

A Geographic Profile of  
Chicago Lawn, Gage Park, West Elsdon and West Lawn  
Neighborhoods Served by  
The Southwest Organizing Project

The Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) is a broad based community organization consisting of 29 churches, schools, mosques, and other institutions acting together to build power for families in Southwest Chicago.

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## **A Note on the Data in This Report**

The information in this report is derived from the censuses of 1980, 1990 and 2000. The maps in this report consist of “block groups” which are geographies defined by the Census Bureau and consisting of several or more city blocks. These block groups are the smallest geographical unit for which socioeconomic data are available, on topics such as education, income and poverty.

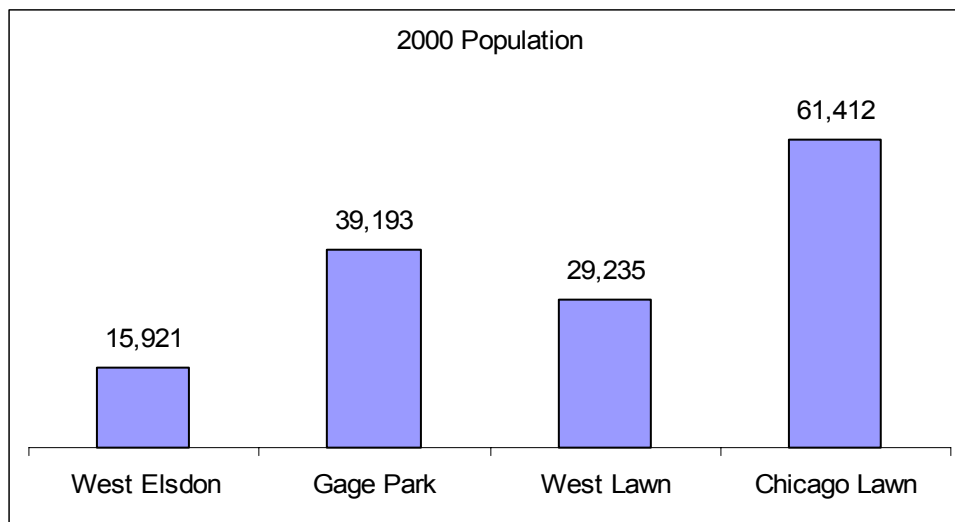
The decennial census is not a perfect count of the population. Some individuals and households choose not to respond to the census, or are unaware of the opportunity to complete a census form. The census, however, does capture responses from the great majority of local residents, and its findings are useful to delineate social and economic patterns.

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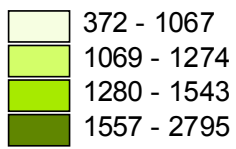
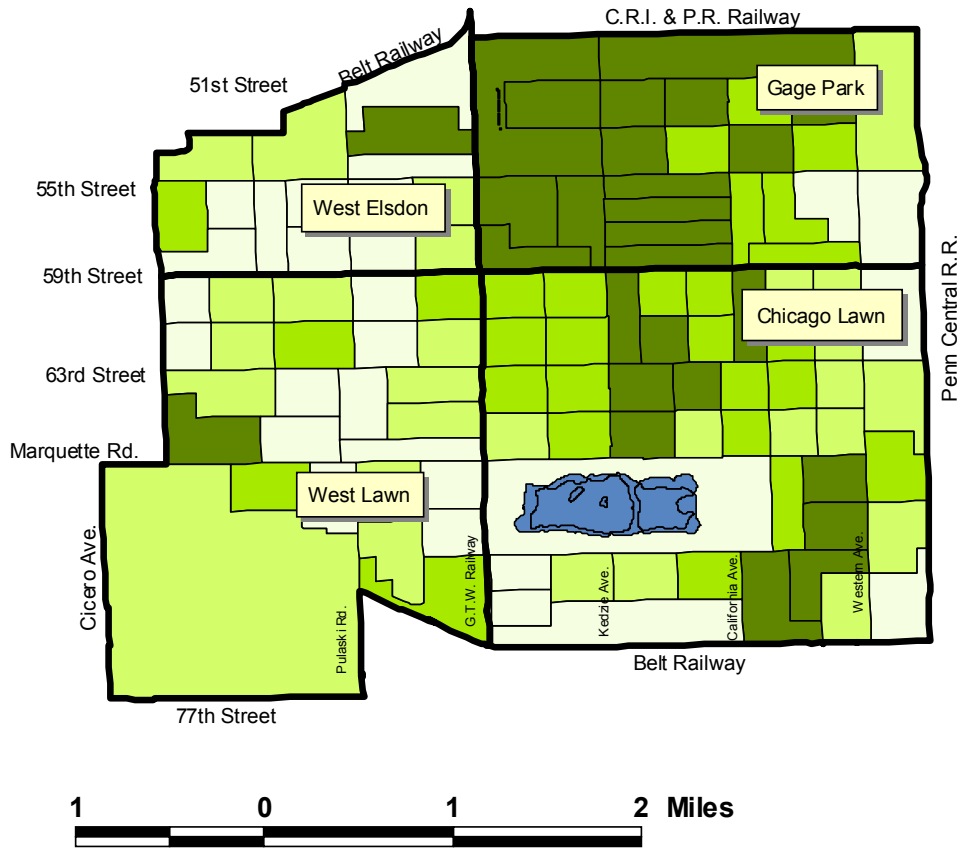
## Population, Age and Nativity

### Total Population

- About 116,761 persons live in the community areas of West Elsdon, Gage Park, West Lawn and Chicago Lawn.
- Some 15,921 persons live in West Elsdon, 39,193 in Gage Park, 29,235 in West Lawn and 61,412 in Chicago Lawn.
- More persons reside in Chicago Lawn than in Gage Park, but the Chicago Lawn Population is less dense overall. A majority of block group in Gage Park have more than 1,557 persons, compared to less than a quarter of block groups in Chicago Lawn.
- In contrast to the neighborhoods to the east, West Elsdon and West Lawn have less population density. Many block groups in these areas have less than 1,000 persons.



# Total Population

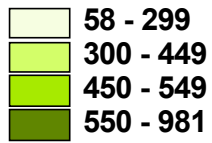
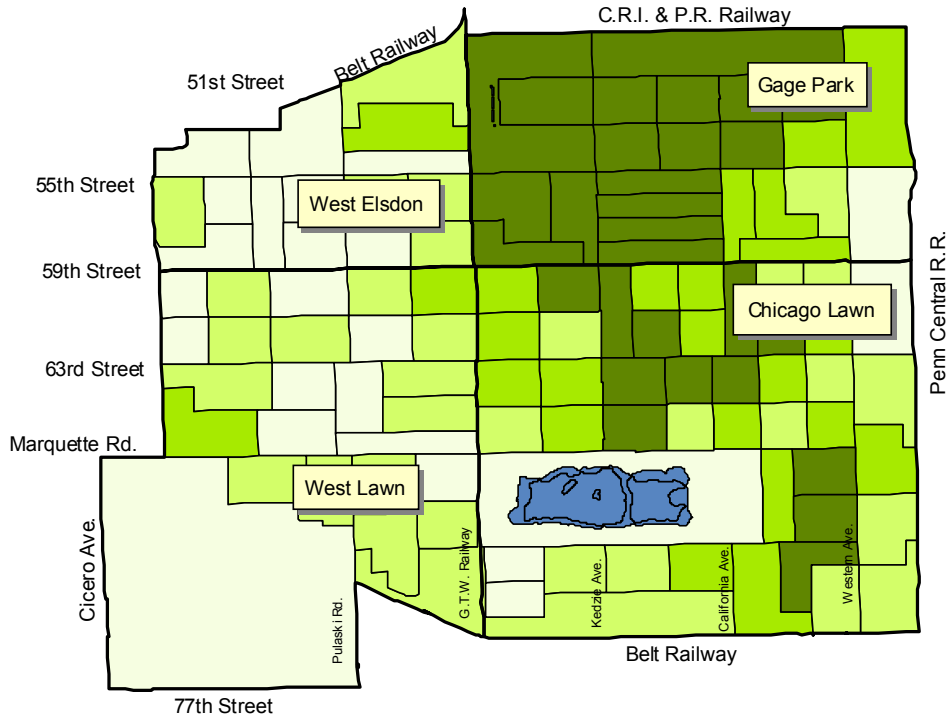


## Children

- Some 48,936 school-age children live in the West Elsdon, Gage Park, West Lawn and Chicago Lawn neighborhoods.
- Chicago Lawn has the largest number of children, 21,970 followed by Gage Park (14,144), West Lawn (8,489) and West Elsdon (4,333). More than half of the block groups in Gage Park have more than 550 children, as do more than a quarter of block groups in Chicago Lawn. No block groups in West Elsdon or West Lawn have more than 550 children.
- Children between the ages of 0-17 are more than one-third of the Gage Park and Chicago Lawn populations. Children are 36.1 percent of Gage Park residents and 35.8 percent of persons in Chicago Lawn. Children are 29.0 percent of the population in West Lawn and 27.2 percent in West Elsdon.

<b>Child Population in 2000</b>		
	Children	Pct. of Population
West Elsdon	4,333	27.2%
Gage Park	14,144	36.1%
West Lawn	8,489	29.0%
Chicago Lawn	21,970	35.8%

# Number of Children

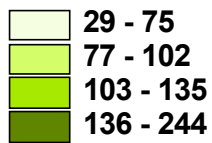
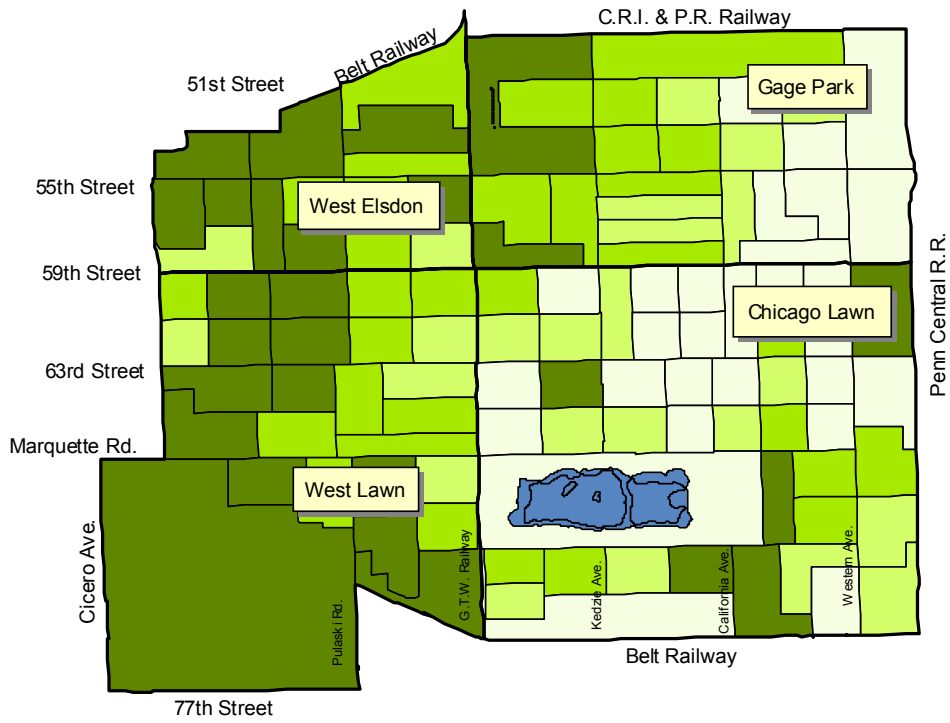


## Seniors

- Some 12,270 seniors live in the community areas of West Elsdon, Gage Park, West Lawn and Chicago Lawn.
- The percent of persons who are elderly is much higher in West Elsdon and West Lawn than in either Gage Park or Chicago Lawn. Elderly persons are 14.0 percent of West Elsdon residents and 12.5 percent of West Lawn residents, compared to 6.1 percent and 6.5 percent in Gage Park and Chicago Lawn, respectively.
- While the largest numbers of children are found in block groups in Gage Park and Chicago Lawn (see previous map), the largest numbers of elderly persons are found predominantly in West Elsdon and West Lawn. In fact, the number of elderly persons may be seen in the accompanying map to clearly increase from east to west.

