at \$46,590.
- Poverty rates for persons of Arab ancestry, at 15.8 percent in 1999, were well above the statewide median rate of 10.7 percent in 1999. Poverty levels were highest among those persons reporting “Arab/Arabic” ancestry, at 20.5 percent, and were lowest among the population with Armenian ancestry, which had a poverty rate of 5.1 percent.

| Income and Poverty Statistics for Persons of Arab, Middle East and Turkish Ancestries: Illinois 2000 | | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| | Median HH Income | Pct. of Persons Below Poverty | Pct. of Native Born Below Poverty | Pct. of Foreign Born Below Poverty |
| All Illinoisians | 46,590 | 10.7 | 10.3 | 13.0 |
| Arab (Total) | 46,595 | 15.8 | 12.7 | 19.6 |
| Egyptian | 56,944 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 8.6 |
| Iraqi | 45,991 | 19.9 | 18.7 | 20.2 |
| Jordanian | 32,703 | 17.6 | 15.3 | 19.1 |
| Lebanese | 57,656 | 7.2 | 4.6 | 15.5 |
| Moroccan | 35,063 | 18.7 | 18.2 | 19.2 |
| Palestinian | 39,804 | 18.3 | 16.3 | 20.5 |
| Syrian | 57,422 | 9.2 | 6.0 | 14.7 |
| "Arab/Arabic" | 39,349 | 20.5 | 18.5 | 22.7 |
| Armenian | 58,848 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 5.7 |
| Assyrian | 49,027 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 7.6 |
| Iranian | 66,113 | 7.4 | 6.6 | 7.8 |
| Israeli | 71,667 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 8.6 |
| Turkish | 51,250 | 10.8 | 3.3 | 15.5 |

Occupation

- In terms of the types of jobs held by individuals, most of the Arab/Middle East/Turkish ancestries are more likely to have occupations as managers and professionals than the general Illinois population. Some 40.1 percent of persons with Arab ancestry were managers or professionals, while 62.0 percent of persons with Egyptian ancestry were managers or professionals. Note that persons who are self-employed business owners are included among this category.

| Occupation Statistics for Persons of Arab/Middle East/Turkish Ancestry: Illinois 2000 | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| | Pct. Managers and Professionals | Pct. Service | Pct. Sales and Office | Pct. Farming, Fishing and Forestry | Pct. Construction, Extraction and Maintenance | Pct. Production, Transporta- tion and Material Moving |
| All Illinoisians | 34.2% | 13.9% | 27.6% | 0.3% | 8.2% | 15.7% |
| Arab (Total) | 40.1 | 10.6 | 31.8 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 12.8 |
| Egyptian | 62.0 | 10.7 | 21.2 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 4.5 |
| Iraqi | 27.3 | 8.6 | 24.7 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 32.0 |
| Jordanian | 31.6 | 10.5 | 36.6 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 16.9 |
| Lebanese | 50.3 | 12.3 | 26.1 | 0.1 | 4.3 | 6.9 |
| Moroccan | 36.1 | 22.3 | 20.1 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 14.4 |
| Palestinian | 32.7 | 8.0 | 39.7 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 13.5 |
| Syrian | 51.5 | 8.4 | 27.8 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 10.2 |
| "Arab/ Arabic" | 29.8 | 9.6 | 39.5 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 15.4 |
| Armenian | 46.1 | 8.0 | 28.5 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 11.0 |
| Assyrian | 27.5 | 12.7 | 30.8 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 22.9 |
| Iranian | 55.5 | 7.8 | 27.5 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 6.2 |
| Israeli | 55.8 | 8.5 | 25.3 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 7.4 |
| Turkish | 58.3 | 8.5 | 19.1 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 9.6 |

Homeownership

- Nearly all the Arab/Middle East/Turkish ancestries have lower rates of homeownership than the overall population in Illinois. Only persons of Iranian ancestry — of whom 68.0 percent are homeowners — exceed the overall state homeownership rate of 67.3 percent.

Homeownership Rate Among Arab/Middle East/Turkish Ancestries: Illinois 2000

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| All Illinoisians | 67.3% |
| Arab (Total) | 50.3 |
| Egyptian | 53.0 |
| Iraqi | 45.7 |
| Jordanian | 47.5 |
| Lebanese | 62.4 |
| Moroccan | 30.6 |
| Palestinian | 50.5 |
| Syrian | 58.1 |
| "Arab/Arabic" | 45.6 |
| Armenian | 76.8 |
| Assyrian | 63.5 |
| Iranian | 68.0 |
| Israeli | 60.9 |
| Turkish | 49.4 |

Residential Patterns

The following two pages provide maps of major residential areas of two large Arab/Middle East/Turkish ancestry groups in the Chicago region: persons of Arab ancestry, with more than 44,000 persons counted by the census in the metro Chicago area, and persons of Assyrian ancestry, with more than 15,000 persons in the area.

