

# Winnetka, 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.

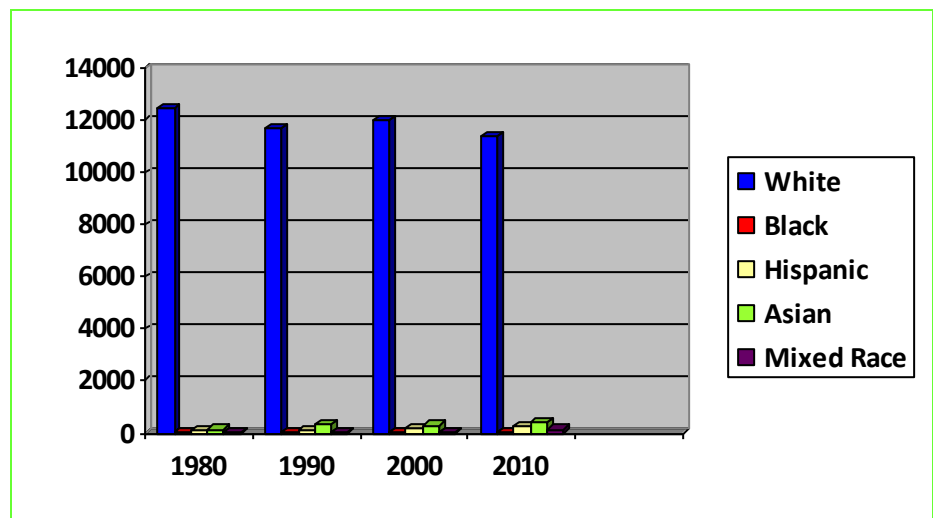
The programs we offer include Fair Housing Discrimination Investigation and Education, Foreclosure Prevention Counseling, Landlord/Tenant Advice, Homesharing, Immigrant Leadership Development, Affordable Housing Advocacy, and Community Organizing.

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Winnetka is located in Cook County, approximately 16 miles north of downtown Chicago. Winnetka is reportedly the wealthiest town in Illinois and has also been featured on CNN's *Money* as one of America's 25 top-earning towns. The movies *Home Alone* and *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York* were both filmed at 671 Lincoln Avenue in Winnetka.

As of the 2010 Census, Winnetka is reported to have a total of 12,187 residents. Of this total, 853 are non-white, which means minorities make up seven percent of Winnetka's population. African Americans make up the smallest overall percentage at 0.25 percent.

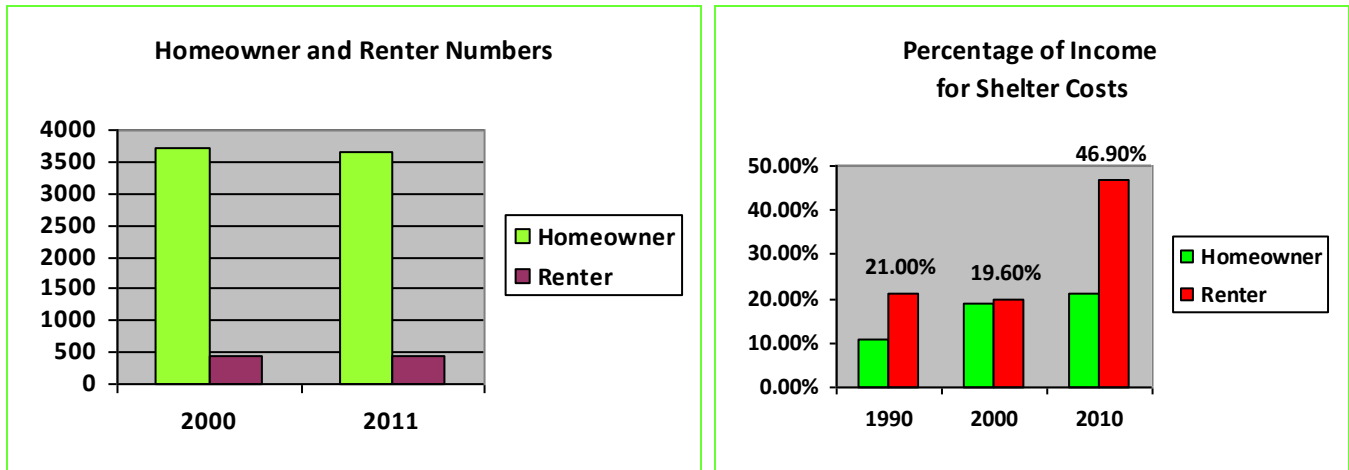
The graph<sup>1</sup> below shows demographic trends in Winnetka from 1980-2010.



<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 Winnetka between 1990 and 2011. The left graph shows that renters make up a relatively small percentage of Winnetka residents. The graph on the right shows renters spent more than double what homeowners spent on shelter costs in 1990, although overall spending did not exceed 35 percent. The graph also shows renters on a par with homeowners in 2000 for shelter costs. However, 2010 showed a tremendous increase in which renters spent almost 50 percent of income on shelter costs.



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

- ◆ 28 out of 37 (75%) of seniors 65 and older spent more than 35 percent of household income on rent
- ◆ 33 percent of 980 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, Winnetka offers 100 affordable housing units out of a total of 3,919 (2.5%) homes in the community.

Open Communities could not locate a plan to increase the amount of affordable housing in Winnetka.

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