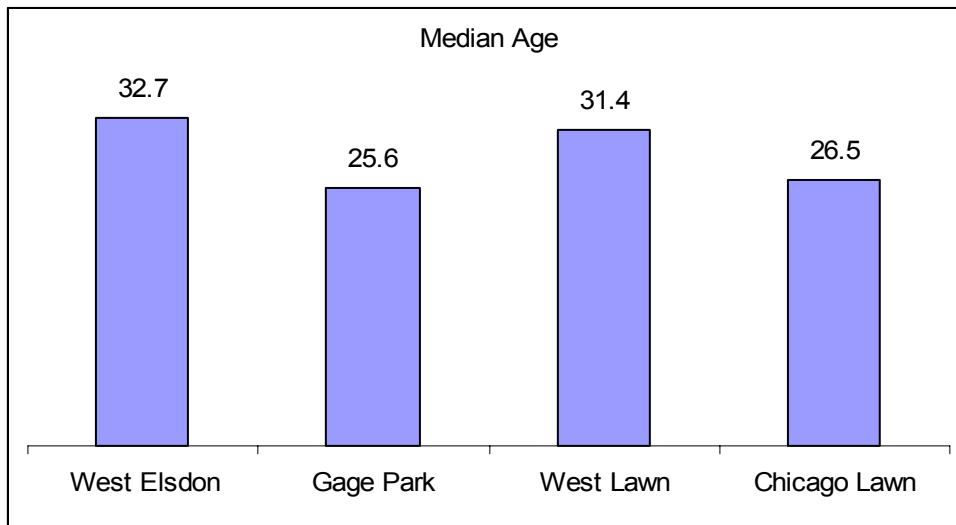
<b>Senior Population in 2000</b>		
		Pct. of
	Seniors	Population
West Elsdon	2,223	14.0%
Gage Park	2,393	6.1%
West Lawn	3,652	12.5%
Chicago Lawn	4,002	6.5%

# Elderly Persons 65+ Years

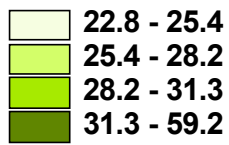
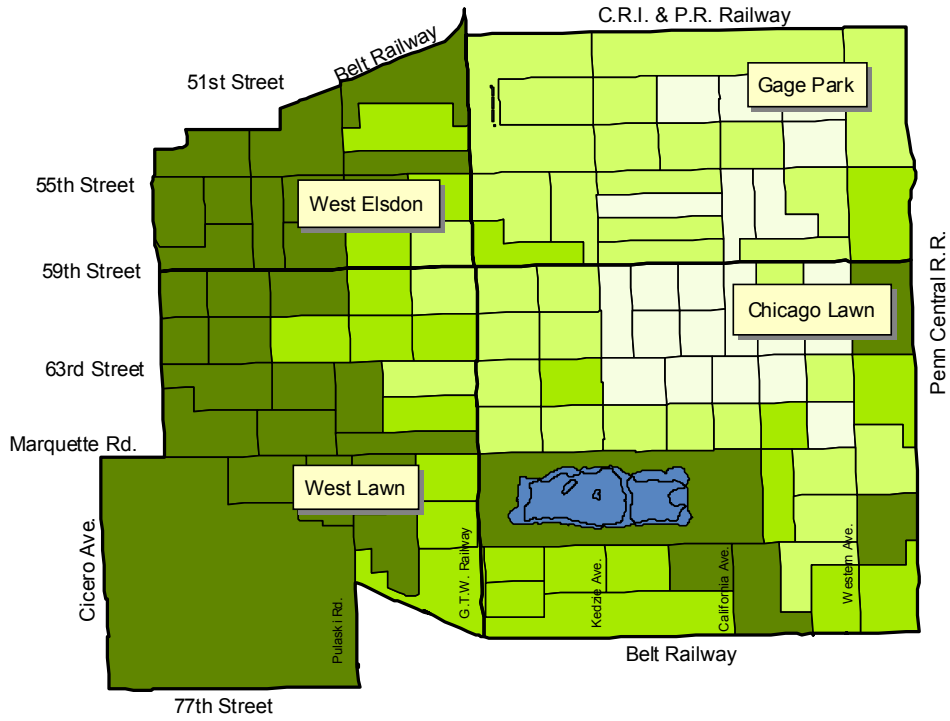


## Median Age

- Gage Park and Chicago Lawn have significantly younger populations than their neighboring areas of West Elsdon and Chicago Lawn. Many block groups in Gage Park and Chicago Lawn have a median age of less than 25 years, while the majority of block groups in West Elsdon and West Lawn have a median age of over 31 years.

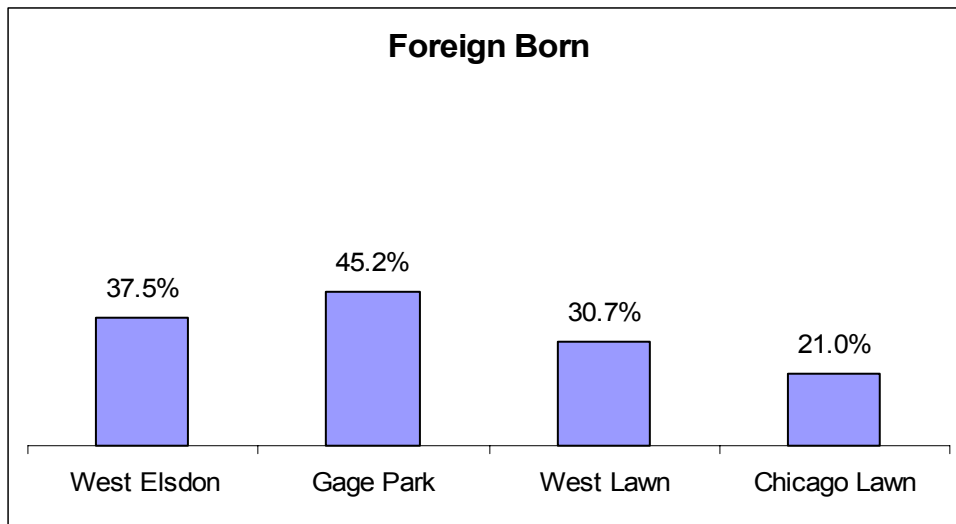


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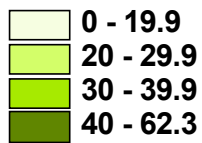
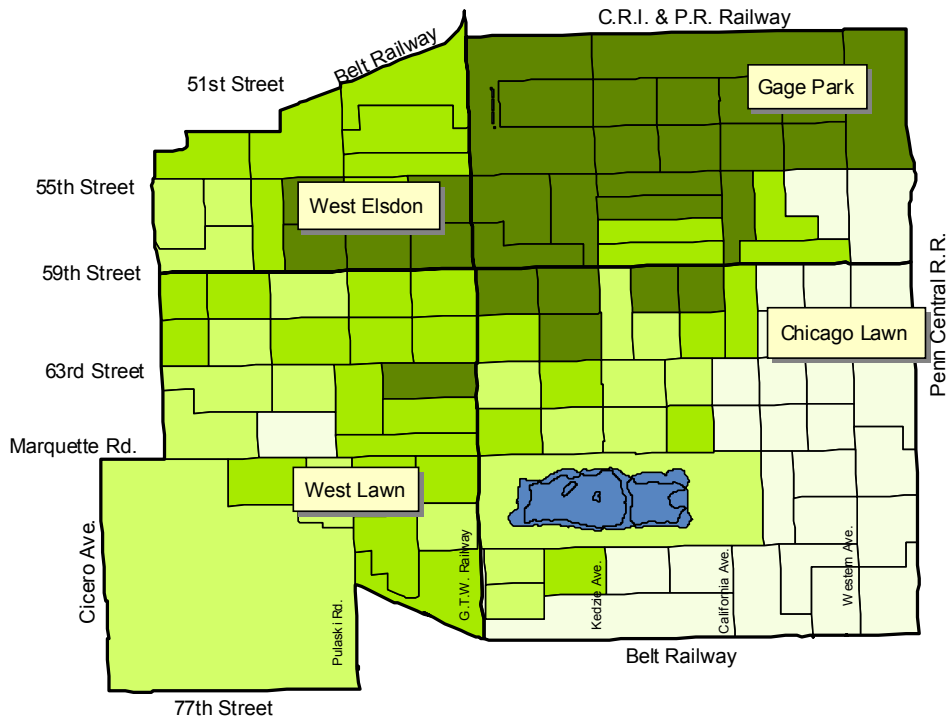


## Percent Foreign Born

- The percent of the population comprised of immigrants in block groups of the four community areas ranges from zero to 62.3 percent. The Gage Park area, which has a large Latino population, has the highest rates of immigration. In most block groups in Gage Park the foreign born are at least 40 percent of the population. In contrast, immigrants are no more than a fifth of the population in a large number of block groups in eastern and southern Chicago Lawn.
- The foreign born are 45.2 percent of Gage Park residents, and 37.5 percent of West Elsdon residents.

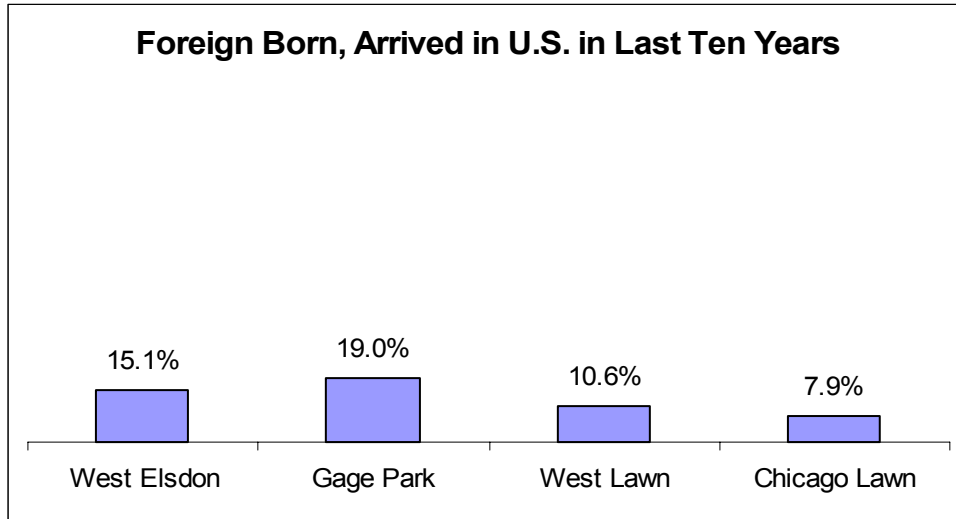


# Pct. Foreign Born

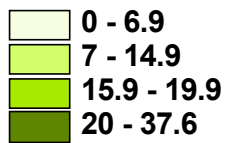
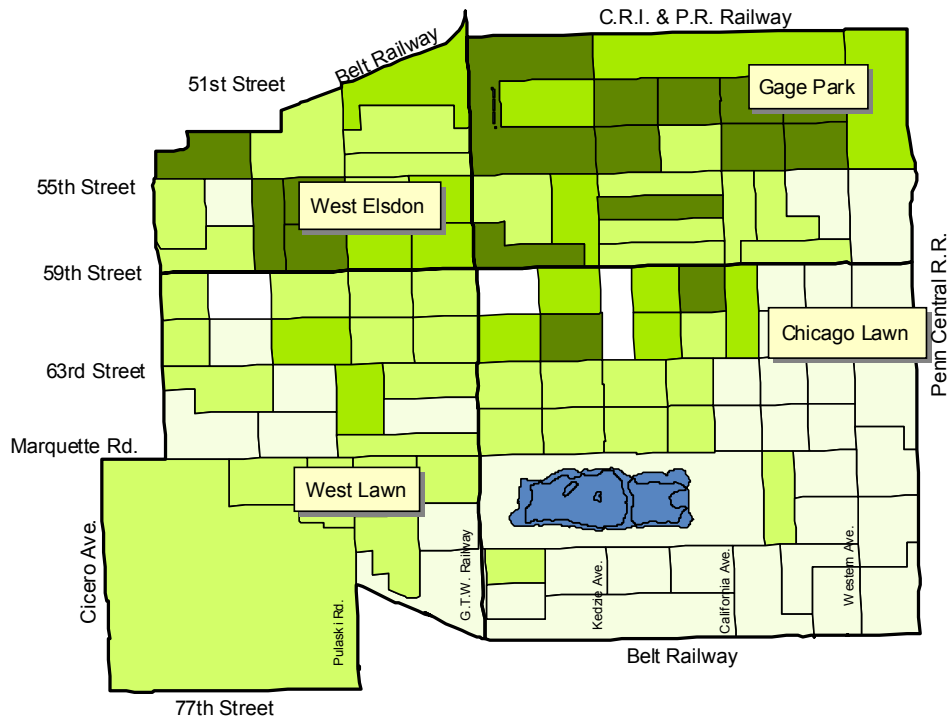


### Percent of Persons Who Entered the U.S. in the Last Ten Years

- Gage Park, home to many immigrants, as seen in the previous map, is also home to large numbers of recent immigrants, i.e. those that arrived in the U.S. within the last decade. In the majority of block groups in Gage Park, recent immigrants are at least 16 percent of the population, or roughly one in six persons. Few recent immigrants are found in eastern or southern Chicago Lawn, while the number and percentage of new immigrants is notable in West Elsdon, and seen to a lesser extent in West Lawn.
- One of five persons or 19.0 percent of Gage Park residents are recent immigrants who arrived in the last decade. One of six or 15.1 percent of West Elsdon residents are recent immigrants.



## Pct. of Persons Who Entered the U.S. in Last Ten Years



## Race and Ethnicity

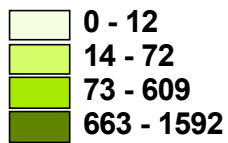
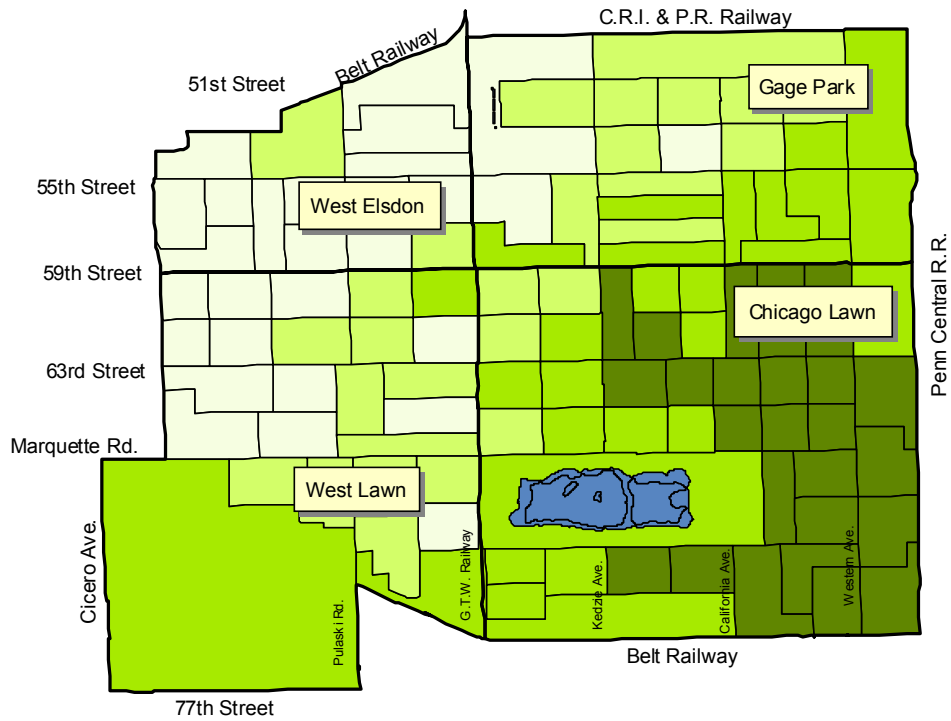
### African American Population

- The Chicago Lawn community area is home to 32,240 Blacks, a number that far exceeds the Black population in Gage Park (2,743), West Lawn (760) and West Elsdon (74). Some 90.0 percent of all African Americans in the four community areas live in Chicago Lawn.
- As seen in the accompanying map, the largest African American block groups are found in the eastern and central portions of Chicago Lawn.
- African Americans are 52.5 percent of Chicago Lawn residents, and 7.0 percent of persons in Gage Park, 2.6 percent in West Lawn and 0.5 percent in West Elsdon.
- African Americans are the majority population in Chicago Lawn.

