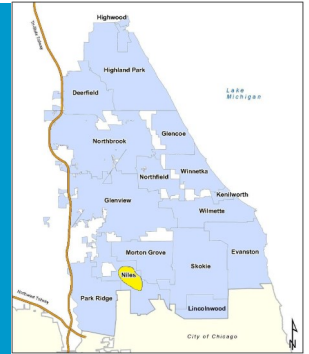


Niles, IL



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.

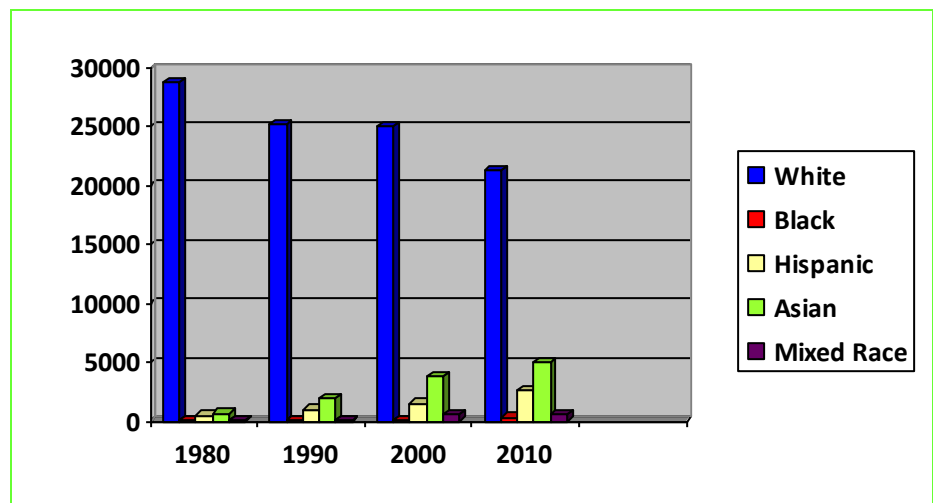
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Niles is a village in Cook County that is located in Maine and Niles Township. Niles was first settled in 1827 and the Village of Niles was incorporated in 1899. Niles Township was incorporated in 1850.

The *Leaning Tower of Niles*, a smaller replica of the Pisa original, is a famous Niles landmark that was featured in the popular movie *Wayne's World*. Niles has ongoing partnerships with several community-oriented organizations including *Clean Air Counts*, *The Home Depot*, and the *Niles Lions Club*.

As of the 2010 Census, Niles is reported to have a total of 29,803 residents. Of this total, 8,421 are non-white. This means minorities make up 28.3 percent of Niles' population. African Americans comprise the smallest overall percentage at 1.1 percent.

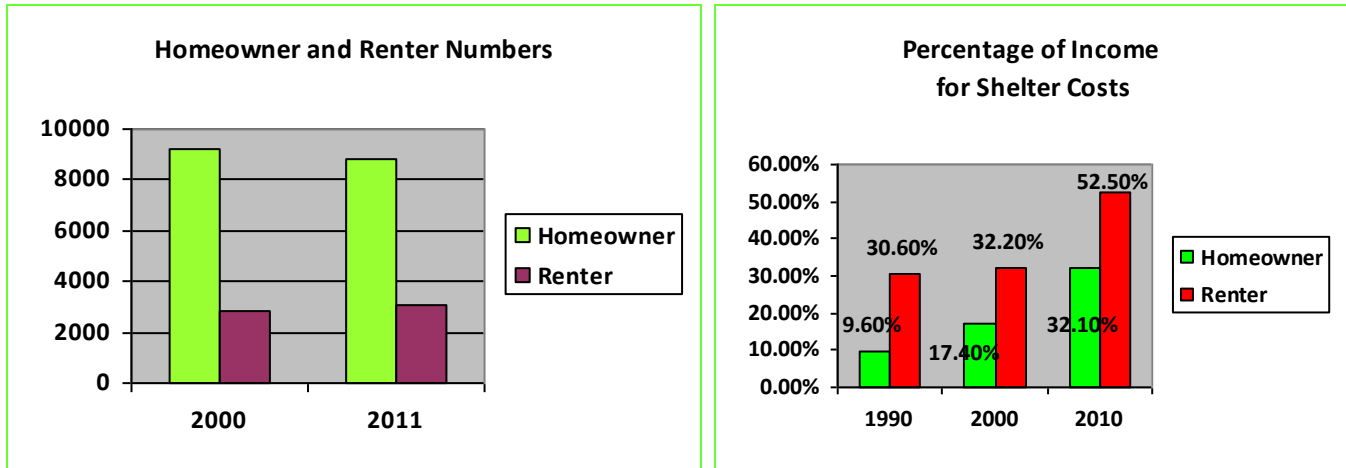
The graph¹ below shows demographic trends in Niles from 1980-2010.



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

Homeownership and Renter Trends

These graphs² map homeownership and renter trends in Niles between 1990 and 2011. The left graph shows that renters make up a relatively small percentage of Niles residents. The graph on the right shows that in 1990 and 2000, renters spent triple and almost double respectively, of the amount homeowners spent on shelter costs. In 2010 renters spent about 53 percent of income on shelter costs, which was about 20 percent more than what homeowners spent that year.



Seniors (according to the Census between 2008-2012)

- ◆ 457 out of 740 (60%) of seniors 65 and older spent more than 35 percent of household income on rent
- ◆ 25 percent of 3800 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, Niles offers 2,293 affordable housing units out of a total of 11,372 (20.2%) homes in the community.

The Leaning Tower YMCA offers about 200 affordable rental units primarily for single occupants. Additionally, a few developments, such as Prospect Homes, offer affordable housing for residents with disabilities. Huntington Apartments also offers affordable residence for seniors. The Niles Community Relations Commission's "Fair Housing Guide" addresses inclusion and individual rights in housing and community participation.

²Graph data available at www.census.gov