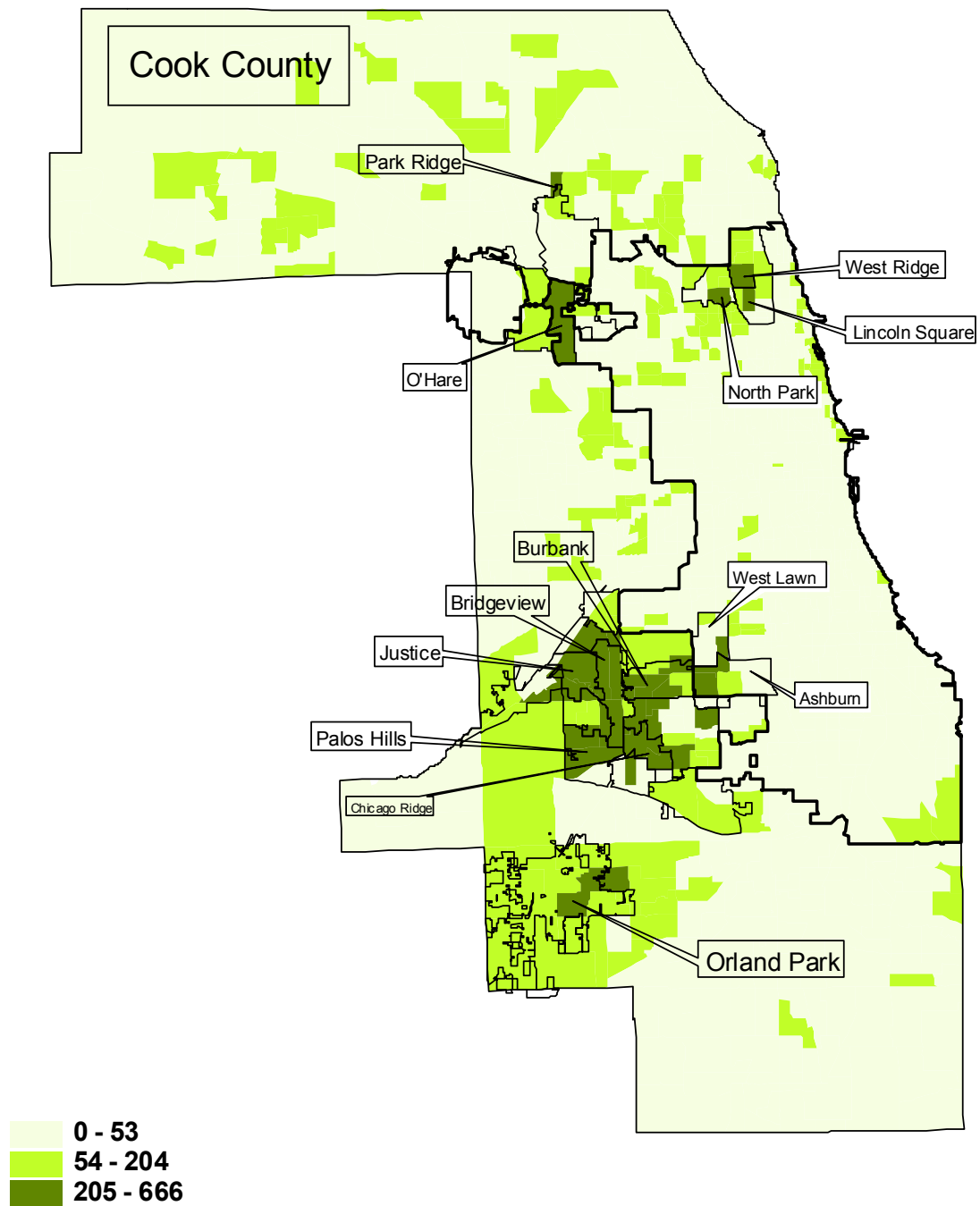
Arab Ancestry Map Highlights

- The Arab-ancestry population is generally found in two areas within Cook County. These include a set of Chicago community areas and a portion of Park Ridge in the northern portion of Cook County, and in a set of suburbs found just southwest of the city of Chicago.
- Southwestern Cook County suburbs with more than 1,000 Arab-ancestry individuals include Oak Lawn (2,142 persons), Burbank (1,273 persons) and Bridgeview (1,104 persons).
- Chicago community areas on the north side of the city with more than 1,000 Arab ancestry persons include West Ridge (1,326 persons) and Albany Park (1,168 persons).

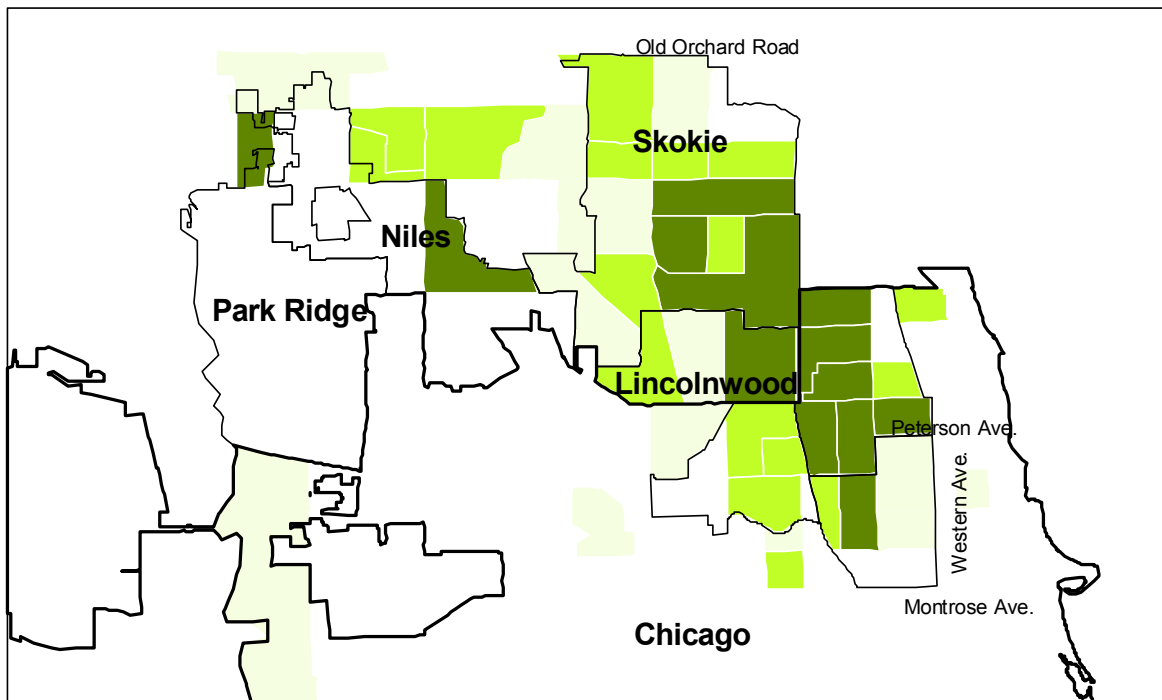
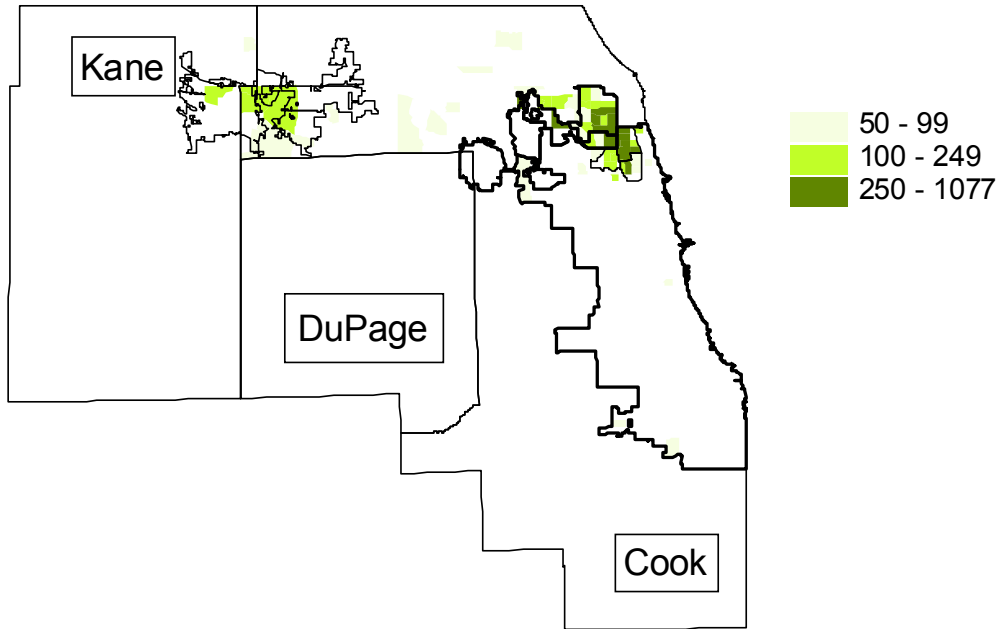
Assyrian Ancestry Map Highlights