<b>African American Population in 2000</b>		
	African Americans	Pct. of Population
West Elsdon	74	0.5%
Gage Park	2,743	7.0%
West Lawn	760	2.6%
Chicago Lawn	32,240	52.5%

Table excludes a small number of multiracial persons.

# African American Population



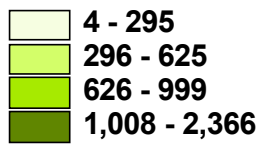
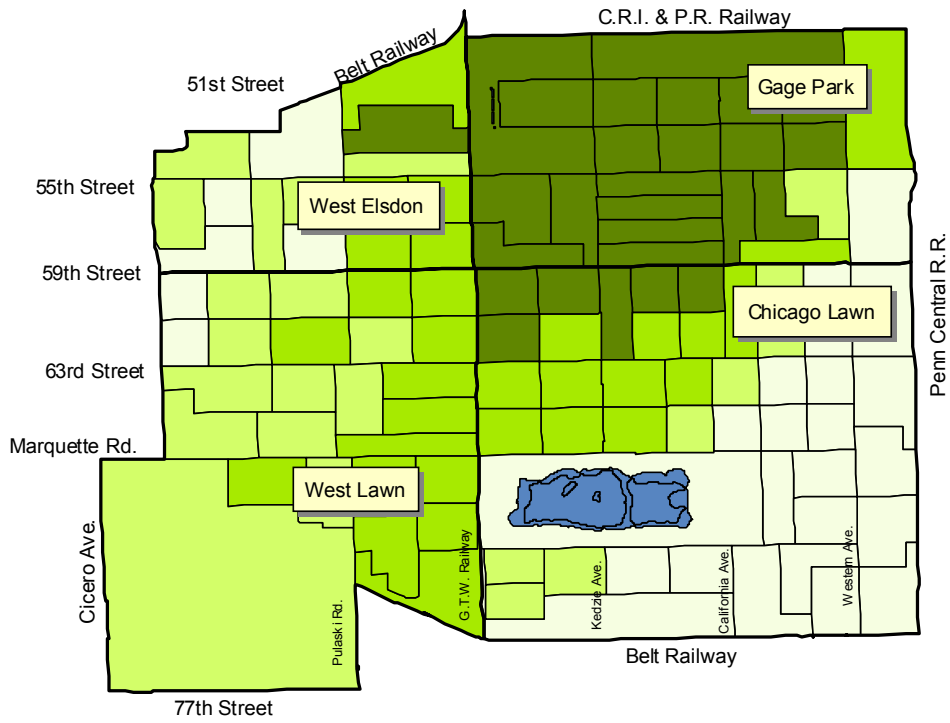
## Latino Population

- Some 75,667 Latinos reside in the four community areas of West Elsdon, Gage Park, West Lawn and Chicago Lawn. About 31,079 Latinos live in Gage Park, 21,534 in Chicago Lawn, 15,179 in West Lawn and 7,875 in West Elsdon.
- The accompanying map shows that the largest Latino block groups are found in Gage Park, where many block groups have more than 1,000 Latinos. The Latino population extends west, southwest and south from Gage Park.
- Latinos are 79.3 percent of Gage Park residents, and 51.9 percent of persons in West Lawn, 49.5 percent in West Elsdon and 35.1 percent in Chicago Lawn.
- Of the four community areas, Gage Park and West Lawn are majority Latino, and West Elsdon is close to having a Latino majority.

### Latino Population in 2000

	Latinos	Pct. of Population
West Elsdon	7,875	49.5%
Gage Park	31,079	79.3%
West Lawn	15,179	51.9%
Chicago Lawn	21,534	35.1%

# Latino Population



## White Population

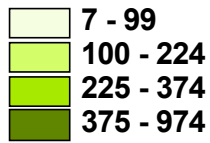
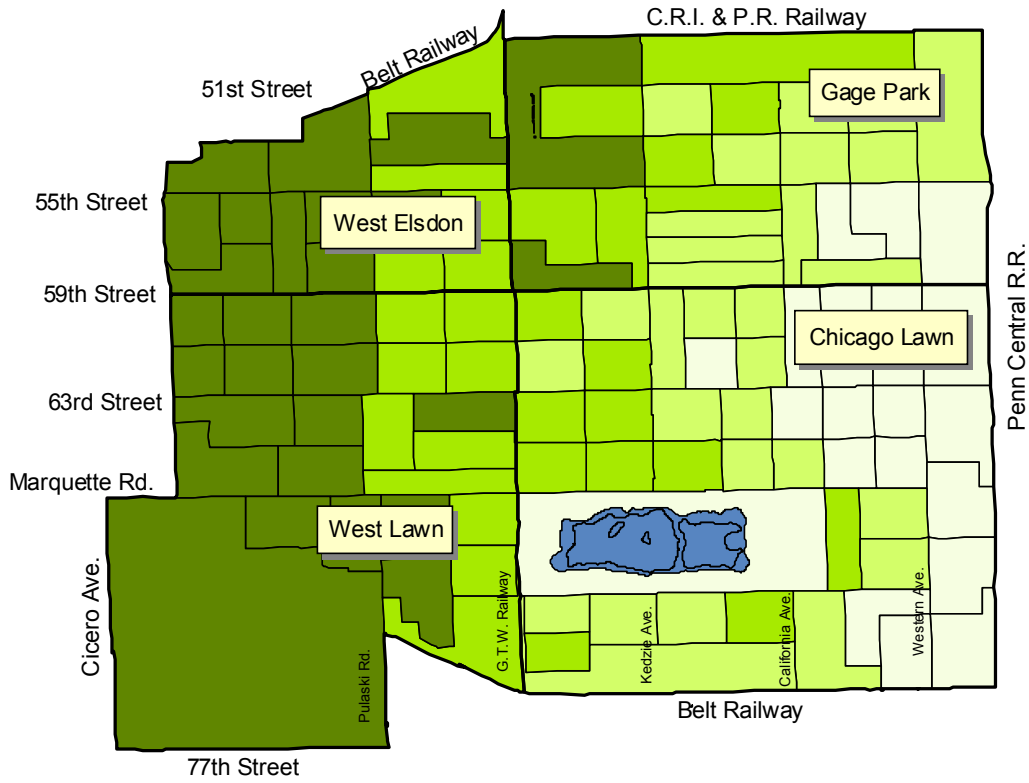
- About 31,002 non-Latino Whites live in the four community areas. The largest population is in West Lawn (12,540), followed by West Elsdon (7,461), Chicago Lawn (6,190) and Gage Park (4,811). Non-Latino Whites are the highest percentage of the population in West Elsdon, which is 46.9 percent White.
- None of the four community areas has a majority white population.
- Block groups with large numbers of non-Latino Whites, i.e., with at least 300 such persons, are found largely in West Elsdon and West Lawn, with the exception of a few block groups on the western edge of Gage Park, and three areas in Chicago Lawn.
- Areas of White and non-White residence are divided almost evenly in an east-west pattern across the community areas.

### Non-Latino White Population in 2000

	Non-Latino Whites	Pct. of Population
West Elsdon	7,461	46.9%
Gage Park	4,811	15.5%
West Lawn	12,540	42.9%
Chicago Lawn	6,190	10.1%

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# White Non-Latinos



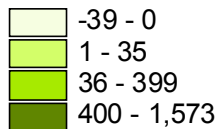
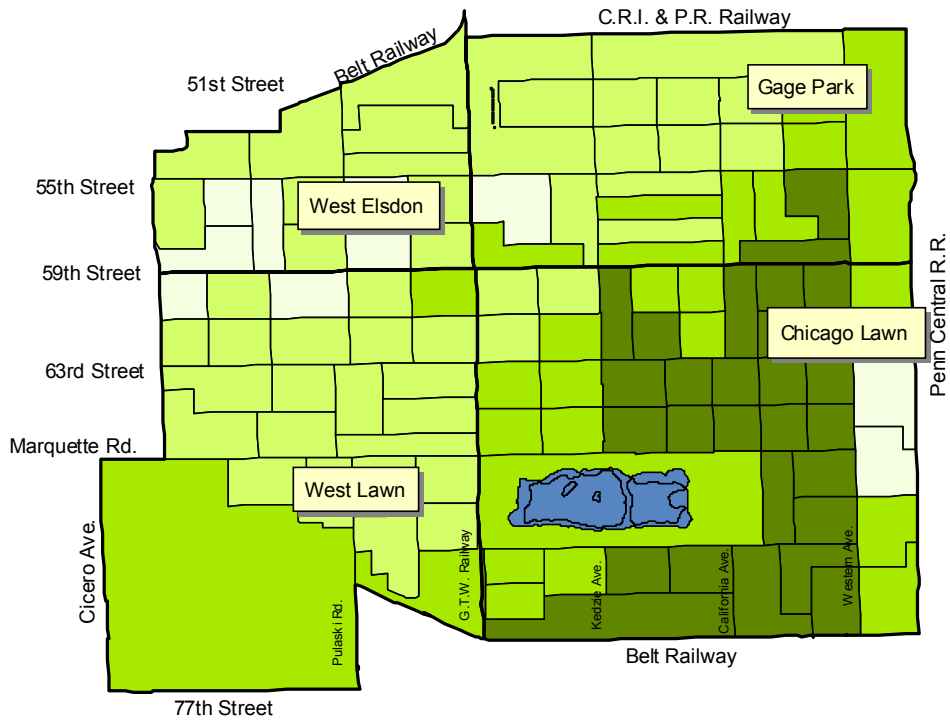
### Numeric Change in African Americans: 1980-2000

- Over the last twenty years the largest growth of African Americans has occurred in the central portion of Chicago Lawn. When the map on African American population in 2000 (shown earlier) is compared to the present map of African American change, it may be seen that the Black population is moving westward across Chicago Lawn. Little change over the 1980-2000 period is seen in the block groups in the eastern part of Chicago Lawn, reflecting the fact that African Americans have lived in those areas for decades.
- Relatively little African American population growth has occurred in West Elsdon and West Lawn in the past 20 years. Between 1980 and 1990 the increase in African Americans in West Elsdon grew by a net 67 persons, and the net increase in West Lawn was only 708. In Gage Park, the increase in African Americans equaled 2,580, while the greatest numerical growth was in Chicago Lawn, where the African American population grew by 27,478 over the 1980-2000 period. The net growth of African Americans in the last two decades was 30,833.

**African American Population Change**

	West Elsdon	Gage Park	West Lawn	Chicago Lawn
1980	7	163	52	4,762
1990	4	1,292	58	13,404
2000	74	2,743	760	32,240

# Numeric Change in African Americans: 1980-2000

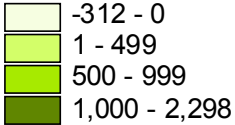
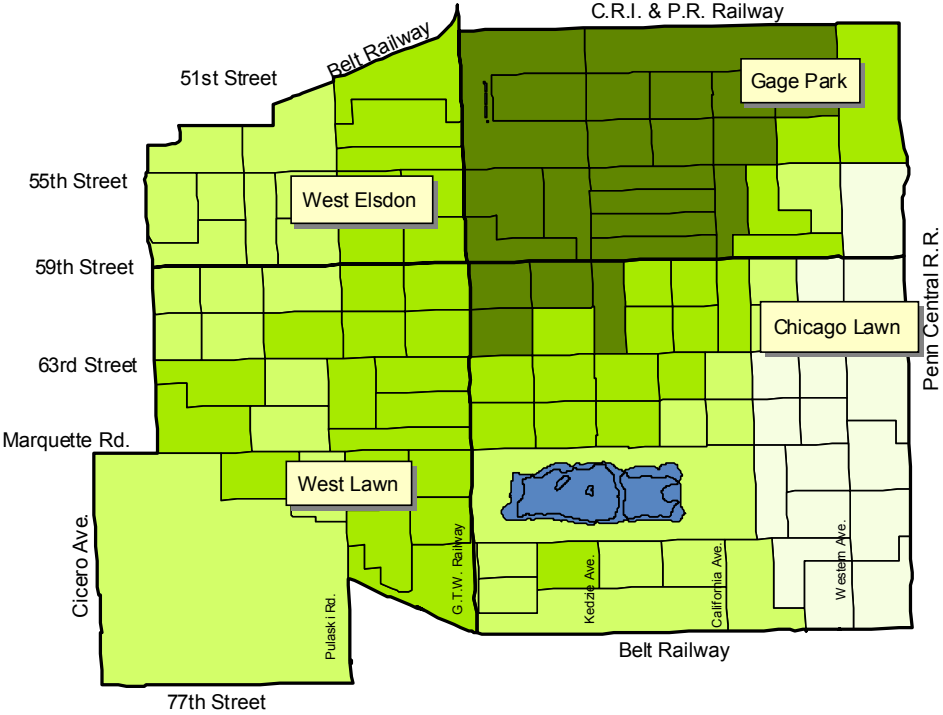


### **Numeric Change in Latinos: 1980-2000**

- The most rapid numeric increase of Latinos has occurred in Gage Park over the last 20 years. The majority of Gage Park block groups experienced increases of 1,000 Latinos over the period. Similar growth is seen in a few block groups in northwest Chicago Lawn, and in one block group in West Elsdon.
- Substantial numerical growth of Latinos has taken place in each of the four community areas. In the 1980-2000 period, the number of Latinos in West Elsdon grew by 7,578, with increases of 28,378 in Gage Park, 14,580 in West Lawn and 16,594 in Chicago Lawn. In all, the Latino population grew by 67,130 persons in the last two decades.

