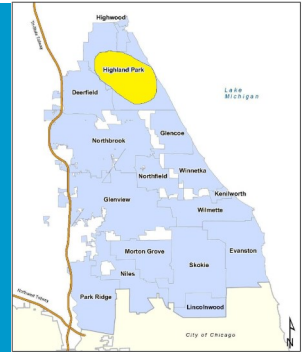


Highland Park, IL



Open Communities'

mission is to educate, advocate and organize to promote just and inclusive communities in north suburban Chicago.

Founded in 1972 by north suburban residents and congregations, we are a nonprofit, membership-based organization dedicated to fostering economically and culturally diverse communities.

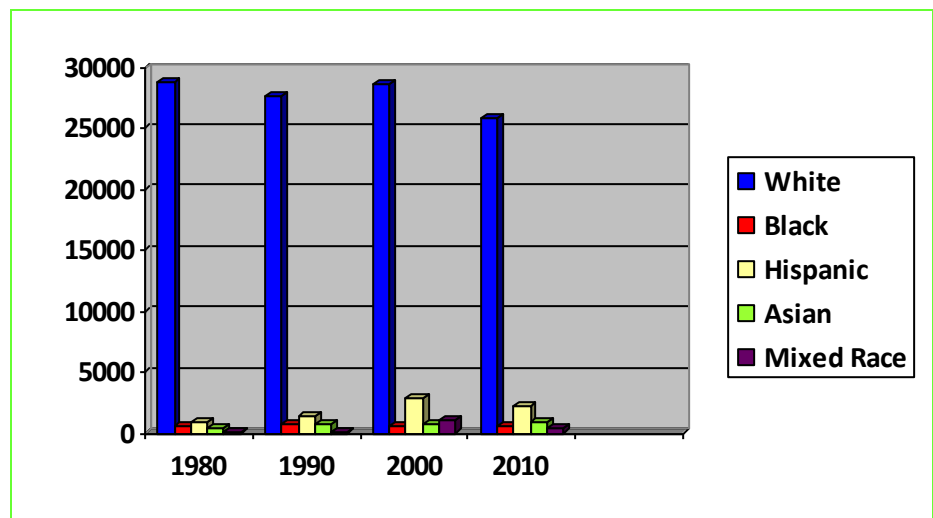
The programs we offer include Fair Housing Discrimination Investigation and Education, Foreclosure Prevention Counseling, Landlord/Tenant Advice, Homesharing, Immigrant Leadership Development, Affordable Housing Advocacy, and Community Organizing.

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Highland Park is a suburban municipality in Lake County, Illinois. It is about 23 miles north of Chicago. The city was founded in 1869 and evolved from the two original settlements of St. John and Port Clinton. Highland Park annexed the village of Ravinia in 1899.

As of the 2010 Census, Highland Park is reported to have a total of 29,763 residents. Of this total, 3918 are non-white, which means minorities make up 13.2 percent of the community's population. Next to mixed race residents, African Americans make up the smallest overall percentage at 1.7 percent.

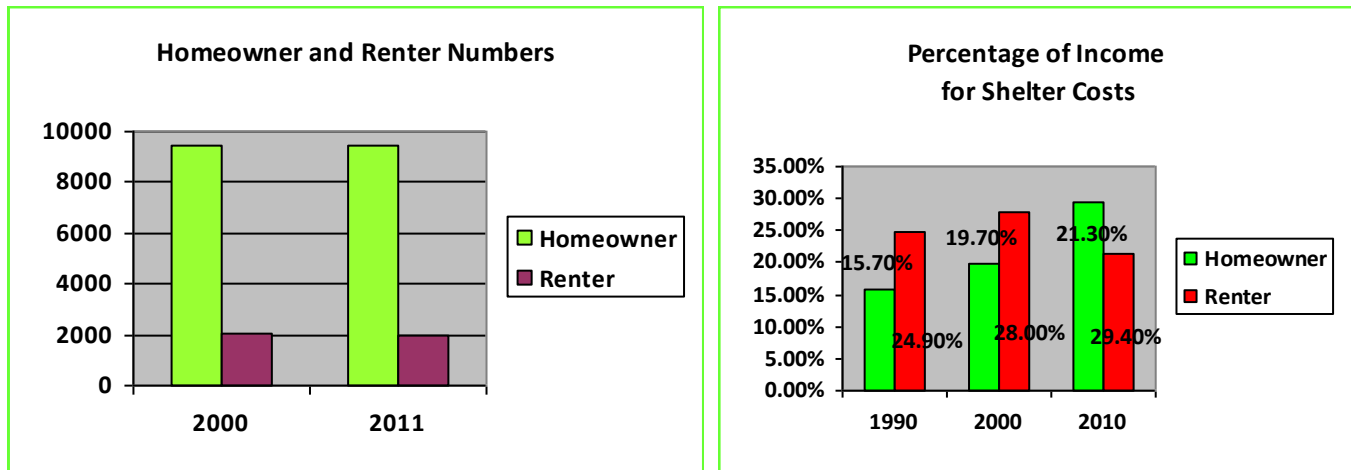
The graph¹ below shows demographic trends in Highland Park from 1980-2010.



¹Graph data available at www.open-communities.org

Homeownership and Renter Trends

These graphs² map homeownership and renter trends in Highland Park between 1990 and 2011. The left graph shows that renters make up a relatively small percentage of Highland Park residents. The graph on the right shows renters spent less than 35 percent of income on shelter costs. However, with the exception of 2010, renters used significantly more income on shelter costs than homeowners.



Seniors (according to the Census between 2008-2012)

- ◆ 224 out of 452 (49%) of seniors 65 and older spent more than 35 percent of household income on rent
- ◆ 39 percent of about 3450 seniors aged 65-75 still had a mortgage

Affordable Housing Stock

According to a 2013 report from the Illinois Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act, Highland Park offers 773 affordable housing units out of a total of 11,473 (6.7%) homes in the community.

Highland Park's affordable housing initiatives have been recognized by the American Planning Association. In 2000, the city established an affordable housing trust fund. As of 2013, Highland Park has incorporated an Inclusionary Housing clause into its zoning ordinance. Additionally, the city has an ongoing partnership with Community Partners for Affordable Housing. As of April 2013, Highland Park has been considering "fee-in-lieu" options for developers who may not be able to build affordable housing units.

²Graph data available at www.census.gov