- The largest concentration of Assyrian-origin persons are found in the West Ridge community area of Chicago, west of Western Avenue, bounded on the north by Pratt Avenue and on the south by Bryn Mawr Avenue.
- Another principal residential area of Assyrian-origin persons is in the Lincoln Square community area, west of Western Avenue, bounded on the north by Bryn Mawr Avenue and on the south by Lawrence Avenue.
- Other residential areas with Assyrian-ancestry persons include Skokie, Lincolnwood, Niles, and Elgin.

Arab Ancestry Population by Census Tracts, With Selected Suburbs and Chicago Community Areas Highlighted



Assyrian Ancestry by Census Tracts



Population Data for Counties, Places and Chicago Community Areas

The following tables present population statistics for the periods 1980, 1990 and 2000 for the Arab/Middle East/Turkish ancestry groups described in this report. For each group, the geographic areas included are those that contained at least one percent of each group's statewide population in the year 2000.

Within each table, geographic areas are presented in the following order:

- Illinois
- Metro Chicago and its counties
- Downstate and its counties
- Places and (following Chicago) Chicago community areas

| Arab/Middle East Ancestry in Selected Places and Chicago Community Areas | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ARAB (Total all Arab groups) | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Illinois | 18,194 | 35,120 | 52,798 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 15,061 | 28,854 | 44,685 |
| Cook County | 13,511 | 23,532 | 35,224 |
| DuPage County | 895 | 2,964 | 4,972 |
| Kane County | 119 | 351 | 767 |
| Lake County | 257 | 931 | 1,635 |
| McHenry County | 14 | 274 | 345 |
| Will County | 265 | 802 | 1,742 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 3,133 | 6,266 | 8,113 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 692 | 714 |
| Peoria County | N/A | 1,350 | 1,962 |
| Bridgeview village | 103 | 253 | 1,104 |
| Burbank city | 338 | 957 | 1,273 |
| Chicago city | 9,213 | 13,277 | 14,971 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 298 | 1,189 | 1,326 |
| Lincoln Square - CA 04 | 617 | 743 | 545 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 169 | 322 | 751 |
| Albany Park - CA 14 | 890 | 1,025 | 1,168 |
| Portage Park - CA 15 | 77 | 230 | 561 |
| Irving Park - CA 16 | 178 | 522 | 882 |
| Ashburn - CA 70 | 320 | 829 | 927 |
| Chicago Ridge village | 80 | 144 | 963 |
| Hickory Hills city | 32 | 157 | 763 |
| Naperville city | 71 | 425 | 948 |
| Oak Lawn village | 419 | 565 | 2,142 |
| Orland Park village | 101 | 267 | 960 |
| Palos Hills city | 51 | 315 | 578 |
| Peoria city | 604 | 1,070 | 1,576 |
| Schaumburg village | 120 | 266 | 555 |
| Skokie village | 176 | 367 | 592 |

The geographic areas in these ancestry tables were selected on the basis of having at least one percent of the statewide total for a given group in 2000.

| EGYPTIAN | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 1,347 | 2,407 | 3,794 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 1,219 | 2,026 | 3,082 |
| Cook County | 840 | 1,442 | 1,864 |
| DuPage County | 337 | 380 | 800 |
| Kane County | 8 | 23 | 61 |
| Lake County | 10 | 164 | 193 |
| McHenry County | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| Will County | 24 | 17 | 125 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 128 | 381 | 712 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 79 | 156 |
| DeKalb County | N/A | 94 | 51 |
| Madison County | N/A | 23 | 48 |
| Peoria County | N/A | 8 | 46 |
| Stephenson County | N/A | 6 | 58 |
| Vermilion County | N/A | 5 | 62 |
| Winnebago County | N/A | 10 | 92 |
| Arlington Heights village | 0 | 9 | 73 |
| Aurora city | 0 | 29 | 106 |
| Bridgeview village | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Burr Ridge village | 0 | 35 | 64 |
| Chicago city | 303 | 516 | 556 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 6 | 37 | 88 |
| Lincoln Park - CA 07 | 0 | 8 | 40 |
| Near North Side - CA 08 | 0 | 9 | 50 |
| Logan Square - CA 22 | 0 | 39 | 49 |
| Kenwood - CA 39 | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Hyde Park - CA 41 | 0 | 55 | 48 |
| Danville city | 32 | 0 | 62 |
| DeKalb city | 6 | 94 | 40 |
| Downers Grove village | 0 | 0 | 143 |
| Evanston city | 48 | 37 | 90 |
| Freeport city | 0 | 6 | 41 |
| Glenview village | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| Hoffman Estates village | 40 | 130 | 60 |
| Justice village | 0 | 95 | 50 |
| Lisle village | 38 | 0 | 52 |
| Lombard village | 6 | 0 | 49 |
| Naperville city | 24 | 32 | 147 |
| Norridge village | 0 | 0 | 46 |
| Oak Brook village | 24 | 20 | 109 |
| Oak Park village | 13 | 19 | 44 |
| Palos Hills city | 0 | 0 | 68 |
| Park Ridge city | 7 | 0 | 56 |
| Peoria city | 13 | 8 | 46 |
| River Forest village | 0 | 17 | 52 |
| Roscoe village | N/A | N/A | 48 |
| Urbana city | 0 | 62 | 111 |
| Willowbrook village | 6 | 0 | 56 |
| Willow Springs village | 0 | 0 | 48 |