<b>Latino Population Change</b>				
	West Elsdon	Gage Park	West Lawn	Chicago Lawn
1980	297	2,701	599	4,940
1990	1,135	10,574	2,519	14,549
2000	7,875	31,079	15,179	21,534

# Numeric Change in Latinos: 1980-2000

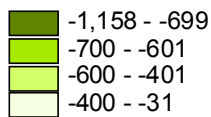
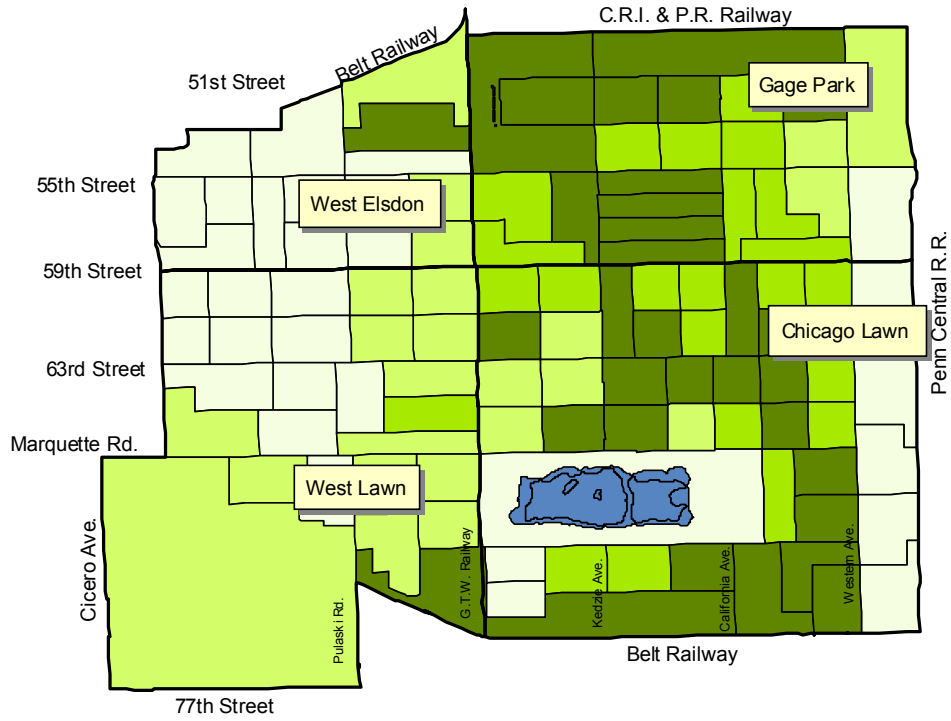


### **Numeric Change in non-Latino Whites**

- Each block group in the four community areas has experienced a net loss of non-Latino Whites in the 1980-2000 period. The largest numerical losses of non-Latino White population over the period took place in the central portions of the region, particularly in Gage Park and Chicago Lawn, where many block groups lost more than 700 non-Latino Whites overall.
- Over the 1980-2000 period, the decline in non-Latino White population equaled 4,928 persons in West Elsdon, 16,401 in Gage Park, 11,377 in West Lawn, and 29,508 in Chicago Lawn. Collectively the four community areas lost 62,214 non-Latino Whites over the last two decades.

<b>Non-Latino White Population Change</b>				
	West Elsdon	Gage Park	West Lawn	Chicago Lawn
1980	12,389	21,212	23,917	35,698
1990	11,055	14,819	20,617	22,216
2000	7,461	4,811	12,540	6,190

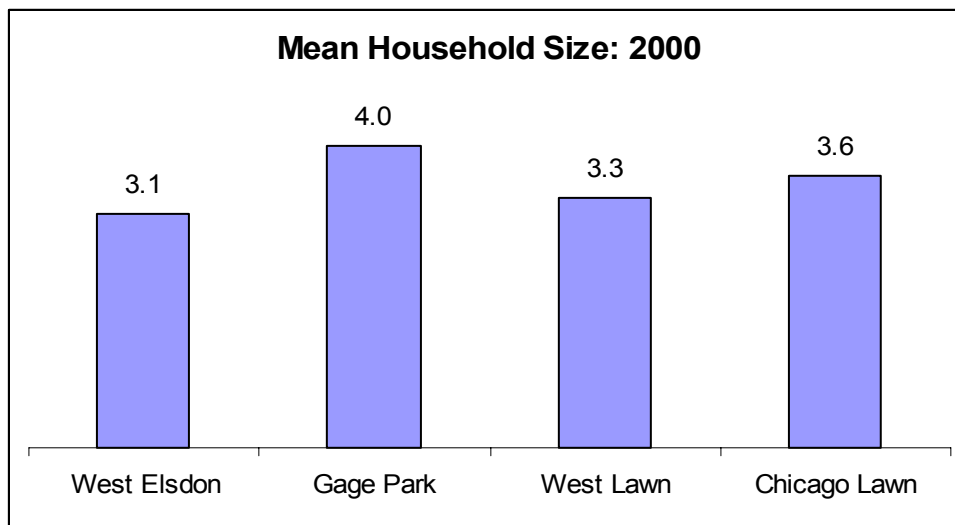
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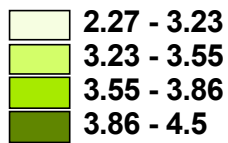
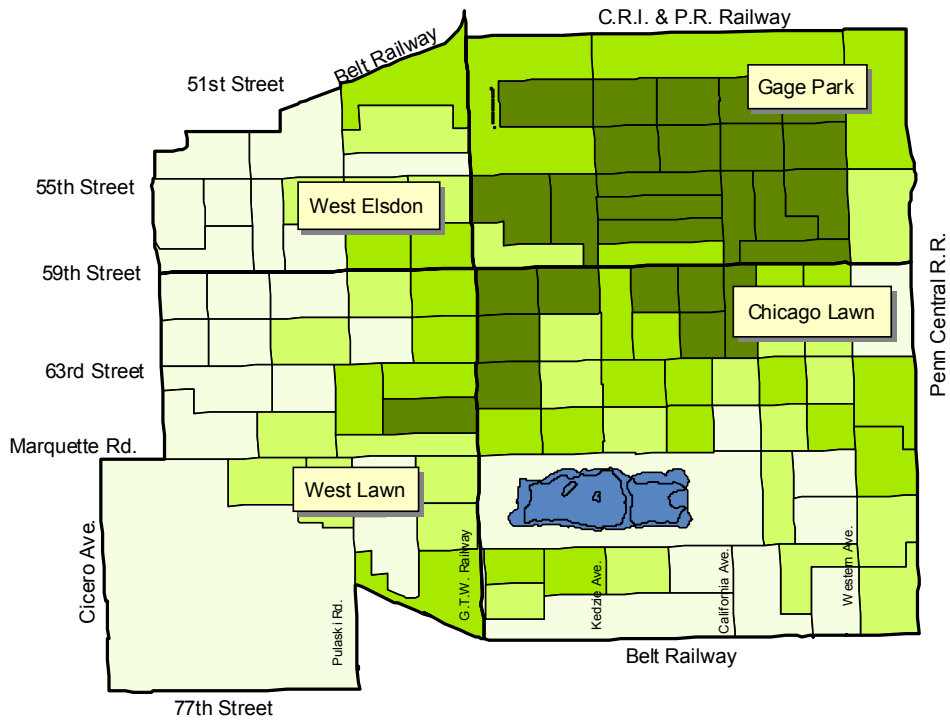
## Household Structure

### Average Household Size

- The average household size in block groups of the four community areas ranges from 2.27 to 4.5 persons per household. The largest households are generally found in Gage Park, with some in northern Chicago Lawn. These block groups are in areas of large Latino population.
- Block groups with relatively low household size are generally found in white areas in West Elsdon and West Lawn. These areas tend to have high median age and more elderly households.
- At the community-area level, the smallest average household size is found in West Elsdon, at 3.1 persons. The highest average size is in Gage Park, at 4.0 persons.



# Average Household Size

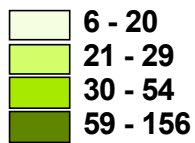
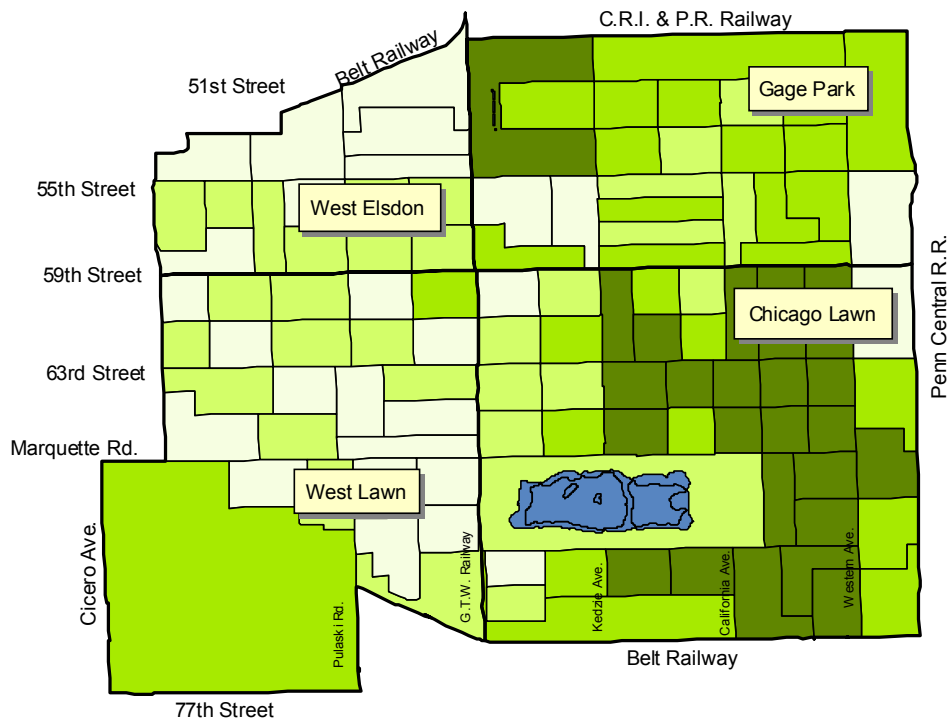


## Female-Headed Households with Children

- The number of female-headed households with children per block group ranges from less than 20 to as many as 156. Generally, the largest number of these households is found in Chicago Lawn, where many block groups have more than 59 female-headed households.
- Among the four community areas, the largest number of female-headed households – 5,088 -- is in Chicago Lawn. Female-headed households are 38.3 percent of all households in Chicago Lawn.

<b>Female-Headed Households</b>		
	Number	Pct of All Family Households
West Elsdon	665	17.7%
Gage Park	1,515	19.2%
West Lawn	1,256	18.4%
Chicago Lawn	5,088	38.3%

# Female-Headed Households with Children

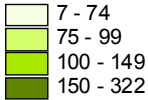
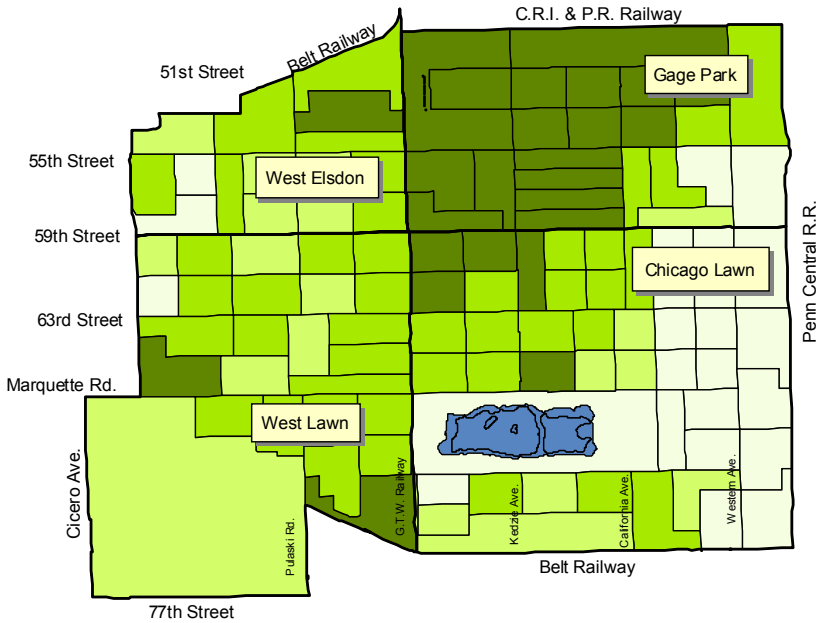


## Married-Couple Households with Children

- The number of married-couple households with children per block group ranges across the four communities from as few as 7 to as many as 322. The block groups with the largest number of married-couple households with children are found mostly in Gage Park.
- In the four community areas, the largest number of married-couple family households with children is in Chicago Lawn: 6,892. As a percentage of all families, however, the largest presence of married-couple families with children is in West Lawn, they make up 74.1 percent of families.

