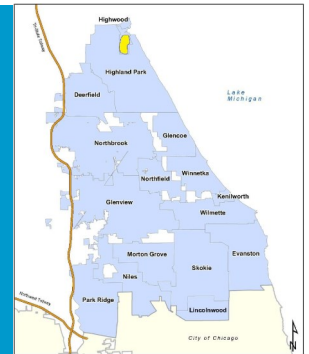


# Highwood, IL



## 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.

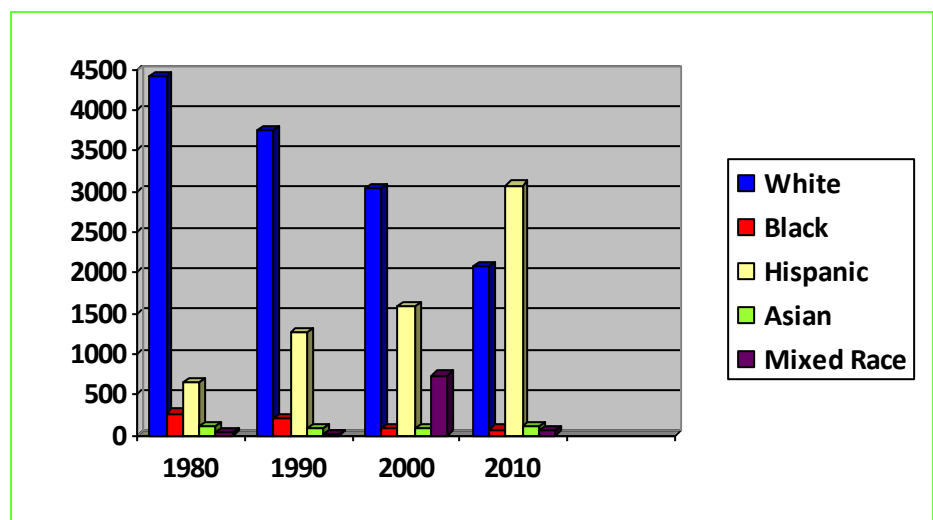
The programs we offer include Fair Housing Discrimination Investigation and Education, Foreclosure Prevention Counseling, Landlord/Tenant Advice, Homesharing, Immigrant Leadership Development, Affordable Housing Advocacy, and Community Organizing.

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Highwood is located in Lake County, Illinois, in Moraine Township, about 24 miles north of Chicago's Loop area. The city is perched atop Skokie Ravine, which is the highest point between Chicago and Milwaukee.

As of the 2010 Census, Highwood is reported to have a total of 5,405 residents. Of this total, 3,326 are non-white. This means minorities make up 61.5 percent of Highwood's population. Next to mixed race residents, African Americans comprise the smallest overall percentage at 1.3 percent.

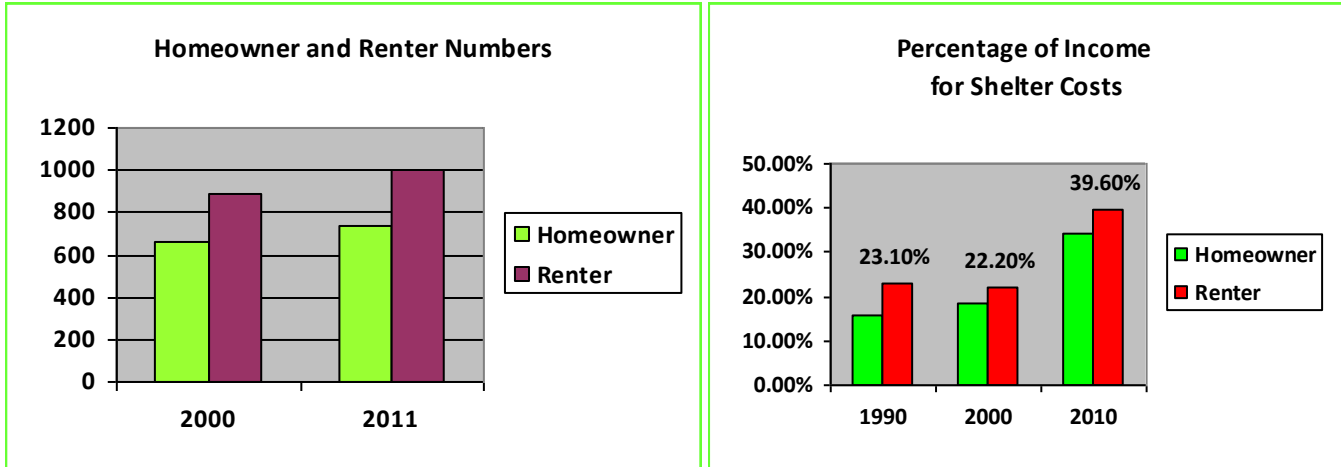
The graph<sup>1</sup> below shows demographic trends in Highwood from 1980-2010.



<sup>1</sup>Graph data available at [www.open-communities.org](http://www.open-communities.org)

## Homeownership and Renter Trends

These graphs<sup>2</sup> map homeownership and renter trends in Highwood between 1990 and 2011. The left graph shows that renters comprise a higher percentage of the community's residents than homeowners. The graph on the right shows that in 1990 and 2000, renters spent an average of about 23 percent of income on shelter costs. In 2010 however, renters spent almost 40 percent of income on shelter costs.



## Seniors (according to the Census between 2008-2012)

- ◆ 17 out of 94 (18%) of seniors 65 and older spent more than 35 percent of household income on rent
- ◆ 36 percent of 430 seniors aged 65-75 still had a mortgage

## Affordable Housing Stock

In September 2006, Highwood's TV Channel 19 aired the weekly program *Welcome Home: Housing Our Community* as part of the discussion on affordable workforce housing. This bolstered the city's plans to expand upon existing affordable housing stock in anticipation of increased housing demand from potential residents with "a range of incomes."<sup>3</sup>

According to a 2013 report from the Illinois Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act, Highwood offers 545 affordable housing units out of a total of 1,818 (30%) homes in the community. Highwood's 2013 Comprehensive Plan discusses "housing diversity" and plans for multi-family housing and apartment development.

<sup>2</sup>Graph data available at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

<sup>3</sup>Full document available at <https://www.metroplanning.org/news/media-release/3732>