| IRAQI | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 1,073 | 1,638 | 1,957 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 998 | 1,531 | 1,815 |
| Cook County | 927 | 1,447 | 1,583 |
| DuPage County | 34 | 56 | 116 |
| Kane County | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Lake County | 10 | 7 | 36 |
| McHenry County | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| Will County | 27 | 8 | 72 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 75 | 107 | 142 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 37 | 31 |
| Sangamon County | N/A | 0 | 68 |
| Arlington Heights village | 7 | 60 | 44 |
| Aurora city | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Champaign city | 0 | 10 | 22 |
| Chicago city | 767 | 914 | 931 |
| Rogers Park - CA 01 | 154 | 20 | 22 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 97 | 409 | 428 |
| Lincoln Square - CA 04 | 80 | 174 | 122 |
| Albany Park - CA 14 | 187 | 72 | 201 |
| Irving Park - CA 16 | 11 | 18 | 63 |
| Des Plaines city | 6 | 0 | 58 |
| Elgin city | 0 | 10 | 21 |
| Morton Grove village | 6 | 0 | 41 |
| Naperville city | 0 | 20 | 27 |
| Niles village | 0 | 30 | 52 |
| Orland Park village | 33 | 0 | 23 |
| Riverdale village | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Romeoville village | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| Schaumburg village | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Skokie village | 16 | 52 | 244 |
| Springfield city | 36 | 0 | 68 |
| Streamwood village | 6 | 8 | 30 |

| JORDANIAN | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 1,227 | 1,833 | 4,018 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 1,166 | 1,725 | 3,824 |
| Cook County | 1,119 | 1,540 | 3,249 |
| DuPage County | 26 | 147 | 262 |
| Kane County | 5 | 0 | 36 |
| Lake County | 14 | 6 | 93 |
| McHenry County | 2 | 0 | 47 |
| Will County | 0 | 32 | 137 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 61 | 108 | 194 |
| Jackson County | N/A | 10 | 56 |
| Arlington Heights village | 7 | 0 | 64 |
| Berwyn city | 79 | 0 | 74 |
| Bridgeview village | 53 | 6 | 65 |
| Burbank city | 5 | 227 | 96 |
| Calumet City city | 0 | 23 | 73 |
| Carbondale city | 8 | 10 | 56 |
| Chicago city | 733 | 752 | 1,078 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 22 | 16 | 40 |
| Norwood Park - CA 10 | 0 | 0 | 77 |
| Jefferson Park - CA 11 | 0 | 0 | 157 |
| Irving Park - CA 16 | 28 | 108 | 161 |
| Montclare - CA 18 | 0 | 0 | 65 |
| Chicago Lawn - CA 66 | 54 | 165 | 64 |
| Ashburn - CA 70 | 30 | 47 | 127 |
| O'Hare - CA 76 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Chicago Ridge village | 0 | 0 | 192 |
| Cicero town | 6 | 10 | 62 |
| Des Plaines city | 0 | 0 | 104 |
| Evergreen Park village | 0 | 8 | 42 |
| Hickory Hills city | 0 | 14 | 82 |
| Lake in the Hills village | 0 | 0 | 47 |
| Lansing village | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Morton Grove village | 0 | 55 | 189 |
| Mount Prospect village | 0 | 8 | 80 |
| Naperville city | 0 | 7 | 91 |
| Niles village | 56 | 0 | 89 |
| Oak Forest city | 0 | 0 | 138 |
| Oak Lawn village | 107 | 170 | 194 |
| Orland Park village | 27 | 16 | 89 |
| Palos Hills city | 0 | 0 | 102 |
| Schaumburg village | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| Waukegan city | 14 | 0 | 47 |

| LEBANESE | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 4,026 | 8,299 | 10,542 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 2,153 | 5,376 | 6,615 |
| Cook County | 1,682 | 3,353 | 3,961 |
| DuPage County | 304 | 1,105 | 1,454 |
| Kane County | 36 | 211 | 280 |
| Lake County | 28 | 342 | 361 |
| McHenry County | 12 | 94 | 139 |
| Will County | 91 | 271 | 420 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 1,873 | 2,923 | 3,927 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 108 | 127 |
| La Salle County | N/A | 132 | 113 |
| McLean County | N/A | 110 | 216 |
| Madison County | N/A | 71 | 123 |
| Peoria County | N/A | 1,122 | 1,654 |
| St. Clair County | N/A | 93 | 127 |
| Sangamon County | N/A | 41 | 126 |
| Tazewell County | N/A | 301 | 391 |
| Winnebago County | N/A | 105 | 120 |
| Aurora city | 10 | 94 | 169 |
| Chicago city | 967 | 1,745 | 2,027 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 47 | 218 | 203 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 35 | 135 | 245 |
| Lincoln Park - CA 07 | 10 | 125 | 247 |
| Near North Side - CA 08 | 7 | 180 | 151 |
| East Peoria city | 335 | 128 | 187 |
| Evanston city | 44 | 77 | 107 |
| Naperville city | 41 | 186 | 374 |
| Peoria city | 540 | 895 | 1,300 |
| Schaumburg village | 18 | 63 | 160 |
| Springfield city | 41 | 32 | 115 |
| Wheaton city | 19 | 76 | 135 |

| MOROCCAN | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 183 | 690 | 1,495 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 170 | 522 | 1,296 |
| Cook County | 167 | 442 | 1,057 |
| DuPage County | 0 | 0 | 119 |
| Kane County | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Lake County | 3 | 17 | 72 |
| McHenry County | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Will County | 0 | 63 | 23 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 13 | 168 | 199 |
| DeKalb County | N/A | 6 | 24 |
| Jackson County | N/A | 0 | 33 |
| Peoria County | N/A | 0 | 15 |
| Rock Island County | N/A | 0 | 31 |
| St. Clair County | N/A | 0 | 21 |
| Arlington Heights village | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Aurora city | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Berwyn city | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Bolingbrook village | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Buffalo Grove village | 0 | 8 | 25 |
| Carol Stream village | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Chicago city | 122 | 268 | 733 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 36 | 58 | 165 |
| Uptown - CA 03 | 29 | 0 | 24 |
| Lincoln Square - CA 04 | 0 | 17 | 24 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 0 | 44 | 28 |
| Lincoln Park - CA 07 | 0 | 6 | 16 |
| Near North Side - CA 08 | 0 | 10 | 46 |
| Albany Park - CA 14 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Irving Park - CA 16 | 0 | 8 | 79 |
| Logan Square - CA 22 | 0 | 0 | 67 |
| South Lawndale - CA 30 | 0 | 22 | 60 |
| Lower West Side - CA 31 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Fuller Park - CA 37 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Washington Park - CA 40 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Bridgeport - CA 60 | 0 | 18 | 19 |
| West Lawn - CA 65 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Englewood - CA 68 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| DeKalb city | 0 | 6 | 24 |
| Glendale Heights village | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Glenview village | 0 | 11 | 21 |
| Highland Park city | 0 | 9 | 21 |
| Lansing village | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Lisle village | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| North Chicago city | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Oak Lawn village | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Peoria city | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Rock Island city | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Skokie village | 7 | 69 | 67 |