<b>Married-Couple Households</b>		
		Pct of All Family Households
West Elsdon	2,762	73.7%
Gage Park	5,614	71.0%
West Lawn	5,072	74.1%
Chicago Lawn	6,892	51.9%

# Married-Couple Households with Children



## Income and Poverty

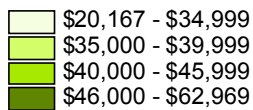
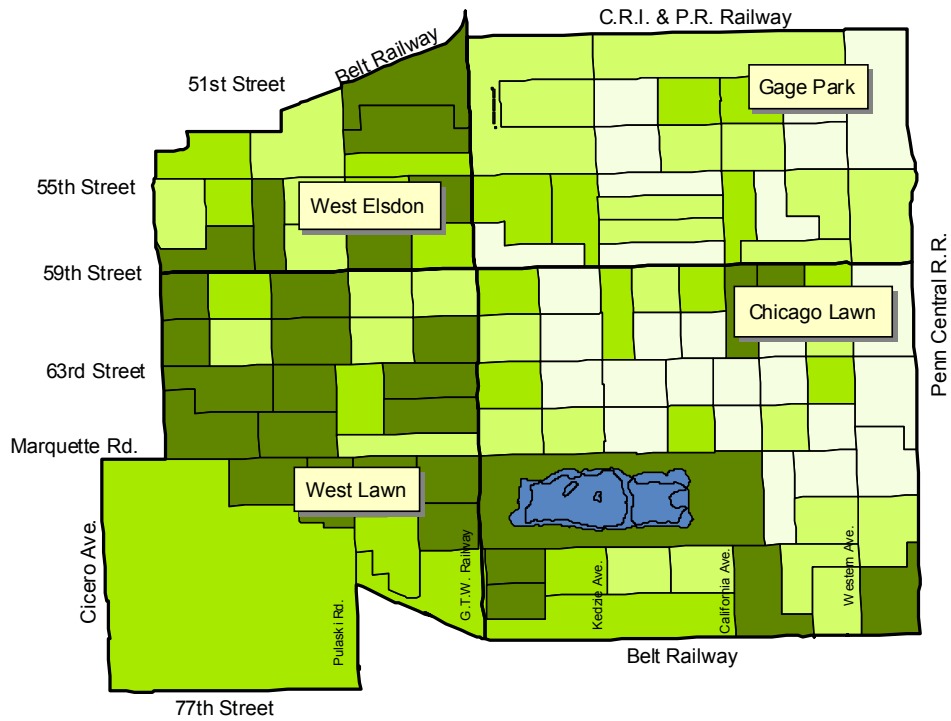
### Median Household Income in 1999

(The 2000 census collects data on household income for the year prior to the census: 1999.)

- The block groups with highest median income among the four community areas are predominantly in West Elsdon and West Lawn, although some are found in Chicago Lawn. Of the block groups with highest median household income, none of them are found in Gage Park.
- West Lawn has the highest median household income, at \$47,017. This is approximately \$11,000 more than in Chicago Lawn, where the median income level is \$35,983.

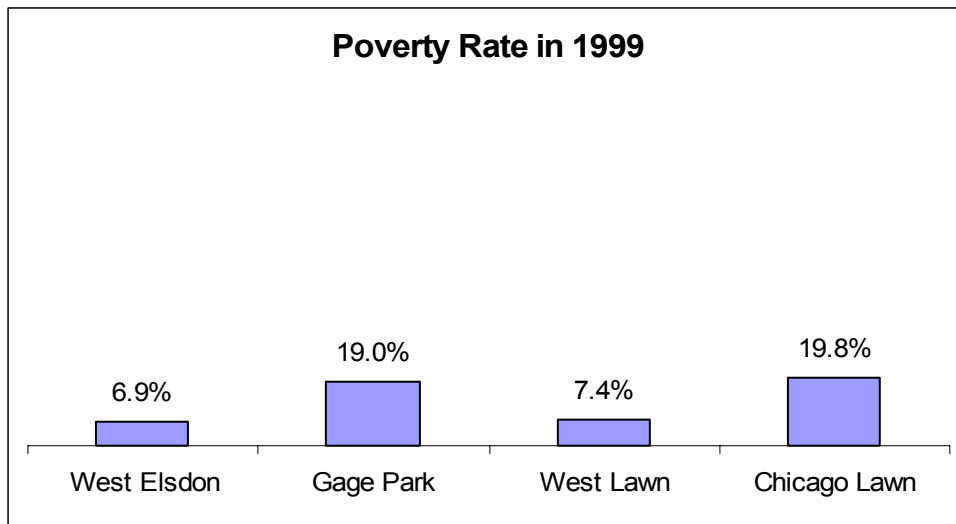
<b>Median Household Income: 2000</b>	
West Elsdon	\$ 45,310
Gage Park	\$ 36,463
West Lawn	\$ 47,017
Chicago Lawn	\$ 35,983

# Median Household Income in 1999

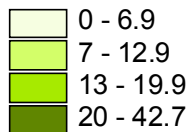
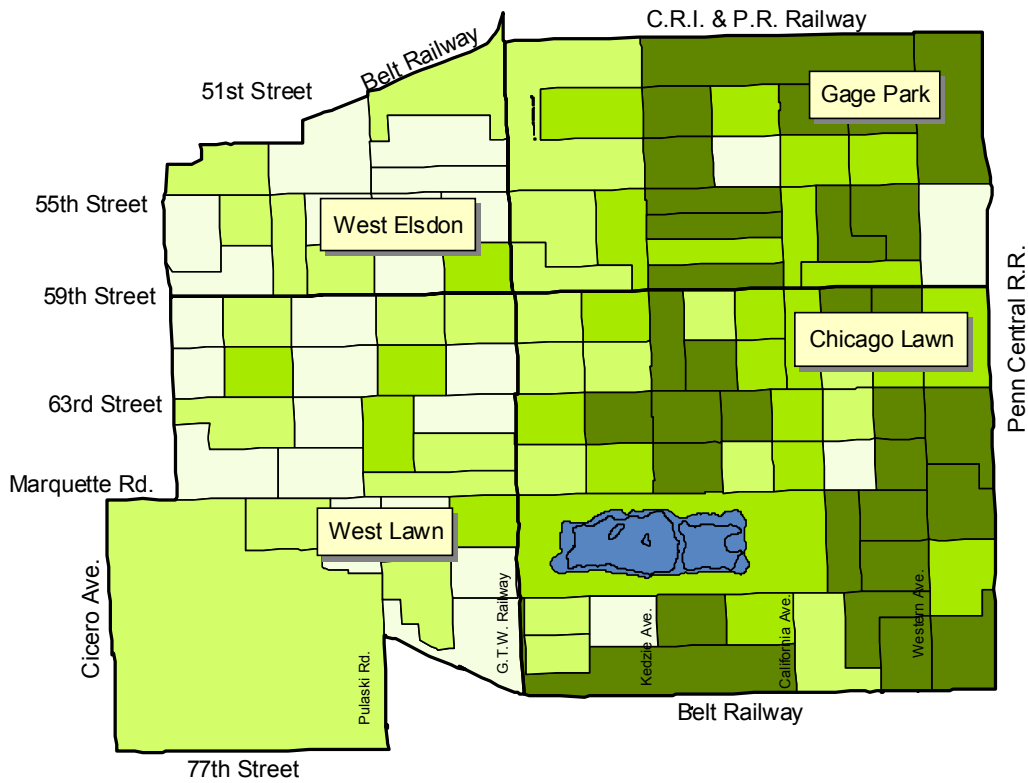


## Poverty in 1999

- Approximately half of the block groups in the central and eastern portions of Gage Park and Chicago Lawn have more than a fifth of the population at or below the poverty level.
- Overall, 19.8 percent of all Chicago Lawn residents have incomes below poverty, as do 19.0 percent of persons in Gage Park. The poverty rate is 7.4 percent in West Lawn and 6.9 percent in West Elsdon.



# Percent of Persons in Poverty: 1999

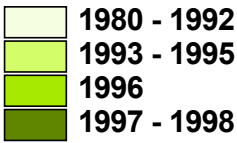
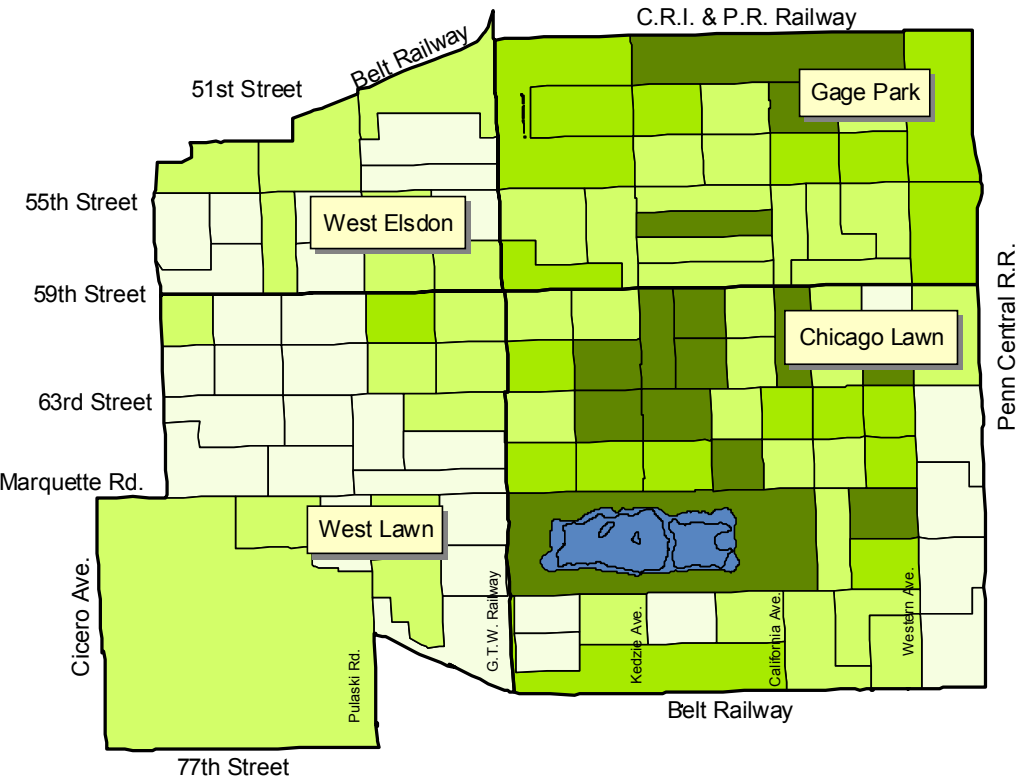


## **Household Mobility**

### **Median Year that Householder Moved In**

- Data on the median year in which householders of a block group moved into their home provide a picture of which areas are undergoing relatively rapid change. The map shows that Gage Park and Chicago Lawn have large numbers of block groups in which half of all householders moved into their unit within the four years prior to the census (1996-1999). In contrast, in West Elsdon and West Lawn, many block groups show much less turnover.

# Median Year Householder Moved In

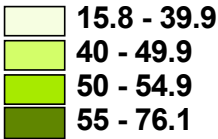
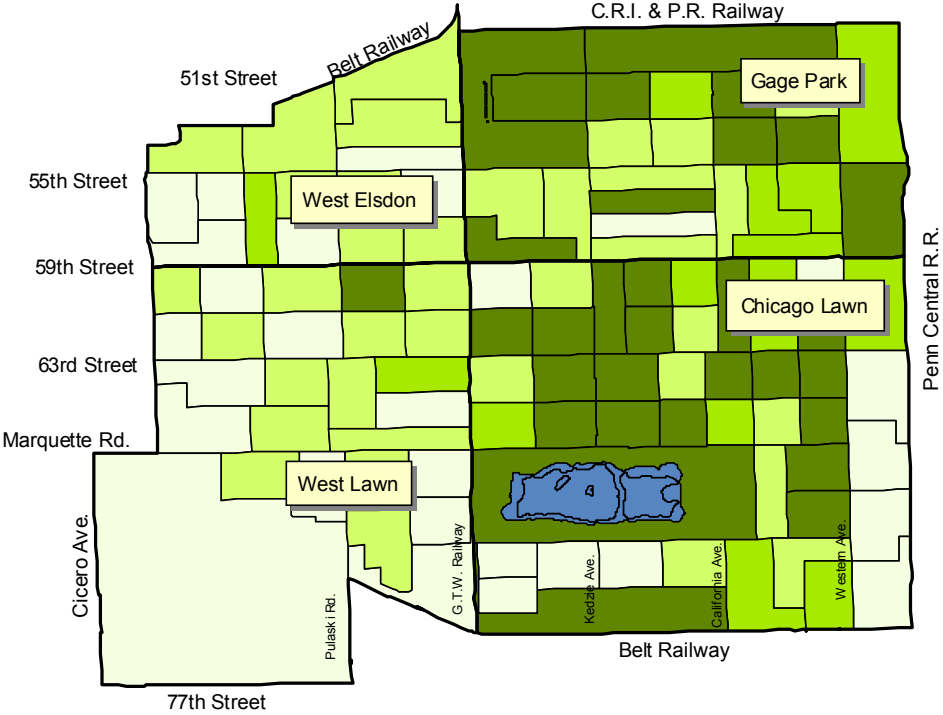


## Percent of Householders Who Moved in 1995-2000

- Across the four community areas, the percent of householders who moved into their housing unit within the last five years ranges from 15.8 percent to 76.1 percent. The areas of highest mobility of this type are in central Chicago Lawn and, generally, in the northern sections of Gage Park.
- Among community areas, Chicago Lawn had the highest percentage of householders who moved in the 1995-2000 period, the period five years prior to the census. Some 54.5 percent of Chicago Lawn householders moved in 1995-2000. The lowest percentage of recent movers was in West Lawn, where 40.2 percent moved in 1995-2000.

