

Lincolnwood, 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.

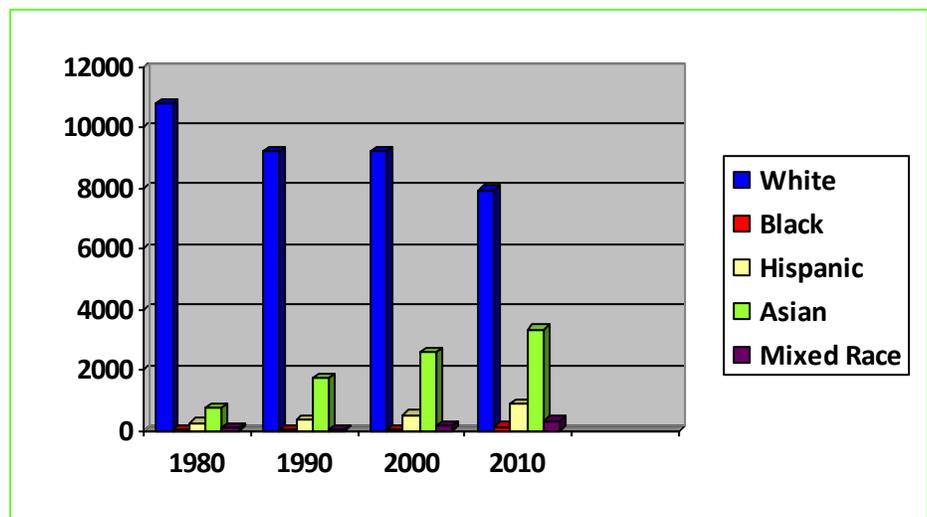
The programs we offer include Fair Housing Discrimination Investigation and Education, Foreclosure Prevention Counseling, Landlord/Tenant Advice, Homesharing, Immigrant Leadership Development, Affordable Housing Advocacy, and Community Organizing.

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Lincolnwood is located some 10 miles north of downtown Chicago and serves as the gateway to Chicago's North Shore. Lincolnwood was known as Tessville until Henry A. Proesel was elected mayor in the early 1930s.

As of the 2010 Census, Lincolnwood is reported to have a total of 12,590 residents. Of this total, 4,652 are non-white. This means minorities make up 36.9 percent of Lincolnwood's population. African Americans comprise the smallest overall percentage at one percent.

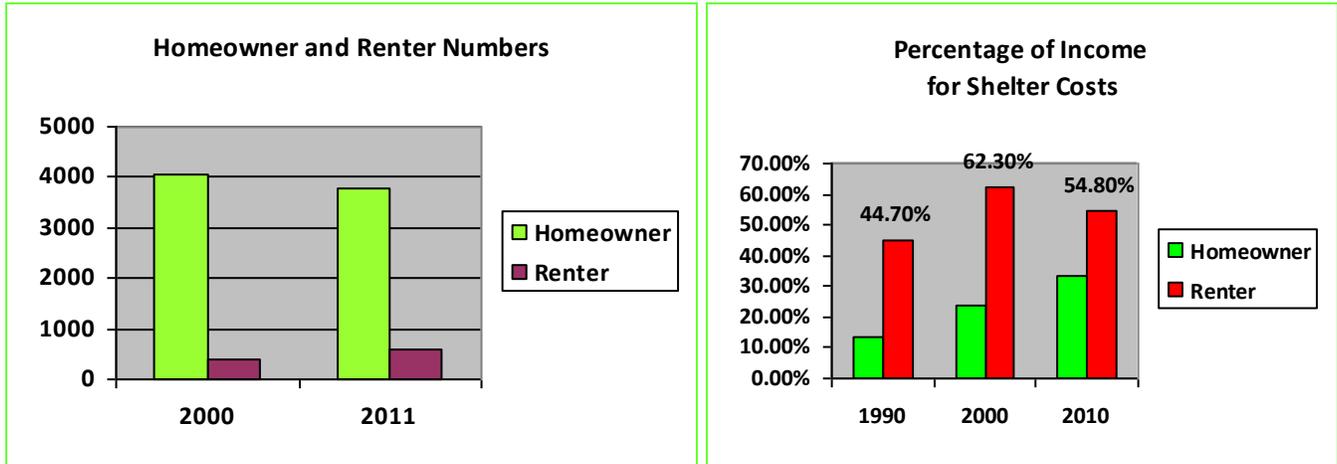
The graph¹ below shows demographic trends in Lincolnwood from 1980-2010.



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

Homeownership and Renter Trends

These graphs² map homeownership and renter trends in Lincolnwood between 1990 and 2011. The left graph shows that renters make up a relatively small percentage of Lincolnwood residents. The graph on the right shows that in 1990 and 2000, renters spent almost triple the amount homeowners spent on shelter costs. In 2010 renters spent about 20 percent more than homeowners on shelter costs. For all three years recorded, renters spent an average of 53 percent of income on shelter costs.



Seniors (according to the Census between 2008-2012)

- ◆ 133 out of 253 (53%) of seniors 65 and older spent more than 35 percent of household income on rent
- ◆ 34 percent of 1360 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, Lincolnwood offers 197 affordable housing units out of a total of 4,314 (4.6%) homes in the community.

Per the 2013 zoning ordinance, the village “recognizes the need for affordable housing within the region in which the Village is located.”³

²Graph data available at www.census.gov

³Full document available at <https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/city/il/Lincolnwood.html> (see Chapter 15)