| PALESTINIAN | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 1,781 | 5,534 | 7,329 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 1,686 | 5,181 | 6,779 |
| Cook County | 1,567 | 4,699 | 5,839 |
| DuPage County | 37 | 234 | 481 |
| Kane County | 7 | 0 | 49 |
| Lake County | 30 | 101 | 206 |
| McHenry County | 0 | 72 | 14 |
| Will County | 45 | 75 | 190 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 95 | 353 | 550 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 83 | 106 |
| Berwyn city | 10 | 58 | 78 |
| Bridgeview village | 15 | 62 | 141 |
| Burbank city | 0 | 393 | 311 |
| Champaign city | 5 | 11 | 82 |
| Chicago city | 1,134 | 2,879 | 2,052 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 0 | 23 | 97 |
| Jefferson Park - CA 11 | 0 | 35 | 96 |
| North Park - CA 13 | 0 | 120 | 114 |
| Albany Park - CA 14 | 62 | 167 | 169 |
| Portage Park - CA 15 | 0 | 56 | 268 |
| Irving Park - CA 16 | 48 | 165 | 182 |
| Avondale - CA 21 | 7 | 11 | 100 |
| West Lawn - CA 65 | 13 | 116 | 77 |
| Chicago Lawn - CA 66 | 239 | 605 | 77 |
| Ashburn - CA 70 | 66 | 288 | 182 |
| O'Hare - CA 76 | 13 | 8 | 106 |
| Chicago Ridge village | 0 | 54 | 183 |
| Cicero town | 33 | 114 | 86 |
| Evergreen Park village | 4 | 64 | 75 |
| Goodings Grove CDP | N/A | 75 | 111 |
| Hickory Hills city | 7 | 15 | 203 |
| Justice village | 0 | 29 | 94 |
| Oak Lawn village | 118 | 153 | 577 |
| Orland Park village | 0 | 48 | 394 |
| Palos Hills city | 27 | 53 | 155 |
| Schiller Park village | 0 | 0 | 75 |
| Skokie village | 58 | 22 | 80 |
| Summit village | 0 | 12 | 106 |
| Tinley Park village | 0 | 35 | 97 |

| SYRIAN | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 1,018 | 3,367 | 4,295 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 743 | 2,410 | 3,480 |
| Cook County | 609 | 1,496 | 2,237 |
| DuPage County | 11 | 431 | 469 |
| Kane County | 46 | 104 | 180 |
| Lake County | 48 | 134 | 282 |
| McHenry County | 0 | 71 | 75 |
| Will County | 29 | 174 | 237 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 275 | 957 | 815 |
| McLean County | N/A | 2 | 78 |
| Madison County | N/A | 100 | 54 |
| Peoria County | N/A | 85 | 104 |
| Rock Island County | N/A | 43 | 50 |
| Sangamon County | N/A | 55 | 45 |
| Winnebago County | N/A | 18 | 129 |
| Algonquin village | 0 | 15 | 47 |
| Berwyn city | 49 | 53 | 64 |
| Bolingbrook village | 5 | 23 | 49 |
| Bridgeview village | 0 | 10 | 91 |
| Buffalo Grove village | 6 | 20 | 54 |
| Burr Ridge village | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Chicago city | 350 | 591 | 1,124 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 64 | 85 | 157 |
| Uptown - CA 03 | 36 | 0 | 56 |
| Lincoln Square - CA 04 | 40 | 63 | 61 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 8 | 24 | 173 |
| Lincoln Park - CA 07 | 9 | 57 | 92 |
| Near North Side - CA 08 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| North Park - CA 13 | 15 | 0 | 83 |
| Irving Park - CA 16 | 30 | 13 | 67 |
| Edgewater - CA 77 | 12 | 47 | 90 |
| Elgin city | 0 | 0 | 89 |
| Lake Forest city | 0 | 25 | 51 |
| Lombard village | 0 | 10 | 59 |
| Naperville city | 6 | 151 | 78 |
| Niles village | 7 | 16 | 46 |
| Normal town | 0 | 0 | 69 |
| Northbrook village | 7 | 0 | 60 |
| Oak Brook village | 0 | 0 | 74 |
| Oak Lawn village | 0 | 0 | 114 |
| Palatine village | 0 | 8 | 46 |
| Peoria city | 0 | 54 | 104 |
| Rockford city | 5 | 18 | 86 |
| Rolling Meadows city | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| Schaumburg village | 8 | 69 | 92 |
| West Dundee village | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Willowbrook village | 0 | 0 | 45 |

| ARAB/ARABIC (General response) | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 6,182 | 10,468 | 16,996 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 5,741 | 9,599 | 15,721 |
| Cook County | 5,524 | 8,815 | 13,785 |
| DuPage County | 132 | 455 | 1,035 |
| Kane County | 4 | 0 | 64 |
| Lake County | 67 | 137 | 336 |
| McHenry County | 0 | 30 | 29 |
| Will County | 14 | 162 | 472 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 441 | 869 | 1,275 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 86 | 170 |
| Alsip village | 6 | 204 | 338 |
| Berwyn city | 109 | 0 | 222 |
| Bridgeview village | 30 | 167 | 743 |
| Burbank city | 307 | 318 | 788 |
| Chicago city | 3,992 | 5,449 | 5,458 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 11 | 241 | 177 |
| Jefferson Park - CA 11 | 0 | 10 | 200 |
| Albany Park - CA 14 | 311 | 398 | 529 |
| Portage Park - CA 15 | 53 | 121 | 176 |
| Irving Park - CA 16 | 46 | 169 | 202 |
| Belmont Cragin - CA 19 | 67 | 277 | 372 |
| Hegewisch - CA 55 | 63 | 125 | 225 |
| Gage Park - CA 63 | 346 | 197 | 319 |
| Clearing - CA 64 | 12 | 79 | 192 |
| West Lawn - CA 65 | 28 | 57 | 225 |
| Chicago Lawn - CA 66 | 853 | 1762 | 223 |
| Ashburn - CA 70 | 205 | 483 | 540 |
| Chicago Ridge village | 64 | 90 | 539 |
| Hickory Hills city | 25 | 99 | 381 |
| Hoffman Estates village | 10 | 22 | 175 |
| Justice village | 11 | 159 | 290 |
| Oak Forest city | 0 | 4 | 211 |
| Oak Lawn village | 159 | 203 | 1,070 |
| Oak Park village | 20 | 22 | 205 |
| Orland Park village | 35 | 132 | 401 |
| Palos Hills city | 24 | 173 | 253 |
| Tinley Park village | 0 | 37 | 324 |
| Worth village | 0 | 19 | 201 |

Note: Some respondents to the census chose "Arab" or "Arabic" and did not cite a more specific national-origin group.