<b>Percent of Householders Who Moved in 1995-2000</b>	
West Elsdon	41.2%
Gage Park	52.1%
West Lawn	40.2%
Chicago Lawn	54.5%

# Pct. of Householders Who Moved in 1995-2000



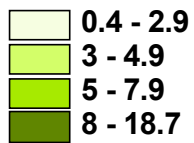
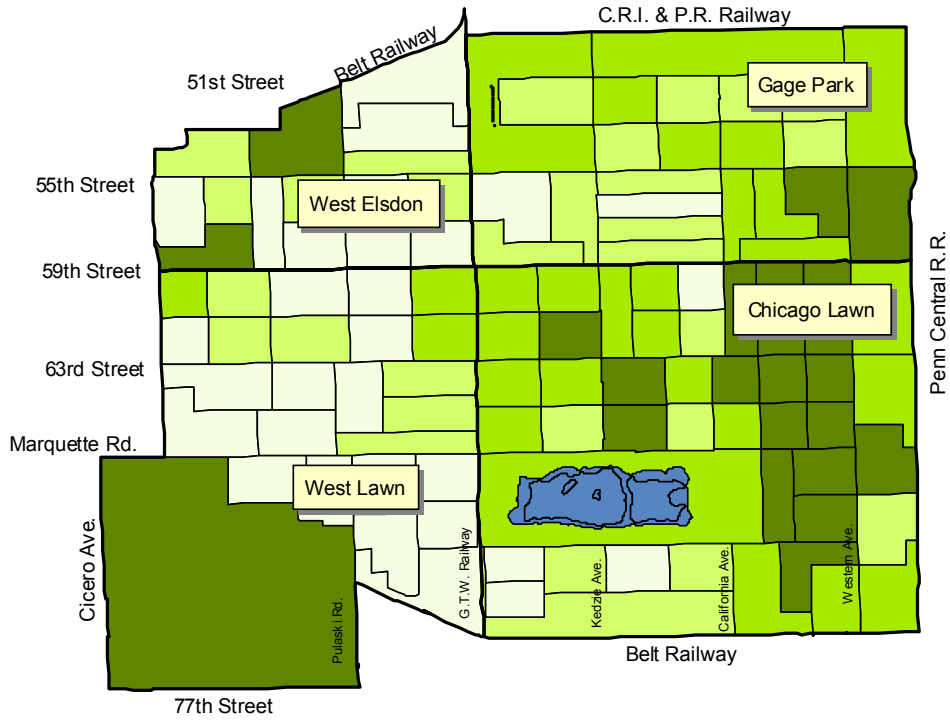
## Housing

### Percent of Housing Units that Are Vacant

- The percent of housing units that are vacant ranges from a low of 0.4 percent to 18.7 percent. The great majority of block groups with high vacancy rates are found in Chicago Lawn. In fact, in 21 of 46 block groups in Chicago Lawn, at least 7.6 percent of housing units are vacant.
- The vacancy rate of housing units in Chicago Lawn is 7.7 percent, in contrast to West Elsdon, where the vacancy rate is 3.9 percent.

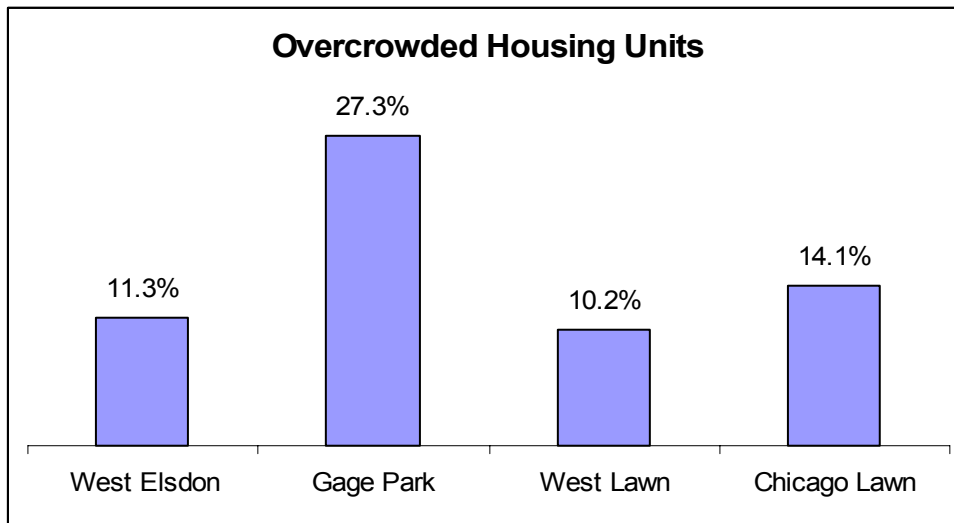
<b>Vacancy Rate</b>	
West Elsdon	3.9%
Gage Park	5.0%
West Lawn	3.3%
Chicago Lawn	7.7%

# Pct. of Housing Units that Are Vacant

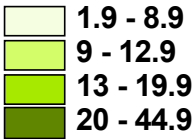
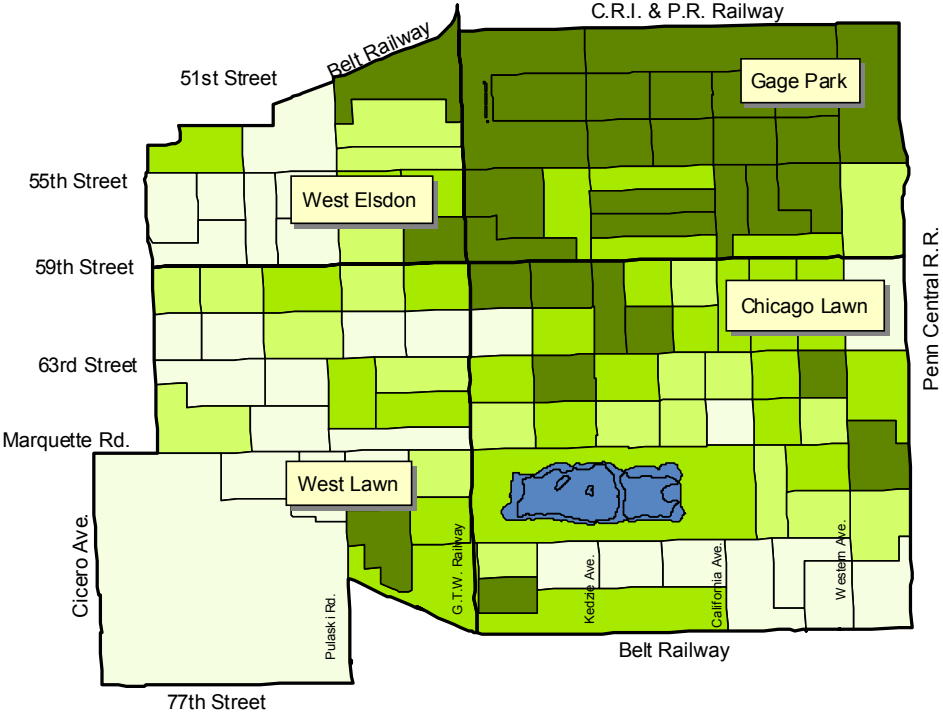


## Percent of Housing Units That Are Overcrowded

- An overcrowded housing unit is defined as having more than one person per room. Thus a housing unit of four rooms is considered overcrowded if four persons live there.
- As seen in the map, overcrowding primarily affects the Gage Park community area. In Gage Park, nearly all block groups have at least 21.8 percent of their units overcrowded.
- About 27.3 percent of all housing units in Gage Park are overcrowded, compared to 14.1 percent in Chicago Lawn, 11.3 percent in West Elsdon, and 10.2 percent in West Lawn.

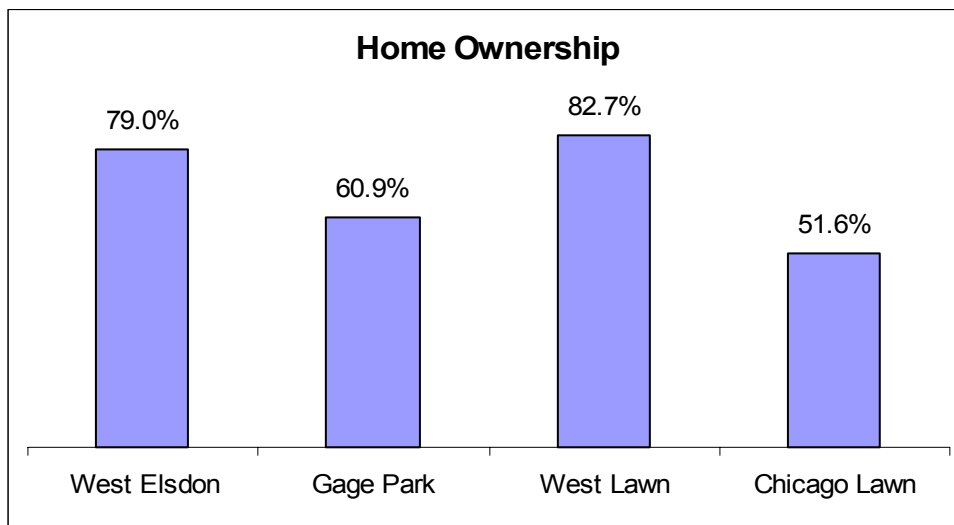


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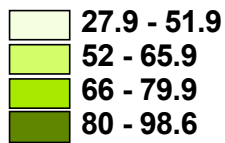
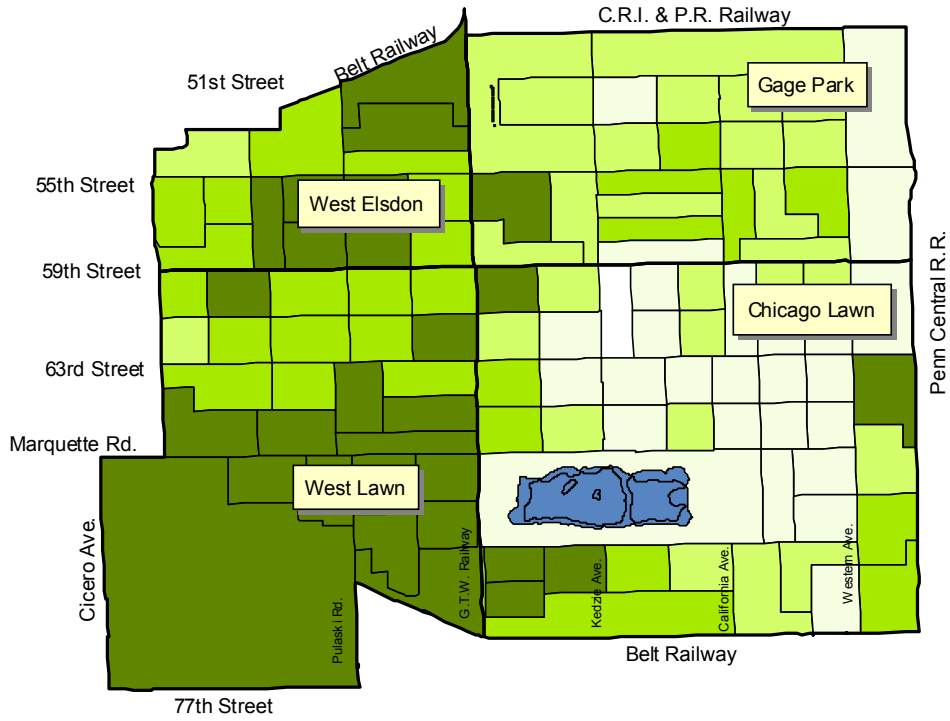


### Percent of Housing Occupied by Owner

- The highest rates of owner occupancy are in West Elsdon and West Lawn. In West Lawn, 14 of 26 block groups have a home ownership rate of more than 80.3 percent. In contrast, homeownership rates are below 52 percent in 24 of 46 block groups in Chicago Lawn.
- The overall homeownership rate in West Lawn is 82.7 percent, followed by West Elsdon at 79.0 percent, Gage Park at 60.9 percent and Chicago Lawn at 51.6 percent.

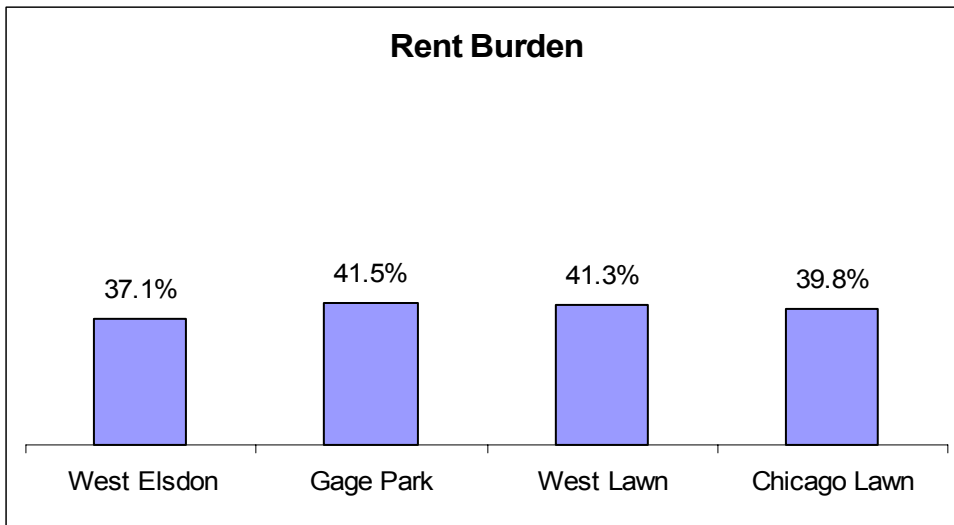


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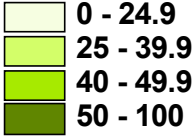
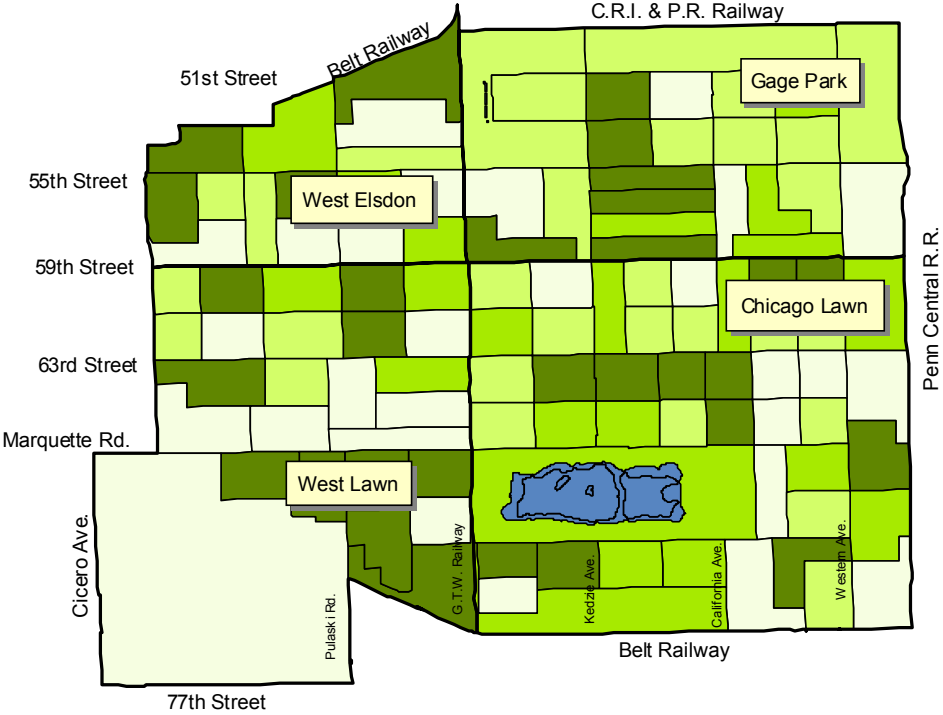


### Percent of Renter Households Paying 30% or More of Household Income for Rent

- When renter households pay more than 30 percent of their income to rent it is generally considered to be an economic burden. In the four community areas, rent burdened households appear to be found across the landscape. No community area is without block groups where more than half of all renters are rent burdened.
- Gage Park renters have a slightly higher rent burden than the other groups, at 41.5 percent. But the percent of renters paying too much income to rent is comparably high in West Lawn (41.3 percent), Chicago Lawn (39.8 percent) and West Elsdon (37.1 percent).



