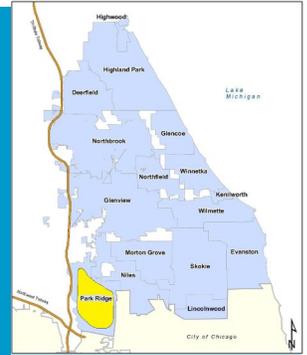


# Park Ridge, IL



## 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.

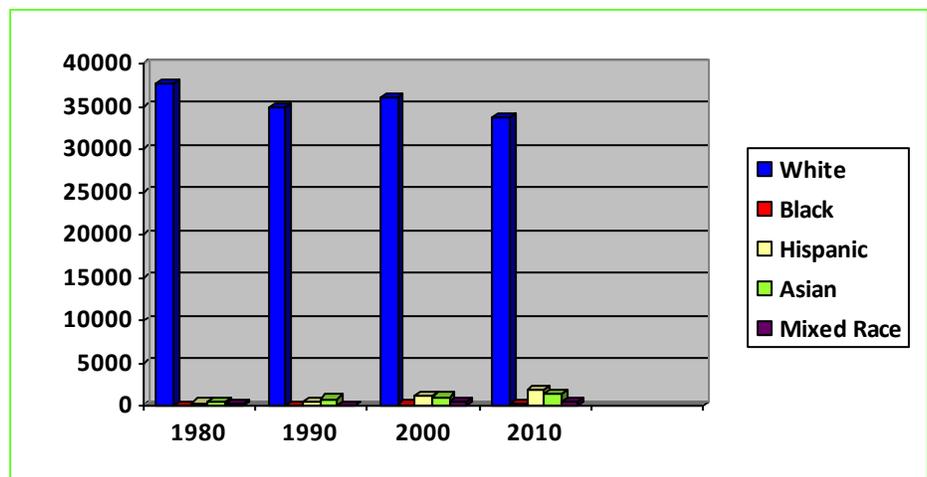
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Park Ridge is a suburb located approximately 15 miles northwest of downtown Chicago.

In the early 1800s, Park Ridge used to be a port-of-call between the Des Plaines and Chicago rivers for French explorers as well as settlers from New England and New York. Park Ridge was originally Pennyville, then Brickton. In 1873, it was formally incorporated as the Village of Park Ridge. It was eventually re-established as the City of Park Ridge in 1910.

As of the 2010 Census, Park Ridge is reported to have a total of 37,480 residents. Of this total, 3,736 are non-white, which means minorities make up 10 percent of Park Ridge's population. African Americans comprise the smallest overall percentage at 0.4 percent.

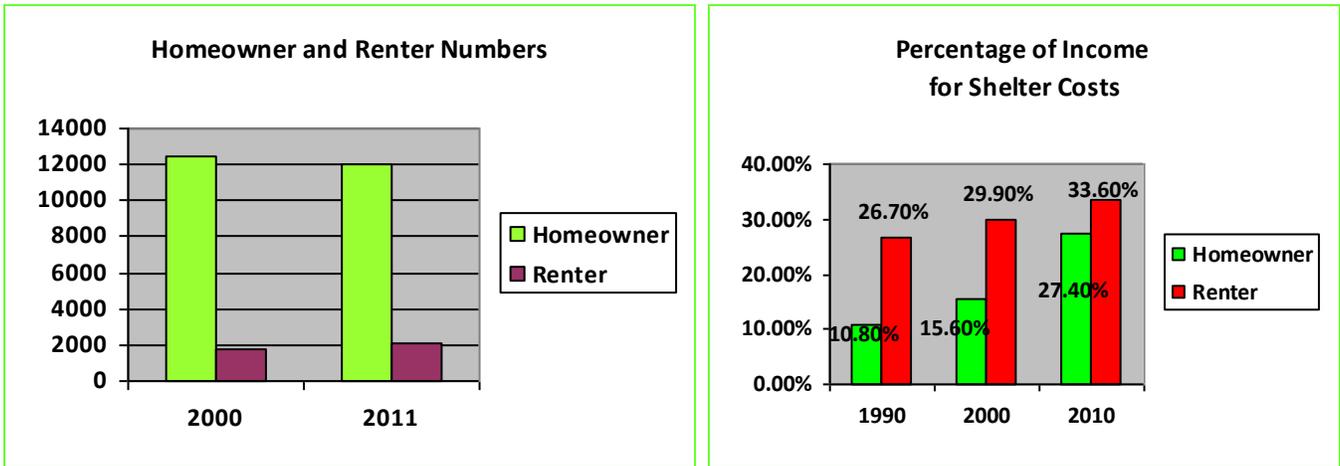
The graph<sup>1</sup> below shows demographic trends in Park Ridge from 1980-2010.



<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 Park Ridge between 1990 and 2011. The left graph shows that renters make up a relatively small percentage of Park Ridge residents. The graph on the right shows that in 1990, renters spent almost three times what homeowners spent per month on shelter costs. In 2000, renters' monthly shelter costs were almost double that of homeowners. While the numbers were closer in range for 2010, renters still spent more than homeowners on shelter costs, although their overall spending did not go beyond 35 percent.



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

- ◆ 110 out of 230 (48%) of seniors 65 and older spent more than 35 percent of household income on rent
- ◆ 29 percent of about 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, Park Ridge offers 894 affordable housing units out of a total of 13,746 (6.5%) homes in the community.

The Village's 2008 zoning ordinance discusses an R-5 multi-family residential district "intended to create a higher density environment"<sup>3</sup> in the Central Business District. A July 2014 letter to the Planning and Zoning Commissions also indicates potential plans for a 195-unit multi-family residential apartment building. The aforementioned zoning ordinance and proposed development plans do not specifically discuss affordable housing.

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

<sup>3</sup> Full document available at

[http://www.parkridge.us/assets/1/Documents/Section\\_7\\_Residential\\_Districts.pdf](http://www.parkridge.us/assets/1/Documents/Section_7_Residential_Districts.pdf)