| ALL OTHER SPECIFIED ARAB | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 1,357 | 884 | 2,372 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 1,185 | 484 | 2,073 |
| Cook County | 1,076 | 298 | 1,649 |
| DuPage County | 14 | 156 | 236 |
| Kane County | 13 | 7 | 66 |
| Lake County | 47 | 23 | 56 |
| McHenry County | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Will County | 35 | 0 | 66 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 172 | 400 | 299 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 153 | 70 |
| Jackson County | N/A | 0 | 69 |
| McDonough County | N/A | 48 | 57 |
| Bartlett village | 0 | 0 | 67 |
| Carbondale city | 14 | 0 | 65 |
| Champaign city | 21 | 120 | 30 |
| Chicago city | 845 | 163 | 1,012 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 21 | 35 | 76 |
| Uptown - CA 03 | 73 | 0 | 142 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Lincoln Park - CA 07 | 0 | 10 | 59 |
| Edison Park - CA 09 | 0 | 0 | 43 |
| Albany Park - CA 14 | 21 | 29 | 131 |
| Irving Park - CA 16 | 10 | 0 | 100 |
| West Town - CA 24 | 19 | 0 | 43 |
| Armour Square - CA 34 | 0 | 16 | 25 |
| New City - CA 61 | 40 | 0 | 37 |
| O'Hare - CA 76 | 0 | 0 | 51 |
| Edgewater - CA 77 | 52 | 0 | 33 |
| Hickory Hills city | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Joliet city | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| Justice village | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| Lyons village | 0 | 0 | 44 |
| Macomb city | 0 | 22 | 57 |
| Niles village | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| Oak Lawn village | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Park Ridge city | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| Schaumburg village | 0 | 7 | 66 |
| Skokie village | 9 | 21 | 44 |
| Tinley Park village | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Urbana city | 12 | 33 | 31 |
| Willowbrook village | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Woodridge village | 0 | 9 | 32 |

| ARMENIAN | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 4,689 | 8,431 | 7,958 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 4,083 | 7,342 | 7,016 |
| Cook County | 3,262 | 5,237 | 4,655 |
| DuPage County | 272 | 941 | 814 |
| Kane County | 12 | 95 | 132 |
| Lake County | 497 | 811 | 1,102 |
| McHenry County | 26 | 162 | 223 |
| Will County | 14 | 96 | 90 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 606 | 1,089 | 942 |
| Madison County | N/A | 290 | 170 |
| St. Clair County | N/A | 295 | 231 |
| Winnebago County | N/A | 40 | 87 |
| Belleville city | 37 | 67 | 100 |
| Bloomington village | 0 | 30 | 98 |
| Chicago city | 1,316 | 1,929 | 1,674 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 106 | 201 | 176 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 53 | 128 | 119 |
| Lincoln Park - CA 07 | 0 | 104 | 98 |
| Near North Side - CA 08 | 40 | 104 | 159 |
| Portage Park - CA 15 | 52 | 27 | 155 |
| Dunning - CA 17 | 105 | 146 | 89 |
| Edgewater - CA 77 | 263 | 234 | 101 |
| Elgin city | 0 | 10 | 87 |
| Evanston city | 116 | 159 | 136 |
| Glenview village | 26 | 143 | 136 |
| Granite City city | 123 | 183 | 82 |
| Gurnee village | 16 | 15 | 121 |
| Hoffman Estates village | 36 | 53 | 137 |
| Lake Forest city | 28 | 49 | 234 |
| Lincolnwood village | 113 | 76 | 98 |
| Morton Grove village | 164 | 135 | 169 |
| Mount Prospect village | 133 | 83 | 93 |
| Northbrook village | 67 | 61 | 159 |
| Palatine village | 35 | 111 | 105 |
| Schaumburg village | 0 | 80 | 130 |
| Skokie village | 171 | 273 | 301 |
| Streamwood village | 0 | 13 | 94 |
| Waukegan city | 228 | 243 | 252 |
| Wheeling village | 0 | 104 | 165 |

| ASSYRIAN/CHALDEAN/SYRIAN | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 7,049 | 13,759 | 15,685 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 6,989 | 13,640 | 15,417 |
| Cook County | 6,592 | 12,554 | 14,098 |
| DuPage County | 274 | 578 | 330 |
| Kane County | 19 | 158 | 327 |
| Lake County | 21 | 255 | 398 |
| McHenry County | 13 | 56 | 184 |
| Will County | 70 | 39 | 80 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 60 | 119 | 268 |
| Chicago city | 5,322 | 8,594 | 7,121 |
| Rogers Park - CA 01 | 474 | 123 | 192 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 1,584 | 3,967 | 3,896 |
| Lincoln Square - CA 04 | 710 | 1,255 | 915 |
| North Park - CA 13 | 153 | 336 | 568 |
| Albany Park - CA 14 | 851 | 751 | 275 |
| Edgewater - CA 77 | 367 | 542 | 178 |
| Elgin city | 7 | 75 | 334 |
| Elk Grove Village village | 49 | 284 | 169 |
| Glenview village | 11 | 151 | 203 |
| Lincolnwood village | 172 | 97 | 438 |
| Morton Grove village | 46 | 180 | 496 |
| Mount Prospect village | 29 | 166 | 220 |
| Niles village | 45 | 153 | 458 |
| Schaumburg village | 0 | 131 | 272 |
| Skokie village | 243 | 1,037 | 2,381 |
| Streamwood village | 44 | 93 | 161 |

| IRANI | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 3,361 | 6,458 | 8,184 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 2,449 | 5,470 | 7,192 |
| Cook County | 2,192 | 4,117 | 4,793 |
| DuPage County | 128 | 788 | 1,268 |
| Kane County | 36 | 52 | 184 |
| Lake County | 78 | 405 | 601 |
| McHenry County | 2 | 48 | 52 |
| Will County | 13 | 60 | 294 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 912 | 988 | 992 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 212 | 160 |
| St. Clair County | N/A | 0 | 113 |
| Sangamon County | N/A | 70 | 100 |
| Winnebago County | N/A | 77 | 111 |
| Arlington Heights village | 92 | 11 | 121 |
| Aurora city | 5 | 61 | 88 |
| Buffalo Grove village | 6 | 115 | 116 |
| Chicago city | 1,128 | 2,000 | 1,944 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 133 | 579 | 227 |
| Uptown - CA 03 | 43 | 9 | 82 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 125 | 106 | 146 |
| Near North Side - CA 08 | 41 | 109 | 225 |
| Near West Side - CA 28 | 32 | 39 | 133 |
| Edgewater - CA 77 | 238 | 245 | 187 |
| Downers Grove village | 0 | 23 | 154 |
| Evanston city | 86 | 183 | 145 |
| Glenview village | 51 | 115 | 115 |
| Hoffman Estates village | 26 | 105 | 243 |
| Naperville city | 0 | 163 | 479 |
| Oak Brook village | 20 | 191 | 239 |
| Rockford city | 0 | 68 | 96 |
| Schaumburg village | 0 | 58 | 175 |
| Skokie village | 183 | 234 | 307 |
| South Barrington village | N/A | 0 | 88 |
| Springfield city | 10 | 70 | 85 |
| Wheeling village | 5 | 11 | 100 |