# Pct. of Households Paying 30% or More of HH Income for Rent

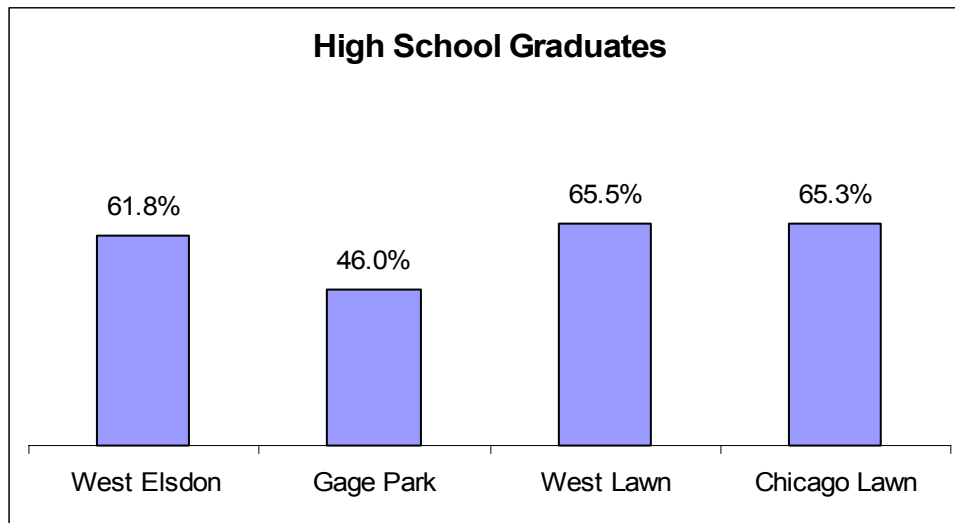


## Social Indicators

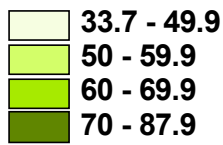
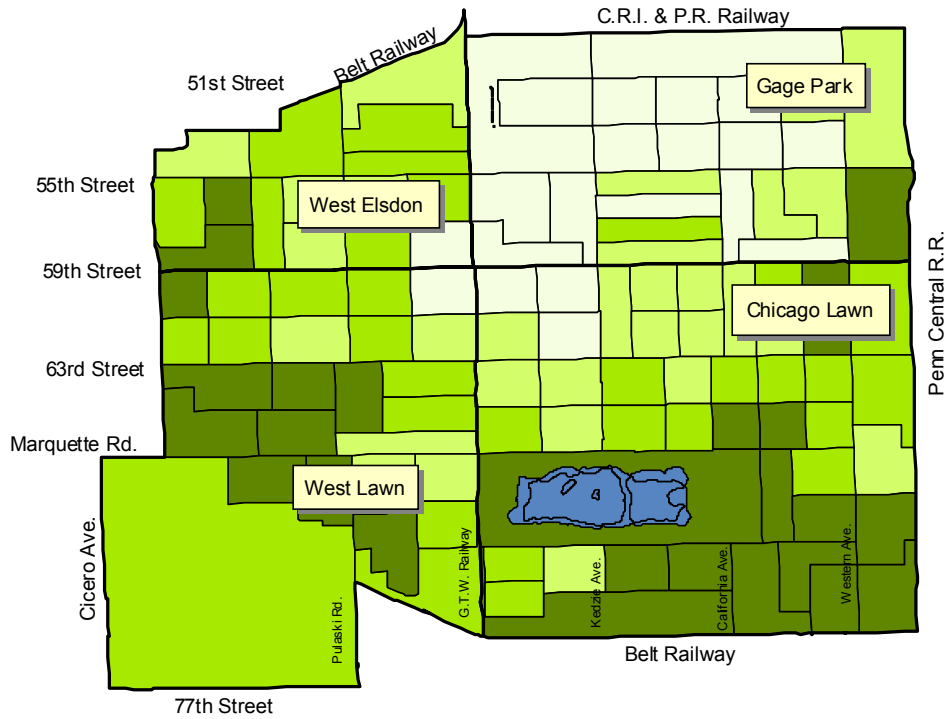
### Persons With a High School Degree

*(These data pertain to persons 25 years of age and older.)*

- The lack of a high school degree among adults is especially notable in the Gage Park community area. In the great majority of block groups in Gage Park, less than half of adults have a high school degree. In many block groups in Chicago Lawn and West Lawn, however, more than 70 percent of adults have a high school diploma.
- West Lawn has the highest rate of high school completion, at 65.5 percent, and Chicago Lawn is close behind at 65.3 percent. On average, 46.0 percent of Gage Park residents have a high school degree.

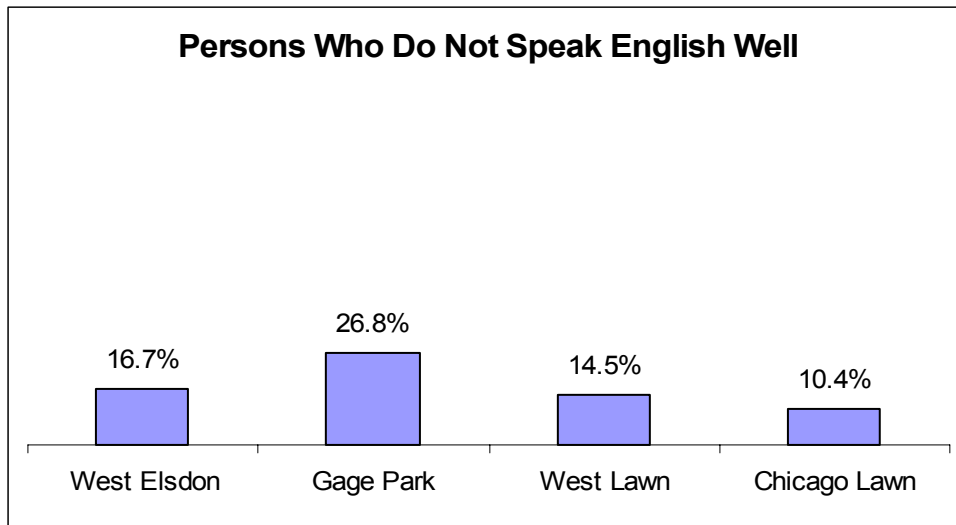


# Pct. Persons with HS Degree

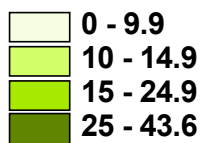
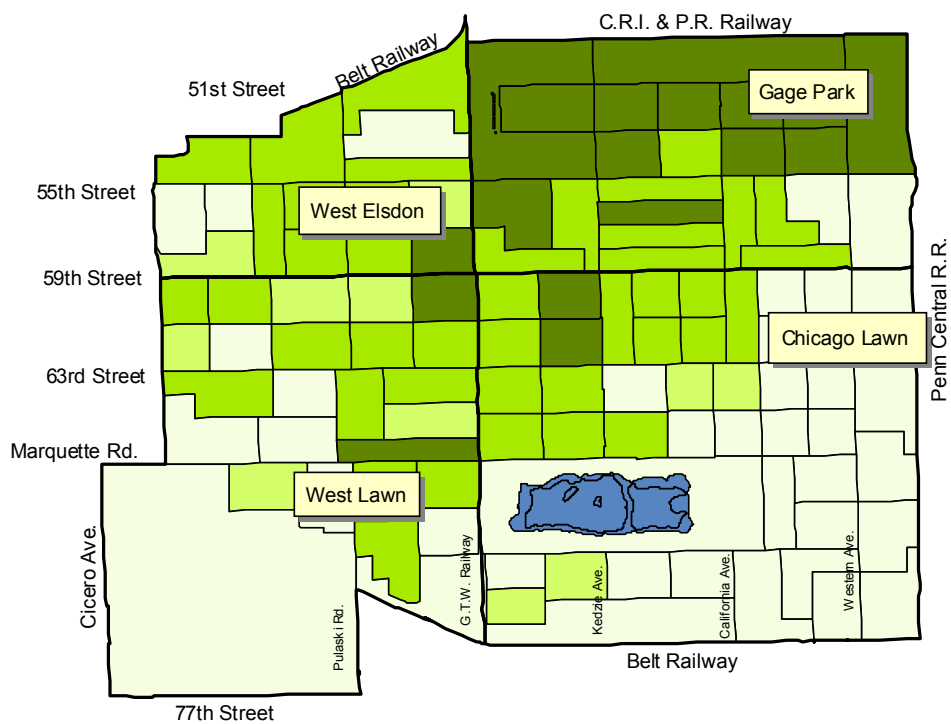


## Percent of Persons Who Don't Speak English Well

- The presence of persons who don't speak English well follows the pattern observed earlier among immigrants and recent immigrants. That is, the most significant numbers of limited-English persons are found in Gage Park, where such individuals are at least a fifth of the population in the majority of block groups.
- About 26.8 percent of Gage Park residents have limited English skills, compared to 16.7 percent in West Elsdon, 14.5 percent in West Lawn and 10.4 percent in Chicago Lawn.