| ISRAELI | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 1,501 | 2,528 | 3,557 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 1,332 | 2,257 | 3,264 |
| Cook County | 1,231 | 1,872 | 2,178 |
| DuPage County | 15 | 63 | 96 |
| Kane County | 0 | 13 | 40 |
| Lake County | 86 | 301 | 869 |
| McHenry County | 0 | 3 | 68 |
| Will County | 0 | 5 | 13 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 169 | 271 | 293 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 170 | 141 |
| Winnebago County | N/A | 6 | 35 |
| Buffalo Grove village | 0 | 101 | 234 |
| Calumet City city | 0 | 0 | 61 |
| Chicago city | 624 | 878 | 1,033 |
| Rogers Park - CA 01 | 26 | 23 | 51 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 288 | 390 | 182 |
| Lincoln Square - CA 04 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 59 | 44 | 110 |
| Lincoln Park - CA 07 | 18 | 9 | 117 |
| Near North Side - CA 08 | 7 | 136 | 83 |
| North Park - CA 13 | 49 | 0 | 62 |
| Hyde Park - CA 41 | 10 | 81 | 42 |
| Deerfield village | 6 | 74 | 119 |
| Evanston city | 54 | 169 | 92 |
| Geneva city | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| Glenview village | 0 | 32 | 68 |
| Highland Park city | 46 | 31 | 251 |
| Lombard village | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| North Chicago city | 0 | 0 | 80 |
| Orland Park village | 8 | 0 | 47 |
| Skokie village | 175 | 134 | 251 |
| Urbana city | 13 | 16 | 113 |
| Vernon Hills village | 21 | 12 | 50 |
| Waukegan city | 0 | 9 | 76 |
| Wheeling village | 10 | 63 | 44 |
| Wilmette village | 53 | 122 | 118 |

| TURKISH | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Illinois | 1,829 | 2,778 | 4,298 |
| Chicago SMSA (6 counties) | 1,574 | 2,186 | 3,624 |
| Cook County | 1,336 | 1,667 | 2,671 |
| DuPage County | 40 | 312 | 556 |
| Kane County | 27 | 52 | 75 |
| Lake County | 164 | 120 | 211 |
| McHenry County | 0 | 27 | 10 |
| Will County | 7 | 8 | 101 |
| Downstate (96 counties) | 255 | 592 | 674 |
| Champaign County | N/A | 130 | 144 |
| McLean County | N/A | 0 | 59 |
| Winnebago County | N/A | 5 | 65 |
| Woodford County | N/A | 0 | 48 |
| Buffalo Grove village | 42 | 14 | 62 |
| Champaign city | 33 | 54 | 70 |
| Chicago city | 613 | 663 | 1,178 |
| West Ridge - CA 02 | 35 | 0 | 58 |
| Lincoln Square - CA 04 | 97 | 96 | 49 |
| Lake View - CA 06 | 71 | 85 | 56 |
| Lincoln Park - CA 07 | 29 | 16 | 96 |
| Near North Side - CA 08 | 66 | 71 | 177 |
| Norwood Park - CA 10 | 0 | 47 | 74 |
| Irving Park - CA 16 | 6 | 13 | 52 |
| West Town - CA 24 | 0 | 0 | 95 |
| Edgewater - CA 77 | 19 | 38 | 86 |
| Evanston city | 184 | 96 | 185 |
| Glenview village | 30 | 31 | 49 |
| Hoffman Estates village | 0 | 5 | 130 |
| Naperville city | 5 | 86 | 211 |
| Northbrook village | 0 | 41 | 53 |
| North Chicago city | 0 | 13 | 46 |
| Palatine village | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| Roselle village | 0 | 32 | 83 |
| Schaumburg village | 7 | 36 | 141 |
| Schiller Park village | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| Summit village | 0 | 28 | 112 |
| Urbana city | 23 | 61 | 65 |
| Wheeling village | 0 | 22 | 92 |

A Note on Census Data Regarding the Palestinian Population

Illinois and metropolitan Chicago are home to a significant Palestinian population, of whom the majority are born abroad. It is challenging to determine, however, the place of birth of foreign-born Palestinians. The United States does not formally recognize a nation called Palestine, and many Palestinians have been born in Middle East nations such as Jordan or Kuwait. The table below provides information on how the U.S. census has categorized the places of birth of foreign-born Palestinians over the last three decades.

- In 1980, 35.7 percent of Palestinian-ancestry persons were classified as having been born in Israel. In that year, “Palestine” was not coded as a place of birth by the Census Bureau.
- In 1990, the census provided a category of Palestine for place of birth, and 19.2 of all Palestinian-ancestry persons were reported in this category.
- In 2000, the Census Bureau did not provide Palestine as a place of birth, and persons writing in Palestine in their census form were coded in “Asia not specified.” This category represented 33 percent of all Palestinian-ancestry persons.
- Over the three decades, the percentage of Palestinian-ancestry persons reporting that they were born in Jordan has fallen steadily.

Persons of Palestinian Ancestry for Illinois and Metropolitan Chicago by Place of Birth: 1980-2000

| | Illinois | | | Metro Chicago | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|
| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Number | 2,240 | 4,527 | 6,644 | 2,120 | 4,314 | 6,245 |
| Percent born in: | | | | | | |
| Illinois | 25.9 | 49.8 | 39.3 | 26.4 | 49.6 | 39.8 |
| Other United States | 6.3 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 3.5 |
| Outlying area/abroad* | 0.9 | 0.9 | 2 | 0.9 | 1 | 1.7 |
| Iraq | | | 0.4 | | | 0.4 |
| Israel | 35.7 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 35.8 | 5.7 | 3.6 |
| Jordan | 20.5 | 10.3 | 5.1 | 20.8 | 10.8 | 5 |
| Kuwait | | 3.3 | 3.8 | | 3 | 3.8 |
| Lebanon | 0.9 | 5.4 | | 0.9 | 4.3 | |
| Pakistan | 7.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| Palestine | | 19.2 | | | 19.7 | |
| Saudi Arabia | | 0.7 | 1.6 | | 0.7 | 1.6 |
| Syria | | 1.1 | 0.4 | | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| Asia not specified | | | 33 | | | 34 |
| Europe | | 0.6 | 2.9 | | 0.6 | 3.1 |
| South America | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Africa | 0.9 | | 1.5 | 0.9 | | 1.6 |
| Abroad not specified | 0.9 | | | 0.9 | | |

*Includes persons born in U.S. possessions such as Puerto Rico and persons born abroad to U.S. citizen parents

Historical Socioeconomic Data on Middle Eastern and Arab Populations in Illinois

Socioeconomic data presented at the beginning of this publication were derived from ancestry data based on Summary File 4 of the 2000 census. Another source of data on Middle Eastern and Arab populations is available from the Public Use Microdata Samples of the census, and has the added value of being available for multiple time periods. The following two tables present basic socioeconomic data on Middle Eastern and Arab population from the microdata samples of the 1980, 1990 and 2000 censuses. Because these data are derived from a five percent sample of the population as opposed to the fifteen percent sample on which Summary File 4 is based, the population numbers and percentages will at times vary slightly.

In the following table, Middle Eastern Ancestries include persons reporting ancestries of:

Algerian, Egyptian, Libyan, Moroccan, Tunisian, North African, Alhucemas, Berber, Rio de Oro, Bahraini, Iranian, Iraqi, Israeli, Jordanian, Trans Jordan, Kuwaiti, Lebanese, Saudi Arabian, Syrian, Armenian, Turkish, Yemeni, Muscat, Trucial States, Qatar, Bedouin, Kurdish, Kuria Muria Islander, Palestinian, Gaza Strip, West Bank, South Yemen, Aden, United Arab Emirates, Assyrian, Chaldean, Syriac, Mideast, Arab, Arabic.

Following the table on Middle Eastern ancestries, another table on Arab Ancestries is provided. This latter set of data includes persons reporting the Middle Eastern ancestries just listed, minus Iranian, Israeli, Armenian, Turkish and Assyrian.

| Illinois: Persons of Middle East Ancestry | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Total | 46,740 | 62,823 | 83,396 |
| Number foreign born | 23,140 | 29,040 | 39,992 |
| % of total foreign born | 49.5% | 46.2% | 48.0% |
| Number entered last 10 years | 16,200 | 13,482 | 14,478 |
| % entered last 10 years | 34.7% | 21.5% | 17.4% |
| % citizens | 67.7% | 77.6% | 81.8% |
| % in families | 87.4% | 87.5% | 86.6% |
| % male | 54.0% | 53.7% | 56.4% |
| % female | 46.0% | 46.3% | 43.6% |
| % under 18 years | 33.7% | 31.9% | 28.4% |
| % 18-64 years | 61.3% | 63.1% | 64.8% |
| % 65 years and over | 5.0% | 5.0% | 6.8% |
| % speak English 'well' or 'very well' | 90.0% | 92.7% | 92.4% |
| % less than 9th grade education | 18.1% | 12.1% | 12.4% |
| % high school graduate or higher | 73.0% | 77.9% | 80.2% |
| % bachelor's degree or higher | 28.4% | 33.9% | 34.4% |
| % 16 years and over in labor force | 66.1% | 70.5% | 65.3% |
| % in management, professional, and related occupations | 32.9% | 35.5% | 35.3% |
| % in service occupations | 10.7% | 10.2% | 13.6% |
| % in sales and office occupations | 26.1% | 30.5% | 32.2% |
| % in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations | 0.6% | 0.4% | 0.0% |
| % in construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations | 5.6% | 5.2% | 5.6% |
| % in production, transportation, and material moving occupations | 24.1% | 18.2% | 13.3% |
| % in manufacturing industries | 26.6% | 18.4% | 11.8% |
| % persons with public assistance | 2.7% | 3.0% | 1.7% |
| % below poverty level | 14.5% | 13.6% | 14.0% |
| % 100%-149% poverty level | 7.3% | 8.6% | 8.6% |
| % 150%-199% poverty level | 7.0% | 6.4% | 8.2% |
| % 200% or more poverty level | 71.2% | 71.3% | 69.2% |
| Median adjusted household income | \$42,569 | \$48,021 | \$48,300 |
| % homeowners | 51.6% | 54.7% | 57.6% |

Census Data on Persons of Arab, Middle East and Turkish Ancestry in Illinois

| Illinois: Persons of Arab Ancestry | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Total | 24,040 | 30,864 | 47,107 |
| Number foreign born | 12,020 | 13,281 | 19,812 |
| % of total foreign born | 50.0% | 43.0% | 42.1% |
| Number entered last 10 years | 8,620 | 6,777 | 7,742 |
| % entered last 10 years | 35.9% | 22.0% | 16.4% |
| % citizens | 68.4% | 78.7% | 85.8% |
| % in families | 86.7% | 87.8% | 86.9% |
| % male | 57.5% | 56.1% | 60.9% |
| % female | 42.5% | 43.9% | 39.1% |
| % under 18 years | 35.9% | 37.5% | 32.4% |
| % 18-64 years | 60.5% | 59.5% | 62.6% |
| % 65 years and over | 3.6% | 3.0% | 5.1% |
| % speak English 'well' or 'very well' | 89.7% | 92.9% | 92.1% |
| % less than 9th grade education | 20.3% | 10.9% | 11.3% |
| % high school graduate or higher | 71.1% | 79.1% | 81.0% |
| % bachelor's degree or higher | 29.1% | 35.5% | 33.7% |
| % 16 years and over in labor force | 65.5% | 67.6% | 63.7% |
| % in management, professional, and related occupations | 31.7% | 37.0% | 34.6% |
| % in service occupations | 12.4% | 11.2% | 13.8% |
| % in sales and office occupations | 26.0% | 31.9% | 32.3% |
| % in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations | 0.2% | 0.6% | 0.0% |
| % in construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations | 5.1% | 4.8% | 7.6% |
| % in production, transportation, and material moving occupations | 24.6% | 14.5% | 11.7% |
| % in manufacturing industries | 25.0% | 12.4% | 8.6% |
| % persons with public assistance | 2.9% | 2.4% | 1.8% |
| % below poverty level | 17.9% | 18.4% | 22.0% |
| % 100%-149% poverty level | 8.5% | 10.8% | 10.3% |
| % 150%-199% poverty level | 8.7% | 6.5% | 8.8% |
| % 200% or more poverty level | 64.8% | 64.3% | 58.9% |
| Median adjusted household income | \$38,319 | \$45,425 | \$45,000 |
| % homeowners | 51.4% | 50.3% | 52.5% |