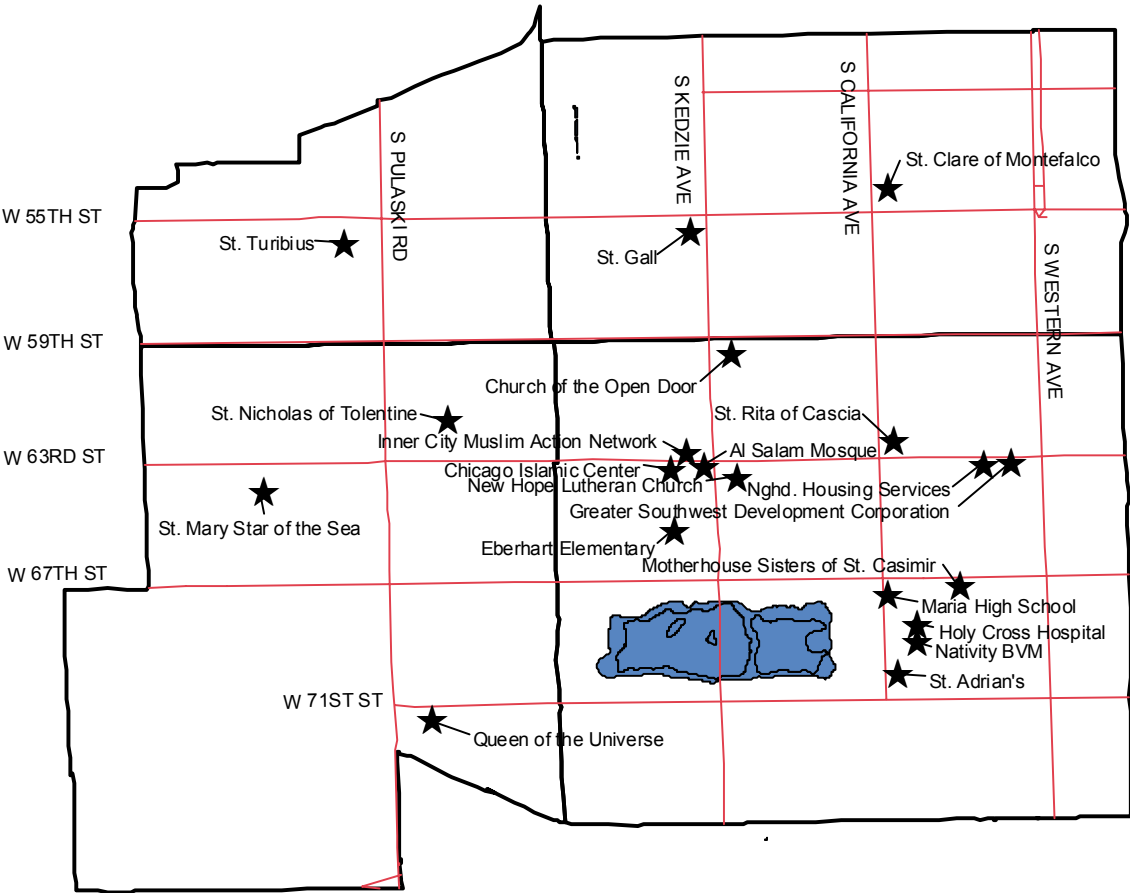


# Pct. of Persons Who Don't Speak English Well



**Appendix 1 – Locations of Southwest Organizing Project Members**

**Southwest Organizing Project Members**



## **Appendix 2 – Data Tables**

**Population Data for Southwest Organizing Project Region**

	West Elsdon	Gage Park	West Lawn	Chicago Lawn
total population	15,921	39,193	29,235	61,412
Hispanic or Latino	7,875	31,079	15,179	21,534
Not Hispanic or Latino	8,046	8,114	14,056	39,878
Population of one race	7,689	7,801	13,626	38,976
White alone	7,461	4,811	12,540	6,190
Black or African American alone	74	2,743	760	32,240
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	12	61	30	58
Asian alone	136	161	272	393
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1	4	4	9
Some other race alone	5	21	20	86
Population of two or more races	357	313	430	902
Population of two races	357	299	423	848
Population of three races	0	13	1	53
Population of four races	0	1	0	1
Population of five races	0	0	6	0
Population of six races	0	0	0	0
total under 20 years	4,774	15,510	9,387	24,102
male under 20 years	2,455	7,810	4,811	12,342
female under 20 years	2,319	7,700	4,576	11,760
total under 1 year	248	904	506	1,160
total 1 year	254	819	523	1,192
total 2 years	244	847	472	1,215
total 3 years	244	831	466	1,201
total 4 years	249	903	469	1,266
total 5 years	279	866	507	1,284
total 6 years	267	834	525	1,293
total 7 years	257	881	493	1,320
total 8 years	252	801	501	1,336
total 9 years	241	814	497	1,271
total 10 years	230	792	498	1,284
total 11 years	248	748	429	1,193
total 12 years	203	703	442	1,204
total 13 years	212	649	415	1,156
total 14 years	205	701	415	1,090
total 15 years	217	670	434	1,193
total 16 years	235	658	431	1,109
total 17 years	248	723	466	1,203
total 18 years	213	638	452	1,063
total 19 years	228	728	446	1,069
total population	15,921	39,193	29,235	61,412
total under 17 years	4,333	14,144	8,489	21,970
total 18 to 64 years	9,365	22,656	17,094	35,440
65 years and over	2,223	2,393	3,652	4,002
% total under 17 years	27.2	36.1	29.0	35.8
% total 18 to 64 years	58.8	57.8	58.5	57.7
% total 65 years and over	14.0	6.1	12.5	6.5
male	7,776	19,914	14,343	29,475
female	8,145	19,279	14,892	31,937
% total male	48.8	50.8	49.1	48.0
% total female	51.2	49.2	50.9	52.0
persons in families	13,980	35,278	26,075	53,449
not persons in families	1,941	3,915	3,160	7,963
% total persons in families	87.8	90.0	89.2	87.0
% total not persons in families	12.2	10.0	10.8	13.0
persons in households	15,916	39,061	29,219	60,900
number of households	5,123	9,713	8,949	17,077
average (mean) household size	3.1	4.0	3.3	3.6
persons in families	13,980	35,278	26,075	53,449
number of families	3,748	7,903	6,842	13,288
average (mean) family size	3.7	4.5	3.8	4.0
married couple family	2,762	5,614	5,072	6,892
male householder, no wife family	321	774	514	1,308
female householder, no husband family	665	1,515	1,256	5,088
nonfamily households	1,375	1,810	2,107	3,789
vacant housing units	210	515	303	1,421
occupied housing units	5,123	9,713	8,949	17,077
owner-occupied housing units	4,046	5,912	7,402	8,814
renter-occupied housing units	1,077	3,801	1,547	8,263
% total housing units vacant	3.9	5.0	3.3	7.7

**Housing Data for Southwest Organizing Project Region: 2000**

	West Elsdon	Gage Park	West Lawn	Chicago Lawn
Total Occupied Housing Units	5,123	9,713	8,949	17,077
Total Owner-Occupied Housing Units	4,046	5,912	7,402	8,814
Total Renter-Occupied Housing Units	1,077	3,801	1,547	8,263
Black Occupied Housing Units	35	791	307	9,452
Black Owner-Occupied Housing Units	10	301	221	4,101
Black Renter-Occupied Housing Units	25	490	86	5,351
Latino Occupied Housing Units	1,799	6,468	3,347	4,540
Latino Owner-Occupied Housing units	1,452	4,028	2,775	2,868
Latino Renter-Occupied Housing Units	347	2,440	572	1,672
White Not Latino Occupied Housing Units	3,137	2,303	5,090	2,695
White Not Latino Owner-Occupied Housing Units	2,484	1,510	4,262	1,707
White Not Latino Renter-Occupied Housing Units	653	793	828	988
Percent Total Units Owner Occupied	79.0%	60.9%	82.7%	51.6%
Percent Total Units Renter Occupied	21.0%	39.1%	17.3%	48.4%
Percent Black Units Owner Occupied	28.6%	38.1%	72.0%	43.4%
Percent Black Units Renter Occupied	71.4%	61.9%	28.0%	56.6%
Percent Latino Units Owner Occupied	80.7%	62.3%	82.9%	63.2%
Percent Latino Units Renter Occupied	19.3%	37.7%	17.1%	36.8%
Percent White Not Latino Units Owner Occupied	79.2%	65.6%	83.7%	63.3%
Percent White Not Latino Units Renter Occupied	20.8%	34.4%	16.3%	36.7%
<i>The following data are from the census long form (sample data)</i>				
Total Occupied Housing Units Not Overcrowded	4,543	7,066	8,036	14,675
Total Occupied Housing Units Overcrowded	580	2,647	913	2,402
Percent of Housing Units Not Overcrowded	88.7%	72.7%	89.8%	85.9%
Percent of Housing Units Overcrowded	11.3%	27.3%	10.2%	14.1%
Occupied Housing Units Built 1990 to 2000 (10 Years or Less)	133	276	149	445
Occupied Housing Units Built 1950 to 1989 (11 to 50 Years)	3,388	4,185	5,697	8,642
Occupied Housing Units Built Before 1950 (51 or More Years)	1,602	5,252	3,103	7,990
% Occupied Housing Units Built 1990 to 2000	2.6%	2.8%	1.7%	2.6%
% Occupied Housing Units Built 1950 to 1989	66.1%	43.1%	63.7%	50.6%
% Occupied Housing Units Built Before 1950	31.3%	54.1%	34.7%	46.8%
Occupied HU Householder Moved in 1995 to 2000 (5 Years or Less)	2,109	5,058	3,594	9,299
Occupied HU Householder Moved in 1980 to 1994 (6 to 20 Years)	1,463	3,371	2,787	5,619
Occupied HU Householder Moved in Before 1980 (21 or More Years)	1,551	1,284	2,568	2,159
% Occ. HU Householder Moved in 1995 to 2000	41.2%	52.1%	40.2%	54.5%
% Occ. HU Householder Moved in 1980 to 1994	28.6%	34.7%	31.1%	32.9%
% Occ. HU Householder Moved Before 1980	30.3%	13.2%	28.7%	12.6%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	1,076	3,800	1,552	8,223
Gross Rent 30% or More of Household Income	399	1,578	641	3,275
% Gross Rent 30% or More of Household Income	37.1%	41.5%	41.3%	39.8%
Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units	3,464	4,145	6,364	6,465
Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units with Mortgage	2,044	3,081	4,176	5,239
Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units with no Mortgage	1,420	1,064	2,188	1,226
% Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units with Mortgage	59.0%	74.3%	65.6%	81.0%
% Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units with no Mortgage	41.0%	25.7%	34.4%	19.0%

**Economic Data for Southwest Organizing Project Region**

	West Elsdon	Gage Park	West Lawn	Chicago Lawn
Population	15,921	39,193	29,235	61,412
Persons for Whom Poverty Status is Determined	15,894	38,937	29,185	60,573
Persons Below Poverty	1,093	7,413	2,148	11,970
Persons 100-149% of Poverty	1,181	4,809	2,305	7,414
Persons 15-199% of Poverty	1,634	5,463	3,038	8,890
Persons 200%+ of Poverty	11,986	21,252	21,694	32,299
Percent Below Poverty	6.9%	19.0%	7.4%	19.8%
Percent 100-149% of Poverty	7.4%	12.4%	7.9%	12.2%
Percent 150-199% of Poverty	10.3%	14.0%	10.4%	14.7%
Percent 200%+ Poverty	75.4%	54.6%	74.3%	53.3%
Households	5,095	9,709	8,955	17,112
Households Below Poverty	401	1,738	709	3,073
Percent Households Below Poverty	7.9%	17.9%	7.9%	18.0%
Families	3,755	8,060	6,871	13,508
Families Below Poverty	182	1,342	360	2,295
Percent of Families Below Poverty	4.8%	16.7%	5.2%	17.0%
Households with Public Assistance Income	144	591	220	1,593
Households Without Public Assistance Income	4,951	9,118	8,735	15,519
Households with Supplementary Security Income	221	549	333	1,494
Households with Social Security Income	1,761	2,023	2,758	3,511
Percent of Households with Public Assistance Income	2.8%	6.1%	2.5%	9.3%
Percent of Households Without Public Assistance Income	97.2%	93.9%	97.5%	90.7%
Percent of Households with Supplementary Security Income	4.3%	5.7%	3.7%	8.7%
Percent of Households with Social Security Income	34.6%	20.8%	30.8%	20.5%
Civilian Labor Force	6,895	14,024	12,601	24,944
Civilian Labor Force Employed	6,403	12,531	11,680	21,017
Civilian Labor Force Unemployed	492	1,493	921	3,927
Percent of Civilian Labor Force Unemployed	7.1%	10.6%	7.3%	15.7%
Persons 16+ Years in Labor Force	6,895	14,024	12,601	24,955
Persons 16+ Years Not in Labor Force	5,232	12,464	8,989	16,870
Percent of Persons 16+ Years Not in Labor Force	75.9%	404	211	468
Management, Professional and Related Occupations	1,111	1,475	2,330	3,457
Service Occupations	943	1,950	1,789	4,112
Sales and Office Occupations	1,866	2,889	3,268	6,260
Farming, Fishing and Forestry Occupations	-	69	15	82
Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance Occupations	747	1,598	1,254	1,930
Production, Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,736	4,550	3,024	5,176
Manufacturing Industries	1,436	3,598	2,399	3,276
Nonmanufacturing Industries	4,967	8,933	9,281	17,741
Percent in Management, Professional and Related Occupations	17.4%	11.8%	19.9%	16.4%
Percent in Service Occupations	14.7%	15.6%	15.3%	19.6%
Percent in Sales and Office Occupations	29.1%	23.1%	28.0%	29.8%
Percent in Farming, Fishing and Forestry Occupations	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%	0.4%
Percent in Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance Occupations	11.7%	12.8%	10.7%	9.2%
Percent in Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations	27.1%	36.3%	25.9%	24.6%
Percent in Manufacturing Industries	22.4%	28.7%	20.5%	15.6%
Percent in Nonmanufacturing Industries	77.6%	71.3%	79.5%	84.4%

**Education Data for Southwest Organizing Project Region**

	West			Chicago
	Elsdon	Gage Park	West Lawn	Lawn
Total Population (sample data)	15,921	39,193	29,235	61,412
population 3+ years	15,204	36,615	27,616	57,961
not enrolled in school	11,141	24,506	19,720	37,409
enrolled in school	4,063	12,109	7,896	20,552
enrolled in nursery school	186	530	472	1,265
public	126	410	219	948
private	60	120	253	317
enrolled in kindergarten	199	913	608	1,336
public	155	792	411	1,003
private	44	121	197	333
enrolled in grades 1 to 4	918	3,455	1,907	5,302
public	753	3,204	1,418	4,499
private	165	251	489	803
enrolled in grades 5 to 8	985	3,133	1,807	4,835
public	775	2,861	1,318	4,296
private	210	272	489	539
enrolled in high school	917	2,590	1,742	4,440
public	645	2,253	1,202	4,023
private	272	337	540	417
enrolled in undergraduate college	787	1,335	1,242	3,021
public	540	981	833	2,272
private	247	354	409	749
enrolled in graduate school	71	153	118	353
public	34	59	70	211
private	37	94	48	142
persons 25 years or older	9,957	20,027	17,708	32,432
less than 9th grade	1,967	7,196	3,194	5,041
9th to 12th grade, not HS grade	1,838	3,617	2,916	6,227
high school graduate or higher	6,152	9,214	11,598	21,164
bachelor's degree or higher	903	1,162	2,018	3,053
graduate degree or higher	244	373	634	987
professional degree or higher	94	137	207	339
doctor's degree or higher	18	6	0	78
9th grade or higher	7,990	12,831	14,514	27,391
not high school graduate or higher	3,805	10,813	6,110	11,268
not bachelor's degree or higher	9,054	18,865	15,690	29,379
% high school graduate or higher	61.8%	46.0%	65.5%	65.3%
% not high school graduate	38.2%	54.0%	34.5%	34.7%
% bachelor's degree or higher	9.1%	5.8%	11.4%	9.4%
% no bachelor's degree	90.9%	94.2%	88.6%	90.6%
% less than 9th grade	19.8%	35.9%	18.0%	15.5%
% 9th grade or higher	80.2%	64.1%	82.0%	84.5%
native born	9,956	21,478	20,274	48,522
foreign born	5,965	17,715	8,961	12,890
citizen	12,252	25,914	24,028	52,703
not a citizen	3,669	13,279	5,207	8,709
% native born	62.5%	54.8%	69.3%	79.0%
% foreign born	37.5%	45.2%	30.7%	21.0%
% citizen	77.0%	66.1%	82.2%	85.8%
% not a citizen	23.0%	33.9%	17.8%	14.2%
persons 5 years and older	14725	35056	26746	55492
speak English well or better	12,271	25,676	22,870	49,725
do not speak English well	2,454	9,380	3,876	5,767
speak English only	5,514	8,239	11,266	34,281
do not speak English at all	603	3,513	936	1,730
% persons 5+ speak English well or better	83.3%	73.2%	85.5%	89.6%
% persons 5+ do not speak English well	16.7%	26.8%	14.5%	10.4%
foreign born entered 1990 to 2000	2,407	7,438	3,109	4,827
foreign born entered before 1990	3,558	10,277	5,852	8,063
% total population entered 1990 to 2000	15.1%	19.0%	10.6%	7.9%
% total populatoin entered before 1990	22.3%	26.2%	20.0%	13.1%